

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

BOARD OF REGENTS

South Plains College

August 12, 2021

The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, August 12, 2021, at 11:45 a.m. in the Regency Room for lunch. After lunch, the Board members adjourned to the Board of Regents Room for their regular meeting at 12:30 p.m. with the following present: Mr. Mike Box, Chairman; Mr. Ronny Alexander, Vice Chairman; Mr. Richard Ellis, Secretary; and other members of the Board; Mr. Jim Mara; Mr. Joe Tubb; Mr. Chris Edens; and Mr. Ty Gregory. Others present were Dr. Ryan Gibbs; Ms. Teresa Green; Dr. Stan DeMerritt; Mr. Stephen John; Mr. Stephen Henry, of the News-Press; Mr. Drew Dunn of KLVT Radio; and Dr. Robin Satterwhite.

Guests present: Mr. Roger Reding, Director of Athletics; Mr. Erik Vance, Track Coach; Mr. Wesley Miller, Assistant Track Coach; and Mr. Ronnie Watkins, Dean of Administrative Services.

Mr. Gregory 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. Mr. Ellis made a motion to accept the June 10 minutes as presented. Seconded by Mr. Alexander. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Dr. Satterwhite invited Mr. Watkins to provide a construction update on the Science Building renovation as well as the Downtown Lubbock Center.

Dr. Satterwhite invited the Board of Regents to congratulate the 2020-2021 Texan and Lady Texas Outdoor Track and Field teams on their 2021 NJCAA Division I Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championship (exhibit #4663). The Board thanked Mr. Reding, Coach Vance, and Coach Miller for their dedication and work.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Academic Affairs to report. Dr. Gibbs provided an update on the Health Sciences programs certification exams passage rates. He also provided detailed information on the expansion of the Health Sciences programs at South Plains College; exhibit #4664. Mr. Gregory made the motion to approve the expansion and Mr. Mara seconded. The vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman then called on the Vice President for Student Affairs to report. Dr. DeMerritt provided the 2020-2021 Quarter III reported violation of Policy FH in exhibit #4665, the Summer II 2021 Enrollment report in exhibit #4666, Fall 2021 Enrollment in exhibit #4667, and the Fall 2021 House Occupancy update in exhibit #4668. Finally, Dr. DeMerritt presented an updated version of Policy HHC – Concealed Carry of Handguns on Campus; exhibit #4669. Mr. Edens made the motion to approve the update, followed by a second from Mr. Tubb. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Ms. Green presented the Tax Office Report and Financial Reports in exhibits #4670 and #4671. Mr.

Gregory made the motion to accept the reports as presented. Mr. Edens seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous. Ms. Green then asked the Board for permission to move \$1,000,000 to debt service. Following some discussion, Mr. Edens made the motion to approve the funds transfer. Mr. Gregory seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous. Ms. Green also presented HEERF II and HEERF III Institutional Expenditures for June 2021. See exhibit #4672. Mr. Tubb made a motion to approve the expenditures and Mr. Alexander seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous. Finally, Ms. Green presented two property resales: 1) Genuine Investors, LLC, #R4981, \$2,380, exhibit #4673; and 2) Martina Mireles, #R29133, \$3,021, exhibit #4674. Mr. Gregory made the motion to approve both properties and Mr. Edens seconded. The vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman then called on the Vice President for Institutional Advancement to present. Mr. John presented to Regents the High School to College Linkages Report for 2020 (Exhibit #4675). This report presents college enrollment data for 2020 high school graduates that is compiled by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. College enrollment data was presented for the 50 school districts in the College's service area. Mr. John said that of the 5,075 students who graduated from service area high schools in 2020, 2,100 were enrolled in a Texas college or university for the 2020 fall semester for a 41.38 percent attendance rate. This rate compares to a 44.9 percent college-going rate entire state for 2020. Of the 2,100 students who enrolled in college, 977 enrolled at SPC for a market share of 46.5 percent. Mr. John said that while the number of service area students graduating from high school has increased slightly, the percentage of graduates attending college dropped 4.8 percentage points, primarily due to the coronavirus pandemic and other economic factors. He noted that other factors that affects college attendance in the region is that families are not prepared financially to pay for college. He said financial aid has become more important for students attending SPC. Additionally, SPC's share of these graduates declined 3.2 percentage points due to the coronavirus as well as changes in admissions standards at regional universities.

The Chairman then called on the President to report. Dr. Satterwhite presented the proposed budget in exhibit #4676. The budget includes a 3% pay increase for all full-time employees. Mr. Ellis made a motion to approve the pay increase for all full-time employees with Mr. Alexander seconding. The vote to approve was unanimous with Mr. Edens and Mr. Gregory abstaining following their disclosure of familial relationships. Dr. Satterwhite then presented the proposed tax rate of \$0.392703. Mr. Ellis made the motion to meet on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. Mr. Edens seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Dr. Satterwhite then presented a bid to consider having the tennis courts on the Levelland campus resurfaced in exhibit #4677. Mr. Gregory made the motion to approve the bid as presented. Mr. Mara seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous. Dr. Satterwhite also distributed the 2021 CCATT Board of Trustees Conference Agenda scheduled for September 16-18, 2021 in Austin, TX; exhibit #4678. All Board members are invited to attend along with Dr. Satterwhite.

Finally, Dr. Satterwhite updated the Board on the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the accommodations faculty and staff are making to keep students and employees safe during these unprecedented times.

To end the meeting, Board members toured the newly renovated Science Building on the Levelland campus. Students will be utilizing the renovated portion of the building beginning Fall 2021. Phase II of the renovations are still ongoing.

Meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Secretary