MINUTES

Regular Meeting

BOARD OF REGENTS

South Plains College

June 10, 2021

The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, June 10, 2021, at 11:45 a.m. in the Regency 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. Ronny Alexander, Vice Chairman; Mr. Richard Ellis, Secretary; and other members of the Board; and Mr. Ty Gregory. Others present were Dr. Ryan Gibbs; Ms. Teresa Green; Dr. Stan DeMerritt; Mr. Stephen John; Ms. Kattie Moody, of the News-Press; Mr. Drew Dunn of KLVT Radio; and Dr. Robin Satterwhite.

Members absent: Mr. Jim Mara and Mr. Joe Tubb.

Guests present: Ms. Shanna Donica, Director of Institutional Effectiveness, Ms. Adrian Mellberg, Web Content and Social Media Coordinator, and Ms. DeEtte Edens.

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. Mr. Ellis made a motion to accept the May 6 minutes as presented. Seconded by Mr. Gregory, vote to approve was unanimous. Mr. Alexander made a motion to approve the May 13 minutes as presented. Mr. Alexander seconded. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Mr. Box reviewed and canvassed the votes (exhibits #4646, #4647, #4648, #4649, and #4650) from the run-off election for Board of Regents position #5 held on June 8, 2021. Mr. Ellis made the motion to accept the canvassing as presented. Mr. Gregory seconded the motion and to vote to approve was unanimous.

Mr. Box administered the oath of office to Mr. Chris Edens for position #5 of the South Plains College Board of Regents in exhibit #4651.

Dr. Satterwhite invited Ms. Donica to share the results of the 2020 Employee Survey. See exhibit #4652.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Academic Affairs to report. Dr. Gibbs provided a truck driving update.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Student Affairs for his report. Dr. DeMerritt presented a Summer Enrollment comparison in exhibit #4653, followed by the Summer I Enrollment report in exhibit #4654. He also presented Spring 2021 graduation analysis. See exhibit #4655. Finally, Dr. DeMerritt presented an update on the CRRSA (HEERF II) and ARP (HEERF III) student allocation update in Exhibit #4656.
Ms. Green presented the Tax Office Report, Financial Reports, and Investment Summary as seen in exhibits #4657, #4658 and #4659. Mr. Gregory made the motion to accept the reports as presented. Mr. Edens seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Mr. Box called the Board into executive session to discuss personnel (Govt. Code 551.074). The Board spent approximately thirty minutes in discussion and then reconvened the open meeting. Mr. Gregory made a motion to extend Dr. Satterwhite’s contract through June 2024. Mr. Edens seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman then called on the Vice President for Institutional Advancement to present. Mr. John provided an update on the development of the 2021-2021 Institutional Plan. He presented Regents with a working draft of the plan’s goals and objectives that has been developed by the Institutional Plan Steering Team (Exhibit #4660). He explained that the working draft has been prepared with input Regents provided at the February 24, 2021 planning workshop. Additional input has come from administrators, faculty and staff who participated in Strategic Priority Teams planning workshops that were held in February and March. The goals and objectives address the six Strategic Priorities have were identified through SWOT Analysis Workshops held in the prior fall semester. He said that more than 90 employees have been involved in planning activities that have resulted in the working draft. The goals and objectives are currently in a review and comment period and will be refined over the next month. Mr. John said the plan will be finalized by the Administrative Council when it meets for its summer planning workshop July 27-28, 2021.

The Chairman then called on the President to report. Dr. Satterwhite presented a draft of the 2021-2022 budget in exhibit #4661. Following discussion among the Board, Dr. Satterwhite proposed a 4% one-time bonus to all current full-time employees. Mr. Alexander made a motion to approve Dr. Satterwhite’s proposal; Mr. Ellis seconded the motion. Mr. Box voted in favor of the proposition. Mr. Edens and Mr. Gregory recused themselves from the vote.

Next, Dr. Satterwhite presented a bid tabulation to purchase new Student Life furnishings. See exhibit #4662. The winning bid is totaled at $105,099.57. Mr. Edens made a motion to approve the bid, followed by a second from Mr. Ellis. The vote was unanimous. Dr. Satterwhite then asked the Board for approval to expend HEERF Federal Funds. As with other federally funded grants, Mr. Ellis made a motion to extend the authority to the President to approve purchases that may exceed the $50,000 limit for expenditure of the HEERF funds that have been awarded to the college. Mr. Gregory seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimously.

Finally, Mr. Box made a motion to cancel the scheduled July 2021 Board meeting. Mr. Gregory seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned.

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Chairman                              Secretary