

**NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING  
Monday, November 14, 2011  
SIFE Resource Room – Shewmaker Global Business Development Center**

**MINUTES**

Vice Chair Joe Spivey called the Board of Trustees of NorthWest Arkansas Community College meeting to order on Monday, November 14, at 4:32 p.m. in the SIFE Resource Room at the Shewmaker Global Business Development Center.

**Members Present:** Joe Spivey (Vice Chair), Randy Lawson, Mark Lundy, Joan Clifford, Ric Clifford, Johnny Haney, Mike Shupe, Hadley Hindmarsh

**Also in Attendance:** Dr. Steve Gates and Brandi Peters

**RECOGNITIONS, AWARDS, AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Student of the Month Golden Eagle Award: Amanda Dias-Jayasinghe**

Mr. Todd Kitchen presented Ms. Amanda Dias-Jayasinghe with the Golden Eagle Award. Ms. Dias-Jayasinghe thanked the Board. She said she is a sophomore at Bentonville High School and is very proud of her accomplishments. Mr. Spivey congratulated Ms. Dias-Jayasinghe.

**Emergency Operations Conference Update: Ethan Beckcom**

Mr. Spivey introduced Mr. Ethan Beckcom, Emergency Management Coordinator at the College. Mr. Beckcom told the group that on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, the College hosted a national forum in alliance with the Wal-Mart Department of Emergency Management. He explained that around 155 participants attended the forum.

Mr. Beckcom said that Mr. Daniel Stoneking, Director of the FEMA Private Sector Division, spoke with the group. Mr. Shupe said he attended the forum and was fascinated with Mr. Stoneking's presentation. He added that the group in attendance was very impressive. Mr. Spivey congratulated Mr. Beckcom on a successful conference.

**Government Affairs Update: Johnny Haney & Jim Hall**

Mr. Jim Hall told the Board about several events on campus including the Education Committee Meeting hosted on NWACC's campus. He explained to the group that it would be very important to have good Board representation at the December 2<sup>nd</sup> Special Coordinating Board meeting at Pulaski Tech to discuss funding. Mr. Haney asked if the Board agreed with writing a letter to the Higher Education Coordinating Board to express the need for equitable funding. The Board agreed. Mr. Spivey thanked Mr. Hall and Mr. Haney for their work.

## **MINUTES**

### **Board Meeting – October 10, 2011**

Mr. Shupe moved and Mrs. Hindmarsh seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting on October 10, 2011. The motion passed unanimously.

## **ENDS MONITORING REPORT**

### **ENDS 102 Business Community**

Dr. Gates told the Board that the 5-Year Plan is on target to present at the January Board Retreat. He also gave progress on Corporate Learning's effort to increase the diversity of their client base to include Latino and other minority businesses.

### **ENDS 102 Business Community**

Mrs. Hindmarsh moved and Mr. Clifford seconded the motion to approve the ENDS 102 Business Community report. The motion passed unanimously.

## **EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS MONITORING REPORT**

### **EL- 203 Communication and Support to the Board**

Dr. Gates reminded the Board that they made changes to the EL-203 Communication and Support to the Board report in January. He said the changes included removal of reference to a consent agenda and added language to reflect executive level administration changes in the report.

### **EL- 203 Communication and Support to the Board**

Mrs. Clifford moved and Mr. Lawson seconded the motion to approve the EL – 203 Communication and Support to the Board report. The motion passed unanimously.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Land Use and Facilities**

Mr. Spivey briefly went through the Land Use minutes. He gave an update on the Center for Health Professions and the LEED Certification. Dr. Gates told the Board that there is no guarantee that the new building will receive LEED Certification. He added that even without the certification the College will receive benefits of the modifications.

Mr. Spivey asked Mr. Jack Thompson to tell the group about Act 1495. Mr. Thompson said the Department of Higher Education requires the College to adopt Chapter four of Act 1494. He said the College has been following the guidelines of the Act but approval is needed to stay in compliance.

### **Approval of Act 1494**

Act 1494 was approved by the Board with no objection.

### **Foundation Board**

Mrs. Hindmarsh said she spoke at the last Foundation Board meeting regarding the National Child Protection Training Center (NCPTC) and their campaign. She said the Foundation Board was a dynamic group of people with great input. Mr. Spivey thanked Mrs. Hindmarsh for all the work she has done with the NCPTC.

### **Audit Oversight Committee**

Mr. Lundy went through the Audit Oversight Committee minutes. He said the group discussed the Legislative Audit Report and Audited Financial Statements for FY 2010. He said the report shows no material deficiencies and after discussion the group approved the recommendation to the Board for approval of the Legislative Audit.

Mr. Lundy said the committee also discussed the possibility of making changes to the EL- 201 Financial Conditions report. He said the group decided the current EL-201 report works and there was no need to make any changes.

### **Approval of Legislative Audit**

The Legislative Audit was approved by the Board with no objection.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Gates asked Mr. Hall to speak to the Board about the funding recommendation and performance funding formula. Mr. Hall told the group that NWACC is currently funded at 49.9% and slated for 48.6% funding for next year. He asked again for Board members to attend the Special Coordinating Board meeting on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. He said that the special meeting would be NWACC's opportunity to speak up against the funding inequity.

Mr. Lawson said that the Foundation has been key in assisting the College but it is now time for the state to be more equitable in their funding. Mr. Hall said NWACC students pay more tuition and fees than other students across the state due to the low funding. Mr. Haney told the group that now is the time to be visible to the Coordinating Board.

Dr. Gates updated the Board on the National Child Protection Training Center (NCPTC). He said he recently traveled with a group to the NCPTC Gala. He said that Mr. Wyley Elliott has had several meetings with potential prospects for the center.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Mr. Spivey thanked the Board members planning to attend the Special Coordinating Board meeting. He also said that he, Mr. Clifford, and Mr. Haney would travel to Washington, DC for the ACCT Legislative Summit in February.

Mr. Haney made note that Youth Bridge was honoring Dr. Paneitz at their December 2<sup>nd</sup> Gala. He encouraged the Board to attend.

#### **OTHER BOARD ACTION ITEMS AND CONSIDERATIONS**

##### **Approval of Provisional Positions**

Mr. Marty Parsons told the Board they had previously approved 80 provisional positions. He said that with the new grants recently received the College would require twelve provisional positions.

##### **Approval of Provisional Positions**

Mr. Lawson moved and Mr. Shupe seconded the motion to approve provisional positions. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

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Mr. Alex Vasquez, Chairperson

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Mr. Randy Lawson, Secretary