

MINUTES
BOARD OF REGENTS
South Plains College

April 9, 2015

The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, April 9, 2015, at 11:45 a.m. in the Regency Dining Room for lunch. After lunch, the Board members adjourned to the Board of Regents Room for their regular meeting with the following present: Mr. Mike Box, Chairman; Mr. Bobby Neal, Vice Chairman; Ms. Linda Patton, Secretary; and other members of the Board; Mr. Pete Pettiet; Mr. William Clements; Mr. Ken Williams and Mr. Ronny Alexander. Others present were Mr. Jim Walker; Ms. Cathy Mitchell; Ms. Teresa Green; Mr. Stephen John; Mr. Dan Hook; Mr. John Riggs of the Hockley County News-Press; Mr. Jody Rose of KLVY Radio; Ms. Jessica Garza of the Plainsmen Press and Dr. Kelvin Sharp.

Ms. Alexander gave the opening prayer.

Mr. Box led the pledge to the United States Flag.

The Chairman asked if there were any changes to be made to the minutes. There being none, Mr. Williams made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Ms. Patton, vote to approve was unanimous.

Dr. Sharp presented the proposed employment list for 2015-2016. See Exhibit #3947. The list includes one new position and several replacements due to retirements and relocations. Dr. Sharp discussed with the Board the proposed employment list for the 2015-2016 Budget purposes. Mr. Neal made a motion to approve the Employment List, second by Ms. Patton. Vote to carry unanimously.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Student Affairs. Ms. Mitchell noted the six upcoming UIL events to take place in the weeks. See Exhibit #3948

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Academic Affairs. Mr. Walker explained the curriculum changes for the 2015-2016 school year. His report showed a total of 283 curriculum changes for all divisions. See Exhibit #3949. Mr. Williams motioned to approve the curriculum revisions as presented, second by Mr. Pettiet; the vote to approve was unanimous. Mr. Walker also presented Pathways to SPC via Levelland ISD; Exhibit #3950

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Business Affairs for her report. Ms. Green presented the Tax Office Report and Financial Reports. The Chairman asked if there were any questions regarding the reports, there being none, Mr. Pettiet made a motion that the Board accept the reports as shown in Exhibits #3951 and #3952. Second by Mr. Clements and the motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Institutional Advancement for his report. Mr. John provided Regents with a report on the amount of external grant funds the College has received for Fiscal

Years 2012, 2013, and 2014; Exhibit #3953. For FY 2014, the College received 8.6 percent more in external grant funding than the year before. This increase was the result of a \$473,884 grant received from the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration to support the construction of the Plainview Technology Building. John also reported the College received a \$130,837 Jobs and Education for Texans grant from the State Comptroller's Office to equip the welding technology program with new technology. He provided an update on the status of grant applications that are currently being prepared for submission. Among these applications is a U.S. Department Title V Strengthening Hispanic-Serving Institutional Program grant in the amount of \$2.6 million. This grant project will develop two new technical programs, provide for faculty development, strengthen student learning resources and infuse new instructional technology into the educational program.

The Chairman called on the President for his report. Dr. Sharp asked the Board to change the time of the regular May meeting to 4:00 p.m. to coincide with the Employee Recognition Banquet. Motion made by Mr. Clements, second by Ms. Patton and motion carried unanimously.

A calendar of events listing various activities for the remainder of the school year was presented to the Board. See Exhibit #3954.

Dr. Sharp discussed the Continuing Education fee structure and the cost of courses as outlined in the College catalog. Dr. Sharp asked the Board to approve Continuing Education fees as presented. The motion was made by Mr. Neal and second by Mr. Alexander, vote was unanimous; Exhibit #3955.

Dr. Sharp then requested the Board consider increasing the out-of-district and non-resident tuition by \$8 per credit hour effective Fall 2015. In-district students and dual-credit would be exempt from the increase. Mr. Neal made the motion to approve the increase, followed by a second from Mr. Pettiet. The vote to carry was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Secretary