

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2006

**MINUTES**

The Board of Trustees of NorthWest Arkansas Community College was called to order by Chair Mark Lundy at 4:40 p.m., Monday, January 9, 2006, in the Trammel Trustee Board Room.

**Members Present:** Mark Lundy, (Chair), Dr. Les Carnine, Joan Clifford, Johnny Haney, Coleman Peterson, Howard Slinkard, Joe Spivey, Robert Teague

**Members Absent:** Krista Khone

**Also in Attendance:** Dr. Becky Paneitz and Becky Hudson (Student Trustee)

Diana Johnson introduced Metta Smith as the December student of the month. She then introduced Inder Pal Singh as the January student of the month.

**Committee Reports:**

Coleman Peterson, Chairman of the Honorary Associate Degree Committee, announced that a committee meeting had been held today, January 9, at 3:00 p.m. The committee reviewed the recipients from last year and agreed that no nomination would be made this year. Meeting time for the next meeting will be November 13, 2006 at 3:00 p.m.

Howard Slinkard, Chairman of the Land Use and Facilities Committee, handed out updated site plans as well as the minutes from the past Land Use and Facilities Committee meetings. Howard Slinkard asked Jim Lay to update the Board on the status of the two building projects. Mr. Lay reported that currently both the Student Center Plaza and the Parking Garage are on schedule.

Howard Slinkard also reported on the Landscape Master Plan. The Land Use and Facilities Committee attended a presentation by the landscape architects on January 5, 2006, and made no recommendation on the plan at that time. He stated that within a couple of months the committee should be ready to make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees. Mr. Slinkard stated that the Board of Trustees would be discussing the recommended irrigation plan at the Board Retreat on Saturday.

Howard Slinkard, Chairman of the Millage Analysis Task Force, explained the charge of the task force and what issues the task force had been discussing. The committee worked with a consultant to develop preliminary information comparing taxing all of Benton and Washington Counties one mill to the 2.6 mill amount currently taxed to the Rogers and Bentonville school districts. The study showed that the College could lose almost \$1 million dollars over the next ten (10) years if this change were made. Dr. Paneitz stated that Gravette School District might be interested in coming into our district and questioned how they would do that. Howard Slinkard said it does not make sense to take other areas in unless it makes financial sense. Howard Slinkard suggested that the task force not pursue further research on the millage issue at the current time.

### **Monitoring Report:**

Dr. Paneitz presented "Serving Under-served Learners" as the goals monitoring report for the month. She presented the board with a handout and stated that there were five major objectives under this initiative. The College has enrolled over 400 Hispanic students. The Upward Bound grant, a Title IV grant, serves 45 students and retention is very high within this program. The College is currently looking at scholarship endowment in the future for the Upward Bound program. She also stated that the College has been invited to submit a grant through the Community Care Foundation for the Paso a Paso program. The College is currently offering 38% more distance learning classes over last year which allows students to take classes without coming to campus.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Joan Clifford moved and Dr. Carnine seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda. With no discussion the motion passed unanimously.

### **PRESIDENT'S UPDATE:**

Dr. Paneitz asked Dr. Linda Dayton to introduce Steve Earney who is the new Associate Vice President for Informational Technology for the college.

Diana Johnson announced the current enrollment and shared the number of classes being offered at each location to accommodate the increasing enrollment. She also announced that two high schools, Shiloh Christian and Pea Ridge have been added to the Step Ahead program.

Dr. Paneitz announced that the final MOU has been signed for the aviation program.

She also stated the College is moving forward with the renovation of Burns Hall and technology renovation plans even though the Higher Education bond issue did not pass. It is possible that the bond issue may be placed on the November General Election ballot.

Dr. Paneitz shared with the Board a copy of the Supplier Resource Quarterly which has a full page Corporate and Continuing Education advertisement listed.

Dr. Paneitz invited the Board to attend the Spring Forum, which will be held on January 13 in White Auditorium.

### **CHAIR'S UPDATE:**

Chair Mark Lundy announced that at the Board retreat on January 14 he has invited speakers which he is hoping will bring the college back to the Carver model focus. He announced the next Board meeting will be held February 13, 2006, at the NorthWest Arkansas Regional Technology Center in Fayetteville.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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Mark Lundy, Chairperson

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Les Carnine, Secretary