

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2006

MINUTES

Chair Mark Lundy called the Board of Trustees of NorthWest Arkansas Community College meeting to order at 4:34 p.m. Monday, September 11, 2006, in the Trammel Trustee Board Room.

RECOGNITIONS, AWARDS, INFORMATION ITEMS:

Diana Johnson introduced Mattie Watson as our Golden Eagle Award Recipient for September. Mattie stated that she has been attending NWACC since 2002. She will be graduating in December 2006 with a degree in graphic design and then plans to pursue a master's degree.

Dr. Becky Paneitz introduced Marshall McCall, Director of Retail Programs. He shared with the Board that he moved here from California where he had a career in Business for the last 30 years.

Dr. Paneitz also introduced Paul Rehberg, Dean of Career and Technical Education/RTC. Mr. Rehberg presented a written RTC update to the Board. The report discussed the following:

- Enrollment increased for the fall 2006 semester
- Due to resignations Ms. Donna Jackson (Culinary Arts) and Ms. Sarah Franklin (Welding) were hired as instructors.
- The Auto Collision Program was scheduled for a mandatory NATF re-certification in November, but it has been postponed until April 2007.
- The space from the Aviation programs will be renovated by September 22 at which time the FAA will be on campus to inspect the completed facilities and equipment. With the approval of the FAA, classes are scheduled to resume the 25th of September.
- Current planning includes seeking post secondary program approval for Auto Collision, Dental Assisting, and Welding.

Mr. Lundy introduced David Thrasher, President of the NWACC Foundation, to give a Foundation update. Mr. Thrasher stated how pleased he is with the completion of the parking deck for the students. He also stated that the capital campaign has now gone public with the \$4 million gift from Wal-Mart. Mr. Thrasher thanked the Board for their 100% participation in the capital campaign. Mr. Thrasher also mentioned the joint Board of Trustees and Foundation Board dinner, which is scheduled for November 13, 2006. Joe Spivey asked if there were any positions open on the Foundation Board. Mr. Thrasher replied that one position is vacant, but an invitation already has been extended to someone. Mr. Spivey thanked the Foundation for their support of NWACC.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Les Carnine (Secretary), Joan Clifford, Johnny Haney, Krista Khone, Mark Lundy (Chair), Howard Slinkard, Joe Spivey, and Robert Teague. Those absent: Coleman Peterson (Vice President)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Becky Paneitz, President, and Li Mounce, student trustee

MINUTES:

Mark Lundy, Chair, accepted the motion by Joan Clifford to approve the minutes for the August 14, 2006, Board meeting. Joe Spivey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS MONITORING REPORT:

There was no discussion in regard to the Executive Limitations Monitoring Report. Robert Teague moved and Howard Slinkard seconded the motion that the Board accept the recommendation of the College Administration to approve Dr. Paneitz's report for Policy EL-202. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Land Use and Facilities Committee

Mr. Slinkard started his report by explaining the proposed plan to use a portion of the Worth Lawsuit Settlement to fund some much needed landscaping. He then asked Debi Buckley to share with the Board the proposed landscaping plans. Mrs. Buckley informed the Board that the irrigation system needed to be updated to create a continuous loop. The new 6" main line would take care of our needs to the railroad tracks, but we would also need a new pump to maintain the landscaping. Mr. Slinkard reported that the Land Use and Facilities committee recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the retro-fit of the irrigation system and the landscaping proposal for Burns Hall. The total cost would be approximately \$147,621.00. Mr. Slinkard suggested that these funds be allocated from the Worth Lawsuit settlement (\$184,857.61). The difference would be put back in the revenue reserve account. Ms. Khone expressed her concerns about using reserve funds for this purpose. Mr. Slinkard stated that it would cost more money if we waited due to the rising cost of supplies. Mr. Slinkard moved that the Board approve the retro fit of the irrigation system and the perimeter landscaping for Burns Hall. The motion passed with eight "yes" votes and one "no" vote by Ms. Khone.

Policy Review Committee:

Dr. Paneitz thanked the Policy Review committee members, Dr. Carnine, Mr. Haney and Mr. Teague and Dr. Linda Dayton and Jean Anderson for their hard work on this project. Dr. Carnine moved and Mr. Slinkard seconded the motion to approve the Board of Trustees Manual policies numbered 200 (Executive Limitations), 300 (Governance Process) and 400 (Board/President Relationship). The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF TRUSTEE TRAVEL:

Mr. Teague moved and Mr. Slinkard seconded the motion that the Board approve the travel for Dr. Carnine and Ms. Khone to go to Orlando, Florida for the ACCT convention. The motion passed unanimously.

APPOINT DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE TO ACCT:

Mark Lundy, Chair, appointed Ms. Khone as the NWACC Delegate and Dr. Carnine as the Alternate Delegate to the ACCT Convention.

APPROVAL OF ENDS STATEMENTS AND STRATEGIC GOALS:

Mrs. Clifford moved and Dr. Carnine seconded the motion that the Board approve the Ends Statements and Strategic Goals. The motion passed unanimously, with Ms. Khone leaving before the vote.

APPROVAL OF FOODSERVICE PROVIDED:

Mrs. Buckley reviewed the recommendation that the Board approve the College Administration to begin contract negotiations with Aramark Educational Services, Inc., for an 18-month contract to begin January 2, 2007. Dr. Carnine wanted to know why just 18 months. Mrs. Buckley responded that the college wanted to be free to enter into negotiations with other vendor if the relationship with Aramark was not profitable. Mr. Haney asked if the Board would vote on a final contract after considerable discussion, it was determined that the Board does not vote on the final contract. Mr. Slinkard moved and Dr. Carnine seconded the motion that the Board accepts the recommendation that the College enter into contract negotiations with Aramark Educational Services, Inc., for a contract for the operation and management of the College Foodservice. The motion passed with six "yes" votes and one "no" vote by Johnny Haney.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Paneitz asked Jim Hall to give an update on the Act 1 Higher Education Bond Issue. Mr. Hall stated that the Act 1 Higher Education Bond Issue would be on the November 7 ballot. There will be six voter registration opportunities for students in September and October. The Board asked Mr. Hall to send them a copy of some "speaking points" that they might use when talking to constituents about the bond issue.

A summary of the 2006 Graduate Opinion Survey was distributed to the Board as requested at the last meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Mr. Lundy, Chair, appointed Mr. Teague to be chair of the Advocacy Committee.

On Tuesday, October 10, the first Committee of the Whole meeting for the Owner Community (taxpayers) will meet in the Wal-Mart Auditorium at the Shewmaker Center. From 4-5 p.m. Dr. Paneitz will present the monitoring report for the Owner Community Ends Statement, followed by general discussion of the meeting participants. The Board of Trustees meeting will begin immediately after the Committee of the Whole concludes at approximately 5 p.m.

Mr. Lundy asked Li Mounce to give a student update at the October Board meeting.

BOARD SELF EVALUATION:

Mr. Lundy asked and it was agreed that the Trustees are operating as a policy governing Board and effectively serving our constituents.

ADJOURMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Mark Lundy, Chairperson

Dr. Les Carnine, Secretary