

CONSENT AGENDA NO. 11A-2

Approval of Minutes of the May 6, 2014 Regular Meeting

It is recommended that the Board approve the minutes of the May 6, 2014 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting.

Board Members and Officers Present:

Ms. Charletta Rogers Compton
Mr. Bob Ferguson
Mr. Wesley Jameson
Dr. Joe May (secretary and chancellor)
Mr. Bill Metzger
Mr. Jerry Prater, Chair
Mr. JL Sonny Williams

Members Absent:

Ms. Diana Flores

Chair Prater convened the meeting at 4:17 p.m.

Certification of Notice Posted for the Meeting

Dr. May certified the notice had been posted as required.

Pledges of Allegiance to U.S. and Texas Flags

Pledges of allegiance to the flags were recited.

Comments from the Chancellor

Dr. May shared information with the Board including:

- The removal of Bid #2 from the agenda.
- Details regarding the Chase Bank donation in support of Project OnRamp, which will connect lower skilled health care workers to higher skilled, living wage positions.
- An upcoming event and announcement by Goldman Sachs with implications for county-wide impact.
- On-going presidential searches at El Centro and North Lake.
- Interim appointments to Mountain View presidency and Vice Chancellor of Economic and Workforce Development.
- Follow-up on approved drivers and related driving record reviews.
- Notice of the Board planning sessions on June 12-13.
- Continuing college visits.
- And the recent national conference of Phi Theta Kappa.

Special Recognition: Cedar Valley PTK Chapter

President Jennifer Wimbish introduced the officers and sponsors of the Alpha Zeta Omicron Chapter of PTK, recently receiving the highest honor of “2014 Most Distinguished Chapter” and vying for the honor against 1300 international chapters. Attendees included: Toby Lasco, Alexis Wilkins, John MacLean, Denise Martin, Bernadette Washington, Felicia Taylor, Oscar Hernandez, Eian Gallegos, Phillip Washington, Alexander Mullins, Katrina Gibson, Rebekah Rios-Harris, Tommy Thompson, Anna Mays, and Nancy Cure.

Richland Collegiate High School Status Report

Superintendent Donna Walker provided background on capstone projects required by RCHS students as referenced in #31, and introduced Sana Abbas, who shared details about her project focused on sports related head injury, and her proposed mouthpiece appliance designed to recognize and immediately report possible head trauma.

Citizens Desiring to Address the Board Regarding Agenda Items

Mrs. Dorothy Zimmerman questioned the expenditure for air conditioning and parking lot renovation, referencing previous discussion on increasing online student enrollment.

Opportunity for Chancellor and Board Members to Declare Conflicts of Interest Specific to this Agenda

There were none noted.

Consideration of Bids

The Chancellor noted that agenda included expanded background, and provided additional comment on the need for each of the bids, including:

#1 – the purchase of 35 pianos to replace others currently in service for more than 30 years. It was confirmed that the kind of piano, the pricing, and the requesting college varies according to budget and program need. Trustee Williams requested follow-up information on what happens to pianos taken out of service.

#2 - removed from consideration.

#3 – the replacement of bleachers in the Cedar Valley gymnasium, after 40 years in service, to meet current ADA requirements.

#4 – the purchase of metal fabricating equipment for the welding lab at Richland College, as a result of increased student usage and recommendation from the

advisory committee to more closely reflect current work environments for graduates entering the workforce.

#5 – HVAC replacement at LCET in server room where critical student information and other system back-ups are maintained. It was confirmed that the District also invests in off-site back-up as well.

#6, 7 and 8 – parking lot demolition and replacement for lots at Brookhaven, Eastfield, and Mountain View, moving to more cost-effective concrete. Some asphalt lots were originally constructed with the opening of the colleges. Trustee Metzger requested a report on the actual use of contingency dollars for similar projects – and Executive Vice Chancellor DesPlas indicated that this report could be developed and shared in approximately 2 weeks.

And #9 – a recommendation to approve 5 year renewal of legal publications (El Centro) to be used as reference materials in the legal assisting program.

Trustee Jameson noted his thanks for the expansion on need and justification.

Trustee Compton moved and Trustee Ferguson seconded a motion to approve Items #1-9, with the exception of #2. Motion passed unanimously.

(See May 6, 2014, Board Meeting, Consideration of Bids, #1-9, which is made part of and incorporated into the approved minutes as though fully set out in the minutes.)

Consent Agenda

Trustee Metzger moved and Trustee Jameson seconded a motion to approve Items #10-18 on the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

(See May 6, 2014, Board Meeting Consent Agenda, Items #10-18, which are made a part of and incorporated into the approved minutes as though fully set out in the minutes.)

Individual Items

The Chancellor noted that #19 reflects the need for Board action on a Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board recommendation to close the marketing program at Brookhaven College. A recent change in law requires Board action, and if a THECB recommendation is not upheld, the continuation of the program must be noted as an exception in the future legislative budget request. In working with President Chesney, the Chancellor noted that approximately 1000 students are enrolled in courses that remain available, but the overall marketing program completion rate does not support continuation.

Trustee Compton moved and Trustee Ferguson seconded a motion to approve Items #19-30. Motion passed unanimously.

(See May 6, 2014 Board Meeting, Agenda Items #19-30, which are made a part of and incorporated into the approved minutes as though fully set out in the minutes.)

Informative Reports

Trustees acknowledged the presentation of informative reports #31-41.

The Chancellor noted the addition of a trending report on staff demographics. Trustee Ferguson commented on the addition of graphs in a number of the informative reports, and asked that color be added to further delineate the categories included.

(See May 6, 2014 Board Meeting, Agenda Items #31-41, which are made a part of and incorporated into the approved minutes as though fully set out in the minutes.)

Questions/comments from members of the Board

Trustee Ferguson and Chair Prater commented on the long years of service represented by retirees.

Citizens Desiring to Address the Board Regarding Non-Agenda Items

Mrs. Dorothy Zimmerman commented on the need to limit spending and encouraged the Board to take a look at the “big picture” to develop a better spending plan.

Mrs. Delryn Fleming, a retiring faculty member at Brookhaven College, addressed the Board regarding her appreciation for support for needed programs, compensation, encouragement for innovation, and learning opportunities during her 42 years of employment. She announced her interest in pursuing future election as a trustee.

Adjournment

Chair Prater adjourned the meeting at 5:27 p.m. with a motion from Trustee Compton and a second by Trustee Ferguson.