

MINUTES

Regular Meeting BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Vernon College April 20, 2011

The Board of Trustees of Vernon College met on April 20, 2011 at 11:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the *Osborne Administration Building* for a Regular Board Meeting with the following present: Mr. Gene Heatly, Chairman; Mr. Bob Ferguson, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Norman Brints, Secretary. Other board members in attendance were Mrs. Sylvia G. Mahoney, Mrs. Vicki Pennington, and Dr. Todd Smith. Absent was Mr. Curtis Graf.

Others present were: Dr. Dusty Johnston, President, and Deans: Mr. John Hardin, III, Dr. Gary Don Harkey, Mr. Garry David, and Mr. Joe Hite. Also present were: Mr. Bob Bolton, Associate Dean Administrative Services; Mrs. Shana Munson, Associate Dean, Career & Technical Education; Mrs. Melissa Elliott, Director of Financial Aid; Mrs. Haven David, Director of Human Resources; Mrs. Sarah Davenport, Assistant Registrar; Mrs. Lois Jablonski, General Ledger Accountant; Mrs. Christie Lehman, Coordinator of Marketing & Alumni Relations; Mrs. Betsy Harkey, Director of Institutional Effectiveness; Ms. Leann Jordan, Advancement Services Specialist; Ms. Michelle A. Alexander, Director of Institutional Advancement/Executive Director, Vernon College Foundation; Mr. Chris Bell, Director of Campus Police; Mr. Mark Holcomb, Division Chair of Industrial & Information Technology; Mrs. Jessica Sutherland, Early College Start Coordinator; Mrs. Rosa Alaniz, Secretary, Financial Aid and President of the Employees Forum; and Ms. Mary King, Administrative Secretary to the President. Guests present were Mr. Taylor Steward, *Vernon College Student Government Association* President; Ms. Kathy McClellan, from *The Vernon Daily Record*; and Mr. Sean Stockard, President/CEO of the *Business Development Corporation of Vernon*.

Chairman Heatly called the regular meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

Mr. Ferguson made the motion, seconded by Dr. Smith to accept the *Minutes of the March 30, 2011 Regular Meeting*. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item A

Mr. David presented for consideration of approval the *Financial and Investment Reports as of March 31, 2011*. Dr. Smith made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Mahoney to accept the report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item B

Mr. Ferguson made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Pennington to approve the *Internal Posting Policy for Position Openings* as presented by Dr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item C

Mr. Brints made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Mahoney to approve the *Summer 2011 Continuing Education/2011 Kids College Schedule, Tuition & Fees* and *Authorizing the Associate Dean of Career & Technical Education to set Tuition for Additional Continuing Education/Workforce Courses as needed during the Summer Time Period* as presented by Dr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item D

Mrs. Mahoney made the motion, seconded by Mr. Brints to approve the *Tax Abatement for Abundant Energy* in accordance with the City of Vernon Tax Abatement Policy Guidelines and schedule as presented by Dr. Johnston and Mr. Stockard. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment – Mr. Stockard thanked the Board for approving the tax abatement.

President's Report/Board Discussion Items:

Dr. Johnston reported that there was no specific news about the legislative appropriations. He also reported that Representative Rick Hardcastle recognized the Rodeo Team in Austin.

Dr. Smith asked if he had any recent news on the bill to allow students with concealed handgun permits to carry weapons on campus and Dr. Johnston reported that one of the key senators withdrew his support so there may not be enough votes to pass.

Dr. Johnston reported that a first draft of the budget would be available at the May Board meeting.

Dr. Johnston stated that construction at the baseball field is almost complete. He added that Rick Sims delivered plans for the latest changes on the renovations at Century City Center after meeting with the different departments, and they are available for viewing.

Dr. Johnston reported that the July Board Retreat and July Regular board meeting is scheduled for July 20 and requested any topics the board would like to discuss. There was discussion of possibly meeting at Skills Training Center for the retreat coupled with a tour of the facility. Another suggestion made was to invite both the Vernon College Foundation Board and the Midwestern Board members to attend the tour.

Dr. Johnston noted the current TASB (Local) Policy changes that were included in the meeting materials packet. These changes will be on the agenda for approval at the May board meeting.

Dr. Johnston called the Board's attention to the upcoming Vernon College events:

- (1) Phi Theta Kappa Induction – Thursday, April 21, 2011 – 6:30 p.m. at Century City Center
- (2) Scholarship Banquet – Tuesday, April 26, 2011 – 5:30 p.m. Colley Student Center
- (3) TACC Meeting – Wednesday, April 27, 2011 – Austin
- (4) Drama Production – April 28-30, 2011 – Auditorium, Osborne Administration Building
- (5) Sports Banquet – Monday, May 2, 2011 – 7:00 p.m. Wilbarger Auditorium
- (6) Commencement – Saturday, May 14, 2011 – 10:30 a.m. Wilbarger Auditorium
- (7) RN Pinning – Saturday, May 14, 2011 – 2:00 p.m. Wilbarger Auditorium
- (8) Board of Trustees Meeting – Wednesday, May 18, 2011 – Board Room, Osborne Administration
- (9) Hub Colley Memorial Dedication – Wednesday, May 18 – 1:00 p.m. on Vernon Campus

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

Dr. Johnston presented the minutes from the Faculty/Staff/Student Organizations –

- (1) Student Forum Meeting Minutes
- (2) Vernon College Faculty Senate Meeting
- (3) Vernon College Employee Forum Meeting

Closed Session: Mr. Ferguson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Brints to go into closed session at 12:15 p.m. in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Subchapter 551.074 to discuss personnel. The motion carried unanimously.

Open Session: Mrs. Mahoney made the motion, seconded by Mr. Graf to reconvene at 1:10 p.m. in open session. The motion carried unanimously.

Action: None

Mr. Ferguson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Brints to approve the following personnel actions. The motion carried unanimously.

- A. Employment
 - (1) Anthony "Mike" Hopper, Coordinator of Protective Services, Skills Training Center, effective April 18, 2011 with an annual salary \$46,605.00
- B. Retirement
 - (1) Gail Newton, Secretary, Student Services, Century City/Sheppard Learning Center, effective May 27, 2011
 - (2) Travis Maddin, Maintenance Technician, Vernon Campus, effective May 31, 2011
- C. Resignation
 - (1) Marla Divine, Licensed Vocational Nursing Instructor, Vernon Campus, effective May 12, 2011
 - (2) Rosane Chacanaca, Associate Degree Nursing Instructor, Vernon Campus, effective May 14, 2011

There being no further business Chairman Heatly adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Mr. Gene Heatly, Chairman

Mr. Norman Brints, Secretary