

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Vernon College

February 18, 2015

The Board of Trustees of Vernon College met on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 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. Norman Brints, Vice-Chairman and Mrs. Vicki Pennington, Secretary. Other board members in attendance were Mr. Irl Holt, Mrs. Joanie Rogers, and Mrs. Anne Spears. Absent was Mr. Bob Ferguson.

Others present were Dr. Dusty R. Johnston, President, Deans: Garry David, Dr. Gary Don Harkey, John B. Hardin, III, and Joe Hite. Also in attendance were Mr. Greg Fowler, Division Chair of Behavioral & Social Sciences; Mrs. Betsy Harkey, Director of Institutional Effectiveness; Mr. Chris Bell, Director of Campus Police; Ms. Criquett Lehman, Director of Quality Enhancement; Mrs. Minda Flynn, General Ledger Accountant; and Ms. Mary King, Administrative Secretary to the President. No Guests were present.

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

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Pennington made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Rogers to approve the Consent Agenda containing the *Minutes of the January 21, 2015 Regular Board Meeting* and the *President's Monthly Travel Expense Report*. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item A

Dean David presented the *Financial and Investment Reports as of January 31, 2015*. Mrs. Spears made the motion, seconded by Mr. Brints to approve the report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item B

Mr. Brints made the motion, seconded by Mr. Holt to approve *Edgin, Parkman, Fleming, and Fleming, PC* as the *Independent Auditor to Conduct the Annual Audit for the Year Ending August 31, 2015 at the price of \$45,100*. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item C

Mr. Holt made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Rogers to approve the *2015-2016 Academic Calendar* as presented by Dr. Gary Don Harkey. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item D

Mr. Holt made the motion, seconded by Mr. Brints to accept the *Resale Bids and Quitclaim Deeds for properties held in trust by the Harrold ISD located at 12540 and 12560 Earl Street, Harrold, TX* for the bid amount of \$345. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item E

Mrs. Rogers made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Spears to approve to *Declare as a "Special Population" and to offer "Zero" tuition Continuing Education classes to North Texas Regional Advisory Committee Trauma Conference on March 7, 2015* as presented by Dr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment – No one was present to make comments.

Board Input/Discussion – No input or questions to discuss.

Legislative Update – Dr. Johnston noted that he was in Austin for the State Affairs Committee to testify against the proposed *Open Carry Law Bill* regarding weapons on campus. He also stated that the budget process in Austin is just beginning and may be another three weeks before we see any numbers regarding

what community colleges can expect. Additionally, the Common Course Numbering System used by community colleges may be expanding on to the Universities.

Enrollment Update – Dean Hite handed out the total enrollment report for Fall II/Spring 2014 vs Fall II Spring 2015. The report showed Headcount at 3,022 that is a decrease of 10.09 % compared to last year.

2015-2016 Tuition and Fee Discussion – Dr. Johnston as sent the board some numbers to review. The biggest change will be \$15 per hour increase for out of district students at Century City, Skills Training Center and Internet. He also discussed the possibility of cost revisions for out of district dual credit students. The fees will be set in March.

Student Success Data Fact – Mrs. Harkey presented the data fact snapshot for 2015 Spring and Spring 1. The Student Success by the Numbers Committee reviews this document every semester and makes suggestions for clarification or changes. She discussed the various departments use the data.

Athletic Student GPA Report – Dean Hardin presented the Athletic Student GPA for 2014-2015. He commented that Student Services is doing all they can to help keep the GPA's up for all the College's sports teams. Volleyball is doing exceptionally well.

Dr. Johnston presented the Upcoming Events:

- (1) Foundation Auction Update – *The Vernon College On-Line Auction* – February 25-27, 2015
- (2) March Board of Trustees meeting – Wednesday, March 11, 2015
- (3) Spring Break – March 16-20, 2015

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

Personnel –

Mr. Holt made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Spears to approve Item # 1 of the following personnel action. The motion carried unanimously.

#1 Terminations

- a) Michelle McLean, Classified II, Lab Assistant/Mail Clerk – Vernon Campus, effective January 23, 2015.
- b) Vertel “Maritza” Scarborough, Tutoring Center Coordinator – Vernon Campus, effective February 2, 2015.

Resignation

- a) Larry Borden, EMS Program Clinical Instructor – Century City Center, effective February 5, 2015

Mrs. Pennington made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Rogers to approve Item # 2 of the following personnel action. The motion carried unanimously.

- #2 Consider Extension of Deans' and Associate Deans' Contracts (September 1, 2015 – August 31, 2017)

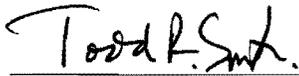
Closed Session: Mr. Holt made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Rogers to go into closed session at 12:35 p.m. in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Subchapter 551.074, to discuss personnel or other items under this section of the Texas Government Code, Texas Open Meetings Act. The motion carried unanimously.

- #3 Conduct Evaluation of College President and Consider Extending Contract for one additional year (September 1, 2015-August 31, 2018)

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

Mr. Brints made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Rogers to approve the extension of the president's contract for one additional year (September 1, 2015 – August 31, 2018). The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business Dr. Smith adjourned the meeting at 1:12 p.m.



Dr. Todd Smith, Chairman



Mrs. Vicki Pennington, Secretary