

# MINUTES

## Regular Meeting BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Vernon College  
January 11, 2023

The Board of Trustees of Vernon College met on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 11:30 a.m. in the *Board Room* of the *Osborne Administration Building*, Vernon, Texas with the following present: Mr. Bob Ferguson – Chairman; Mrs. Ann Wilson – Vice-Chairman, and Mrs. Betsy Smith – Secretary. Other board members in attendance were Mr. Irl Holt, Mrs. Jamie Chapman, and Mrs. Meg Heatly. Absent was Mr. James Brock.

Others present were Dr. Dusty Johnston, President; Mrs. Mindi Flynn, Vice President of Administration; Mrs. Jeanne Ballard, Director of Financial Aid; Dr. Brad Beauchamp, Director of Institutional Assessment, Planning, and Effectiveness/SACSCOC Liaison; Mr. Kevin Holland, Director of Campus Police; and Ms. Mary King, Administrative Secretary to the President. Guest present was Mr. Bill Humphrey of the *Vernon Daily Record*.

Chairman Ferguson called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Chairman Ferguson asked for a moment of silence for board member James Brock who had surgery, is still in the hospital and in need of prayer.

### Consent Agenda

Mrs. Wilson made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Smith, to approve the Consent Agenda containing the *Minutes of the December 14, 2022 Regular Board Meeting* and the *President's Monthly Travel Expense Report*. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment – No one was present to make comments.

### Action Item A

Mrs. Flynn presented the *Financial and Investment Reports as of December 31, 2022*. Mr. Holt made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Heatly, to approve the Vernon College year to date and monthly financial and investment reports as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### Action Item B

Dr. Johnston presented the *TASB Legal Policy Updates* for review and for consideration of *TASB UPDATE 44 Local Policies*. Mrs. Smith made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Chapman, to approve to add, revise, or delete (LOCAL) policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual 44. The motion carried unanimously.

### Action Item C

Dr. Johnston presented the request for consideration of a revised *Crusoe Energy Abatement Application*. The action item was tabled at the December 2022 meeting for consideration at this meeting. Mrs. Wilson made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Chapman, to NOT approve the application. Three members voted *for* and three members voted to *oppose* that motion. The vote tied and will be an action item for additional consideration at the February meeting.

### Action Item D

Dr. Johnston presented the Consideration to *Close the Seymour Instructional Location*. Mr. Holt made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to close the Seymour Instructional Location as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### Action Item E

Dr. Johnston presented the Consideration of *Hasanour Investments, LLC (Vernon Travel Center) Abatement Application*. Mrs. Smith made the motion, seconded by Mr. Holt, to approve the abatement application as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item F

Mrs. Chapman made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to approve the *Tax Resale Deed* as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

President’s Report/Board Discussion Items – No items to discuss.

2023-2024 Tuition/Fee increase discussion – Dr. Johnston discussed the 2023-2024 Tuition and Fee increase stating we did not increase the tuition and fees last year, and he and the Administrative Team recommended that there be no change or increase in tuition or fees again this year. Enrollment is still fragile with people choosing not to enroll for many reasons and we don’t want to add to those reasons by upping the cost. We will make the budget work without the increase in tuition and fee.

Student Success Data Fact – Mr. Beauchamp presented the Vernon College Core Curriculum Assessment Report for the Academic year 2021-2022, and the CB 116-Individual Graduate Follow-up Results for Fall 2020–Summer 2021, as the Student Success Data Facts for this month. The assessment of general education outcomes, as mandated by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) includes the core objectives - Social Responsibility in Fall 2021, Communication in Spring 2022, and Personal Responsibility in Summer 2022. The CB 116 report gives colleges the opportunity to find students’ success after graduation that the Coordinating Board was not able to find. It is a lot of work, but it makes our percentage go up every year.

Athletic Scholarship report – Dr. Johnston presented the Athletic Scholarship Report for the fall 2022 semester. The report shows the amount of money invested in scholarships, and where the programs stand as far as availability of funds. The students can only spend this money at Vernon College, which helps with enrollment and state funding!

Dr. Johnston presented the Upcoming College Events:

- (1) On-site Final Registration: Vernon: January 10, 2023 – Wichita Falls: January 11-12, 2023
- (2) Spring 2023 Classes begin – Tuesday, January 17, 2023
- (3) Vernon College Foundation Quarterly Board Meeting – Wichita Falls – Thursday, January 19, 2023
- (4) February Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – Vernon campus – Wednesday, February 8, 2023
- (5) TCCTA Conference –Houston, TX – March 2-4, 2023
- (6) Vernon College Foundation On-line Auction – March 7-9, 2023

Dr. Johnston presented the Philanthropic Report/Outside Grants Report.

Mrs. Wilson made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Smith, to approve the personnel changes as recommended by Dr. Johnston and detailed on item 6 B Personnel Information Sheet. The motion carried unanimously.

- 1. Employment
  - a. Tammy Vincent, VC Director of Congregate Meals, effective January 1, 2023

Closed Session: Mrs. Heatly made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Chapman, to go into closed session at 12:40 p.m. in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Subchapter 551.074, to discuss personnel or other items under this section of the Texas Government Code, Texas Open Meetings Act. The motion carried unanimously.

Open Session: Mrs. Wilson made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Chapman, to reconvene at 1:05 p.m. in open session. The motion carried unanimously.

Action: None

There being no further business Mr. Holt made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

  
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 Mr. Bob Ferguson, Chairman

  
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 Mrs. Betsy Smith, Secretary