

MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
BOARD OF REGENTS  
South Plains College  
August 10, 2017

The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, August 10, 2017, 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; Ms. Linda Patton, Secretary; and other members of the Board; Mr. Ken Williams; Mr. William Clements; Mr. Pete Pettiet; and Mr. Ronny Alexander. Others present were Ms. Teresa Green; Mr. Stephen John; Dr. Ryan Gibbs; Mr. Dan Hook; Ms. Kattie Walker, of the News-Press; Mr. Jody Rose of KLVY Radio; Ms. Myrna Whitehead, New and Information Coordinator; and Dr. Robin Satterwhite.

Mr. Alexander 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, Ms. Patton made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Mr. Williams, vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Academic Affairs for his report. Dr. Gibbs stated that we have hired twelve new full-time faculty members for the Fall 2017 semester. He also reported on Law Enforcement Academy, Physical Therapy Assistant Licensure and the Perkins Grant Award. See Exhibit #4202.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Business Affairs for her report. Ms. Green presented the Tax Office Report and Financial Reports. The Chairman asked if there were any questions regarding the reports, there being none, Mr. Clements made a motion that the Board accept the reports as shown in Exhibits #4203 and #4204. Second by Mr. Pettiet and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Green also presented one resolution for resale of property; Dalton and Toni Mulkey; Account #R12147; Exhibit #4205; motion by Mr. Alexander to approve; second by Ms. Patton; vote to approve was unanimous. Mr. Neal to approve; second by Mr. Pettiet; vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman then called on the Vice President for Institutional Advancement to provide his report. Mr. John reported that 1,587 students enrolled for classes during the second summer term, which was 33 students fewer than a year ago. He noted that 62 percent of students enrolled during the term were enrolled in online courses and that consideration should be given to expanding online course offerings in the future. He presented data tables with summer enrollment for the past five years; exhibit #4206. A total of 4,029 students enrolled in summer courses for the year, a decrease of 2.7 percent from a year

ago.

Mr. John also provided a 10-year timeline of annual and semester enrollments. See Exhibit #4207. For the 2016-17 academic year, the college has enrolled 12,784 students (unduplicated) which is 350 students more than the prior year for a 2.8 percent increase. He discussed the enrollment data, noting that there is a well-documented correlation between community college enrollment and the unemployment rates. He presented a data chart showing this correlation for South Plains College. During fall semesters when the college's enrollment exceeded 10,000 students, the region's unemployment rate ranged from 6.9 to 7.2 percent. More recently, the college's enrollment has stabilized to an average of 9,600 students with unemployment rates averaging 4.5 percent.

In a final report, Mr. John also presented enrollment data related to the number of service area high school graduates who enroll in a Texas public or private institution of higher education the fall semester after May graduation, exhibit #4208. Five years of data were presented. Mr. John noted that on average only 49 percent of service area graduates attend a Texas public or private college or university after high school. Of the Fall 2016 college-attending group, 50.9 percent of service area graduates enrolled at SPC. The number of high school graduates enrolling at SPC has increased 16 percent over the past five years. According to the data which is reported by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, of the 30 service area high schools graduating more than 25 graduates in 2016, no other college or university enrolled more students from these high schools than did SPC. Mr. John concluded his report stating that the enrollment data indicates that SPC continues to serve an important and critical role in providing access to higher education for students and their families who need it most.

The Chairman called on the President for his report. Dr. Satterwhite presented the 2017-2018 budget for review (exhibit # 4209) followed by discussion of the 2017-2018 tax rate. He recommended that the Board of Regents hold the tax rate at .395731. Motion by Mr. Neal; second by Mr. Pettiet; Mr. Box – for; Mr. Neal – for; Ms. Patton – for; Mr. Alexander – for; Mr. Clements – for; and Mr. Williams – for; approved.

Public hearings will occur Monday, August 21, 2017 at 5 p.m. and Thursday, August 24, 2017 at 8 a.m. A special meeting to set the tax rate and approve the budget for 2017-18 will be held Monday, August 28, 2017 at 4 p.m. The public hearings and special meeting will be held in the Board of Regents Room.

Dr. Satterwhite concluded his report by presenting service awards to the following Board of Regents: Mr. Mike Box, 31 years of service; Mr. Alton "Pete" Pettiet 28 years of service; Mr. Bobby Neal, 25 years of service; Mr. William Clements, 25 years of service; Ms. Linda Patton, 10 years of service; Mr. Ken Williams, 7 years of service; and Mr. Ronny Alexander, 5 years of service.

Meeting adjourn.

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Chairman

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Secretary