

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Vernon College

March 9, 2017

The Board of Trustees of Vernon College met on Thursday, March 9, 2017, 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. Bob Ferguson, Mr. Irl Holt, Mrs. Anne Spears, and Mrs. Joanie Rogers.

Others present were Dr. Dusty R. Johnston, President, and Deans Garry David, Joe Hite, and Jim Nordone. Also present were Ms. Michelle A. Alexander, Director of Institutional Advancement/Executive Director, Vernon College Foundation; Mrs. Betsy Harkey, Director of Institutional Effectiveness; Mrs. Ivy Harris, ERP/SIS Coordinator; Mr. Kevin Holland, Director of Campus Police; and Ms. Mary King, Administrative Secretary to the President. Guest present was Mr. Payton McCormick of *The Vernon Daily Record*.

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

Consent Agenda

Mr. Ferguson made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Spears, to approve the Consent Agenda containing the *Minutes of the February 15, 2017 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 February 28, 2017*. Mr. Brints made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Pennington, to approve the report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item B – Bob Ferguson made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Rogers to **not approve** the *Abatement Request/Payment in lieu of Taxes Proposal with Lockett Windfarm, LLC/Lincoln Clean Energy, LLC*. The motion carried four to three with **Dr. Smith, Mrs. Pennington and Mr. Holt voting against** the motion.

Public Comment – No one was present to make comments.

President's Report/Board Discussion Items

Board Comments/Discussion – No comments or discussion.

King Farm update – Dr. Johnston stated he sent the Board several updates from the landowner and reminded the board he will add this to the agenda once a year for any new information concerning the farm. A few years ago a discussion was held about whether or not to sell and the decision was to keep the property. The annual revenue estimate is approximately \$20,000.

Concealed Carry on Campus policy recommendation update – Dr. Johnston stated that the Campus Carry Task Force has met since he gave them new information from his TASB Legal Seminar trip. They are finalizing their improved recommendations for the April meeting.

Wilbarger County Days in Austin – Dr. Johnston set up appointments with Senators Estes and Perry. All community colleges will get a little less funding. We are still estimating a cut in our appropriation. Base-year to base-year, the College is still down so the estimate is approximately \$200,000 per year. The President joined the Vernon Leadership group, Business Development Corporation, and elected officials who attended Wilbarger County Days.

Campus Trees – Dr. Johnston reminded the Board of a previous discussion about the trees around campus that died during the drought. There is room in the budget for replacing those trees. He asked the Board if they had any ideas or opinions on what type of trees to plant. A suggestion was made to bring in a

specialist to suggest what types would be beneficial and possibly add more along Don Lamb road. Dr. Johnston will go forward and keep the Board informed.

ERP/SIS implementation update – Mrs. Harris informed the Board that the Go-Live date of March 1 for the human resources and business office conversion was successful and everyone is embracing the change. All paper flow for time sheets, leave forms, purchase orders, and purchase requisitions are now electronic. It is going well at this time.

Student Success Data Fact – Mrs. Harkey presented the Non Transfer Completers and Transfer as the Student Success Data fact for March. Our benchmark is to be at or above the small college group percentage rate. We look at the numbers for comparison with Vernon College, small colleges, and all of the Texas community colleges for the six-year transfer and completion of first-time students.

Dr. Johnston presented the Reminder of Upcoming Events

- (1) Easter Eggstravaganza – Thursday, April 13, 2017 – 5:30 p.m. Vernon Campus
- (2) Softball and Baseball Community Game Day – Saturday, April 8, 2017 – Softball @ Noon, Baseball @ 1:00 p.m. – Vernon
- (3) Board of Trustees meeting – Wednesday, April 12, 2017 – 11:30 a.m. Vernon Campus
- (4) Vernon College Foundation Board meeting – Thursday, April 20, 2017 – 10:00 a.m. – Vernon/CCC Videoconference
- (5) Honors Convocation – Thursday, April 20, 2017 – 6:30 p.m. – Wilbarger Auditorium
- (6) Scholarship Banquet – Tuesday, April 25, 2017 – 5:30 p.m. Colley Student Center
- (7) Choral Production – “Messiah Performance” – Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. – Vernon First Methodist Church
- (8) Sports Banquet – Thursday, May 4, 2017 – 6:00 p.m. Wilbarger Auditorium
- (9) Commencement – Saturday, May 13, 2017 – 10:30 a.m. Wilbarger Auditorium
 - 9:00 a.m. Rehearsal
 - 10:00 a.m. Board members, faculty, staff, and students prepare for entrance
 - 10:30 a.m. Graduation – All students except ADN
 - 11:15 a.m. Reception
 - 12:15 p.m. ADN Graduation rehearsal
 - 1:30 p.m. ADN Graduation
 - TBA Pinning immediately following graduation
 - TBA ADN reception immediately following pinning

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

Mrs. Spears made the motion, seconded by Mr. Holt, to approve the Vernon College Personnel Action changes as recommended by the President and detailed on item six personnel information sheet. The motion carried unanimously.

A. Internal Transfer

- (1) Dr. Donnie Kirk, *from* Speech Instructor – CCC *to* Director of Quality Enhancement, effective May 15, 2017 with a salary of \$75,919

B. Employment

- (1) Lailani Maile, Head Volleyball Coach – Vernon, effective March 1, 2017 with a salary of \$40,446

C. Resignation

- (1) Daniel Sheets, Custodial Supervisor – Century City Center, effective March 31, 2017

D. Consider Reappointment of Faculty for 2017-2018

- (1) Faculty Reappointments
- (2) Faculty (pending completion of probation)

Closed Session: Mr. Ferguson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Holt 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 or other items under this section of the Texas Government Code, Texas Open Meetings Act. The motion carried unanimously.

Open Session: Mr. Ferguson made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Spears, to reconvene at 12:45 p.m. in open session. The motion carried unanimously.

No Action

There being no further business, Dr. Smith adjourned the meeting at 12:46 p.m.



Dr. Todd Smith, Chairman



Mrs. Vicki Pennington, Secretary