

**NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
Monday, August 11, 2008**

**MINUTES**

Chairman Coleman Peterson called the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees of Northwest Arkansas Community College meeting to order on Monday, August 11, 2008, at 4:40 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the Student Center.

**Members Present:** Coleman Peterson (Chair), Dr. Les Carnine (Vice-Chair), Robert Teague (Secretary), Joan Clifford, Johnny Haney, Mark Lundy, Joe Spivey, and Alex Vasquez.

**Also in Attendance:** Dr. Becky Paneitz

**RECOGNITIONS, AWARDS, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

Richard Nelson spoke to the Board about transitioning to phased retirement, and thanked Dr. Paneitz and the Board of Trustees. He said that in phased retirement he will be able to do more. He is working on training for campus safety and emergency response. He is looking forward to his time in phased retirement. Peterson thanked and congratulated Mr. Nelson.

Dr. Diana Johnson gave an update on enrollment. At 8:00 a.m. on Monday, August 11, 2008, 6,474 students had enrolled for the fall semester with two weeks left to register. She said that the Step Ahead students had not yet enrolled which would raise the total. Important dates to note are August 13<sup>th</sup> when students will be dropped for non-payment and the 11<sup>th</sup> day of class when numbers are final. Dr. Carnine asked Dr. Johnson if she anticipated a double digit increase. Dr. Johnson answered that she anticipated a possible 10% increase. Dr. Paneitz noted that students are taking more credit hours.

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Dr. Carnine moved and Mr. Teague seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting on June 9, 2008. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Carnine moved and Mr. Spivey seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting on July 11, 2008. The motion passed unanimously.

**OTHER BOARD ACTION ITEMS AND CONSIDERATIONS:**

**Approval of Updated ENDS and Strategic Goals**

The Board was given the updated ENDS and Strategic Goals, which they had previously seen in draft form during the July retreat. There were no comments from the Board.

Dr. Paneitz asked Dr. Ricky Tompkins to come forward and discuss the measureable outcomes for the next two years. Dr. Tompkins said that he is looking to make sure that measurables can be accomplished in one and two years. The process for developing measurable has been revised, making division heads responsible for their statement of goals. Dr. Tompkins will compile the information to ensure that the wording is consistent and aggressive. The document will be complete by October. Dr. Carnine told Dr. Tompkins that the draft document looked favorable and is something to look at. Mr. Teague asked where we max out on enrollment. Dr. Johnson answered that she would need to get back with him on that answer. She said that it would need to be a targeted approach to see what programs need the enrollment. Some classrooms are full and some are not.

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Dr. Paneitz reported that the Faculty return on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Tuthill and Dr. Paneitz met with the Faculty Senate for lunch and they were excited to start the new year. Dr. Paneitz told the Board that Dr. Johnson and her staff were doing a great job ensuring all students were taken care of for enrollment, financial aid, etc.

Dr. Paneitz invited the Board to the Alumni Picnic which will be held on Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is the first time for this event and is not a solicitation for donations, but is instead a celebration to recognize the new Alumni Association. She also invited the Board members to the Fall Forum at 8:30 am on August 22<sup>nd</sup> in the White Auditorium and to the New Employee Lunch following the forum.

#### **CHAIR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Peterson gave an update on the former St. Mary's Hospital. He reminded the Board that they were copied on the proposal that was sent on August 6<sup>th</sup> regarding the former hospital. Dr. Gates had been working based on the information that was presented in the proposal. He told the Board that it appears the understanding had changed.

Initially it was believed that the College would pay \$4 per square foot at the former hospital for classroom space but were just informed that it would go up to \$10 per square foot. Also, it was originally understood that the renovation would be taken care of in the price; however, the College Administration was told that NWACC would be responsible for the renovation costs. The representative for the former hospital told Dr. Paneitz that the first set of classes would need to go into the building in January with the second set moving in June. It was told that the move would cost several million dollars more than originally stated, not including renovation.

Mr. Haney asked if the decision to be made was to take on the burden. He went on to ask if the College was committed to this proposal. Mr. Coleman answered that the College was not committed. Dr. Paneitz noted that the hospital representatives said they requested the move to be complete by June of 2009. Mr. Haney said that he was not in a rush to do anything before January, that he did not feel the College should pin itself into the deal. Mrs. Clifford asked what we pay currently at locations not owned by the College. Jim Lay reported that the College pays \$3.50 per square foot at the RTC location in Fayetteville and College of the Crossings in Bella Vista and \$11.86 per square foot at the Adult Education Center.

Mr. Spivey asked Mr. Lay if the boiler systems would need to be replaced. Mr. Lay reported that they use a different kind of boiler system. Mr. Peterson told the Board that as of now we are unsure

if the cost to change the boiler system is in the new cost. Mr. Teague told the Board it may be in the Colleges' best interest to step back and try to find the money before going forward. Mr. Lundy said that he thought more information was needed before moving forward. Mrs. Clifford told the Board that it looked like for the cost the College could build its own building. Mr. Vasquez said that maybe the Board should look at doing something like the Capital Campaign. Dr. Carnine still thinks it is a good idea but maybe the College should step back and see more numbers.

Mr. Peterson noted that the numbers given were given by Mr. Lay were the lowest cost, and would likely increase. He said that the only money the College has to use on this building would be the 1.2 million from the pledge revenue. Mr. Haney noted that he thought the College should look at the old St. Mary's Hospital for long term and they should look at the notion of what they could do. He also said that a new building would cost more. Mr. Peterson told the Board it looked like they did not want to say no to the deal but did want input from the community and more information regarding cost. Dr. Paneitz stressed to the Board that the College did not want to move classes into a marginal building.

Mr. Peterson summarized what has happened so far. There had been a shift in what was first reported as far as cost and terms. The College will work to find more definite information and would like for the St. Mary's Hospital group to come back with a response. Dr. Paneitz wanted to remind the Board that the Capital Campaign is still in progress and the College does not want to have another campaign competing for funds.

Mr. Peterson handed out the ACCT Survey to the Board, and requested each Board member complete the survey and place in the mailer provided.

Mr. Vasquez gave an update on his meeting with Wal-Mart leadership regarding marketing. He said that there is an interest in helping and that they are working to set up times to meet. Norma Dees will be working on branding for the College.

Mr. Haney moved and Dr. Carnine seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

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Mr. Coleman Peterson, Chairperson

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Robert Teague, Secretary