

MINUTES

Regular Meeting BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Vernon College
June 19, 2013

The Board of Trustees of Vernon College met on Wednesday, June 19, 2013 at 11:30 a.m. in the *Board Room* of the *Osborne Administration Building*, Vernon, Texas with the following present: Dr. Todd Smith, Chairman, Mr. Gene Heatly, Vice-Chairman, and Mrs. Vicki Pennington, Secretary. Other board members in attendance were Mr. Bob Ferguson, Mr. Norman Brints, Mr. Irl Holt, and Mrs. Joanie Rogers.

Others present were Dr. Dusty R. Johnston, President, and Deans: Dr. Gary Don Harkey, Mr. Garry David, Mr. Joe Hite, and Mr. John Hardin, III. Also present were: Ms. Michelle A. Alexander, Director of Institutional Advancement/Executive Director, Vernon College Foundation; Dr. Karen Gragg, Division Chair of Math & Science; Mrs. Betsy Harkey, Director of Institutional Effectiveness; Mrs. Roxie Hill, Instructional Designer; Mrs. Criquett Lehman, Director of Quality Enhancement; and Ms. Mary King, Administrative Secretary to the President. Guest present was Ms. Noelle Wiehe, from *The Vernon Daily Record*.

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

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Pennington made the motion, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to approve the Consent Agenda containing the *Minutes of the May 15, 2013 Regular Board Meeting* and the *President's Monthly Travel Expense Report*. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item A

Mr. Garry David presented the *Financial and Investment Reports as of May 31, 2013*. Mr. Ferguson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Heatly to approve the report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item B

Mr. Ferguson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Heatly 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 28*. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item C

Mrs. Rogers made the motion, seconded by Mr. Holt to approve the *Resale Bids and Quitclaim Deeds of Properties Held in Trust by the City of Vernon located at 927 Bismarck and 2506 Luna, Vernon, Texas* as presented by Dr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment – No one was present to make comments.

President's Report/Board Discussion Items

CCATT Update – Dr. Johnston and Dr. Smith attended the Community College Association of Texas Trustees (CCATT) meeting in June. Dr. Johnston stated this was the first meeting of the combined Texas Association of Community Colleges (TACC) and CCATT. CCATT is now under the umbrella of TACC. The keynote speaker was the chairperson of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board who made positive comments about community colleges specifically about accepting performance funding. The speaker also noted that the public universities did not accept this funding measure during the legislative session and, therefore, he will be working with the universities in the next session. Another speaker at the conference was Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) President, J. Noah Brown, author of *First in the World: Community Colleges and America's Future*. He spoke about the challenges community colleges are facing trying to educate the age group of 25 to 30 and 40 year olds, student success, and the legislative items that could have affected us. Additionally, Dr. Smith was asked to serve on the CCATT Board.

2013-2014 Proposed Budget – Draft 2 – Dr. Johnston presented the second draft of the budget. The primary difference was additional state funding despite the enrollment decrease we showed on paper. The College will gain some dollars with the outcome of group health insurance. There is now a 50/50 arrangement with TRS but this means we will still be paying a little more money. On the expenditure side, there is one new faculty position open for either a full time Psychology or Biology instructor. The other expenditure change is a suggestion of a 3% salary increase. Additionally, the budget includes a 4% (\$375,000) holdback.

Summer enrollment update – Joe Hite presented the enrollment report for Summer I, which includes Spring II 8-week, the May Mini term, and the Summer I (5 1/2 week) semester. Enrollment is down 2.8 % compared to last year. Summer I 11 week started in June and is down 11.36%, Summer II starts in July 8 and registration is ongoing.

CCC Renovation Update – Construction of the entryways is on track and the steel arrived earlier than expected. It is in place on the east side, one-third of the way on the southwest side and starting on the north side. Two older classrooms are under renovation for two new computer labs in the Math Department.

Board retreat July 17, 2013 – Dr. Johnston noted that the action packed agenda for the retreat will include concise updates from each of the team members.

Wichita County President's Advisory Committee – This group met in June at Century City Center and the outcome was very positive. Dr. Johnston noted that the group was originally formed by Dr. Thomas and previously met only once a year. The President plans to expand the committee and meet twice a year with the goal of developing a base of support among people of influence within Wichita County.

Dr. Johnston presented the Upcoming College Events:

- (1) Community College Association of Texas Trustees conference – June 1, 2013 – Austin, TX

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

Dr. Johnston presented the Minutes from Faculty/Staff/Student Organizations

Personnel – Mrs. Pennington made the motion, seconded by Mr. Holt to approve the following personnel actions. The motion carried unanimously.

A. Employment

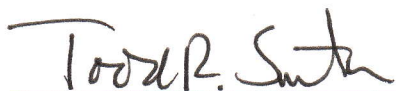
- (1) Kirk Polk, Government Instructor – Vernon, effective August 5, 2013 with an annual salary of \$39,574

Closed Session: Mr. Ferguson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Heatly to go into closed session at 12:07 p.m. in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Subchapter 551.074 to discuss personnel and 551.072 – Real Estate. The motion carried unanimously.

Open Session: Mr. Ferguson made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Rogers to reconvene at 12:50 p.m. in open session. The motion carried unanimously.

Action – None

There being no further business Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.



Dr. Todd Smith, Chairman



Mrs. Vicki Pennington, Secretary