The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, February 13, 2020, at 11:30 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. Ronny Alexander, Secretary; and other members of the Board; Mr. Pete Pettiet; and Mr. Richard Ellis. Others present were Dr. Ryan Gibbs; Dr. Stan DeMerritt; Ms. Teresa Green; Mr. Stephen John; Mr. Stephen Henry, of the News-Press; Ms. Myrna Whitehead, News and Information Coordinator; and Dr. Robin Satterwhite.

Mr. Ellis 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 of the January 9, 2020 minutes or the January 24, 2020; there being none, Mr. Alexander made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Mr. Pettiet, vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Academic Affairs to report. Dr. Gibbs gave an update on the SPC Truck Driving Academy.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Student Affairs for his report. Dr. DeMerritt stated that the official enrollment report for Spring 2020 shows a 3% decrease in enrollment compared to the spring of 2019. See Exhibit #4440. Dr. DeMerritt also gave a Housing Census update, as well as a Contact Hour Report for the Spring 2020 semester; exhibits #4441 and #4442.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Business Affairs. Ms. Green informed the Board that an election needed to be called for positions #1, #2, and #6. See exhibit #4443. Mr. Neal made a motion to call the election. Mr. Pettiet seconded to the vote to call was unanimous. She then presented the Tax Office and Financial reports; exhibits #4444 and #4445. Mr. Pettiet made a motion to accept both reports and Mr. Ellis seconded. The vote to approve was unanimous. Ms. Green also presented a Resolution of Investment Policy. See Exhibit #4446 and #4447 Mr. Neal made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Mr. Pettiet seconded and the vote was unanimous. To complete her report, Ms. Green presented one resale of property; exhibit #4448. Account #R36678, Cameron Dockery for $600. Mr. Alexander made the motion to approve the resale. Mr. Pettiet seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Institutional Advancement to present. Mr. John said the College has begun to review the new Principles of Accreditation that have been adopted by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to identify new compliance criteria. He provided Regents with the accreditation criteria pertaining to Governing Boards (Exhibit #4449). Mr. John noted that a change in the criteria now requires the College to demonstrate through policy and practice that the governing board defines and
regularly evaluates its responsibilities and expectations. Mr. John said this is a new requirement and that over the next 18 months research will be conducted to learn how other peer institutions are meeting this requirement. This information will be brought to the Board of Regents at a later date so that policies and procedures may be developed for board self-evaluation. Mr. John also provided Regents with an update on work that is being done for the 22nd Annual Scholarship Gala that is scheduled for February 28, 2020. He commended Julie Gerstenberger, director of development and alumni affairs, her staff and team of volunteers for the planning that has been done so far. He reported that more than $122,000 has been raised through table sponsorships, ticket sales and individual donations toward the event.

There are 46 businesses and individuals who have purchased table sponsorships. He said that plans are being made to accommodate 504 guests to the event. Mr. John also described some of the event’s activities, including the presentation of the 2020 Pacesetter Award to William R. and Sandra L. Wheeler and the evening’s entertainment that will be provided by Flatland Cavalry, a Lubbock-based country music group.

The Chairman called on the President for his report. Dr. Satterwhite provided the Board with an update on the Science Building renovation. He stated that the architects have begun formalizing the design process for phase II of the renovation. Dr. Satterwhite will request Board approval for bids when this process have been completed. He also stated that the groundbreaking ceremony will take place on Saturday, February 29, 2020. Dr. Satterwhite also provided an update on the progress of the Lubbock Downtown Center. He provided a Construction Manager at Risk schedule. See exhibit #4450.

Dr. Satterwhite asked the Board to consider renaming of the Science Building. Mr. Neal made a motion to rename the Science Building to the Wilburn and Helen Wheeler Science Center. Mr. Pettiet seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous. Mr. Neal also made a motion to name the learning center within the Science Building to the Helen DeVitt Jones Student Learning Center. Mr. Alexander seconded his motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Dr. Satterwhite then presented an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Levelland. See exhibits #4451 and #4452. Mr. Pettiet made a motion to approve the agreement as presented. Mr. Ellis seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Dr. Satterwhite informed the Board of the CCATT Conference that will take place in Corpus Christi June 5 – 6, 2020. Members of the Board will participate in Board training as well as hear information about fellow community colleges around the state. See exhibit #4453.

Finally, Dr. Satterwhite distributed the Region V Basketball brackets. The tournament will take place March 4 – 7, 2020 at Moody Coliseum in Abilene, Texas; exhibit #4454.

Meeting adjourned.