

MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
BOARD OF REGENTS  
South Plains College

November 10, 2011

The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, November 10, 2011, at 11:45 a.m. in the Regency Dining Room for lunch. After lunch, the Board members adjourned to the Board of Regents Room for their regular meeting at 12:30 p.m. with the following present: Mr. Mike Box, Chairman; Mr. Bobby Neal, Vice Chairman; Mr. Charles Miller, Secretary; and other members of the Board; Mr. Pete Pettiet; Mr. William Clements; Mrs. Linda Patton; and Mr. Ken Williams. Others present were Mr. Darrell Grimes; Mr. Tony Riley; Ms. Cathy Mitchell; Mr. Stephen John; Mr. Dan Hook; Mr. Jon Rigg, of the News-Press; Mr. Jody Rose, of KLVT; Ms. Lynda Work, of the Plainsman Press and Dr. Kelvin Sharp.

Guests present: Mr. Keith Downs and Mr. Russ Pinkerton of Pate Downs and Pinkerton, LLP; and Ms. Teresa Green, SPC Controller.

Mr. Box gave the opening prayer.

Mr. Box led the pledge to the United States Flag.

The Chairman asked if there were any changes to be made to the minutes; there being none, Mr. Clements made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Mr. Miller, vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman then called on Mr. Keith Downs, representing Pate, Downs and Pinkerton to present the 2010-2011 Independent Audit Report, Exhibit #3660. Mr. Riley gave the Management's Discussion and Analysis for the year. Mr. Downs followed giving a summary of their findings, stated this was a very clean audit and gave several compliments to Mr. Riley and the South Plains College Business Office staff. Mr. Miller moved to approve the audit as presented; second by Mr. Pettiet and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Mr. Riley presented the Tax Office Report and Financial Reports. The Chairman asked if there were any questions regarding the reports, there being none, Mr. Williams made a motion that the Board accept the reports as shown in Exhibits #3661 and #3662. Second by Mr. Patton and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Riley then presented a resolution for resale of property; Maria L. Zarate; Account #R13871; Exhibit #3663; motion by Mr. Miller to approve; second from Mr. Pettiet; vote to approve was unanimous.

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The Chairman called on the Vice President for Institutional Advancement. Mr. John presented a report on the College Connections program. See Exhibit #3664. Mr. John explained that the program provides one-on-one support to assist high school seniors through each step of the college admissions process. The program was first piloted at Levelland High School for the class of 2009 with a goal to increase the percentage of high school seniors who enter college after high school graduation. Students in the program receive admission, testing and advising services in their high school. Assistance with applying for financial aid is provided, as well as campus tours. Mr. John reported that in the past three years, the percentage of Levelland High School participants who enroll at South Plains College has increased from 55.5 percent to 64.5 percent. The overall percentage of LHS graduates enrolling in college has increased from 44.3 percent in 2007 to 62.1 percent in 2011. He said that the success of the College Connections program at LHS has contributed to the overall efforts of the high school staff and faculty to increase the college-going rate for LHS graduates. As a result of the impact of the program, the college has introduced the College Connections program at Plainview High School for the 2011-12 academic year.

Mr. Box explained that Dr. Sharp had completed the first year of his three year contract. Mr. Miller made the motion to extend Dr. Sharp's contract thru 2014 (3 years). Mr. Clements seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The Chairman called on the President for his report. Dr. Sharp asked the Board to call a special meeting on December 1<sup>st</sup> and to cancel the regular meeting set for December 8<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Williams made the motion to approve; second by Mr. Pettiet and the vote was unanimous.

Dr. Sharp gave the Board an update on upcoming activities; Christmas Tree Lighting, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m.; Board Christmas Dinner, Founders Room, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m.; and President's Holiday Reception, Sundown Room, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Dr. Sharp also presented a construction update. The housing unit will be ready for Board acceptance at the December 1<sup>st</sup> Special Meeting. Mr. Box made a motion to name the unit "Tubb Hall" in honor of Nathan Tubb. Mr. Neal seconded; vote was unanimous.

The Allied Health Building is progressing well.  
Meeting adjourned.

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Chairman

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Secretary