

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BLINN COLLEGE**

**Board Room
Third Floor, Administration Building
Blinn College, 802 Green Street
Brenham, Texas**

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, November 17, 2015, 6:30 p.m.

The Board of Trustees convened at 6:34 p.m. in the Board Room with the following members present: Mr. David Sommer, President, presiding; Mr. Douglas R. Borchardt, Vice President; Mrs. Stacy Aschenbeck; Mrs. Theodora “Teddy” V. Boehm; Mr. Charles R. Moser; and Mr. Richard Powell.

Board members not present: Mr. Atwood C. Kenjura, Secretary

ITEM 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN AND TEXAS FLAGS

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Sommer. Trustee Sommer thanked Trustee Borchardt for presiding over the October regular Board meeting. He announced the appointment of Ms. Nancy Berry, Mayor of the City of College Station and Ms. Ann Horton, former Mayor, Pro Tem, City of Bryan, to the Blinn College Board of Trustees. Ms. Berry and Ms. Horton will be sworn in at the December 15th meeting in Bryan. He welcomed them and told the audience how excited he is to have them join the Board.

Ms. Rheagan Burton, Resident Hall Association President, led the prayer, and Mr. Austin Russell, Student Government Association President, led the pledge.

ITEM 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ITEM 3. DISTRICT PRESIDENT/CEO ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Dr. Mary Hensley, District President/CEO, introduced Mr. Mel Waxler, Executive Vice President/General Counsel and Mrs. Laurie Clark, Special Assistant to the Executive Vice President/General Counsel. Dr. Hensley reviewed the list of employees who reached a service award milestone this year. (A copy of the PowerPoint Presentation containing the list of employees is attached and made a part of these *Minutes*). Dr. Hensley announced that the volleyball team is on its way to the National Championships. She gave the Board an update on the indoor athletic facility and ongoing fundraising efforts. She publicly thanked Mr. Doyle Coatney for his donation of \$750,000 to make the project possible. She reviewed recent events that she has attended, as well as upcoming events and invitations. She introduced four Doctoral students observing the Board meeting as a part of their program. (A copy of Dr. Hensley’s report is attached and made a part of these *Minutes*).

ITEM 4. REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND LIST OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2015

Ms. Annette Ferguson, Assistant Vice President/Controller, reviewed highlights from the Financial Statement and List of Checks for the period ending October 31, 2015. (A copy of the Financial Statement and List of Checks, as well as a PowerPoint Presentation are attached and made a part of these *Minutes*). Ms. Ferguson also reviewed variances between 2014 and 2015 for both revenues and expenses. Trustee Borchardt inquired as to how the parking system changes are going. Dr. Jimmy Byrd, Interim Executive Director, Bryan Campus, responded. Ms. Ferguson addressed questions related to Workforce Education revenue variances.

CONSENT ITEMS

- ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE OCTOBER 5, 2015, SPECIAL MEETING AND OCTOBER 20, 2015, REGULAR MEETING**
- ITEM 6. REVISE BOARD POLICIES:**
- A) **DEE (LOCAL): COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS - EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT**
 - B) **DK (LOCAL): PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**
 - C) **FFD (LOCAL): STUDENT WELFARE - FREEDOM FROM DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT, AND RETALIATION**
 - D) **FK (LOCAL): STUDENT ACTIVITIES**
 - E) **FLBE (LOCAL): STUDENT CONDUCT - ALCOHOL AND DRUG USE**
 - F) **GFA (LOCAL): COMMUNITY USE OF COLLEGE DISTRICT FACILITIES - CONDUCT ON COLLEGE DISTRICT PREMISES**
- ITEM 7. CAST VOTES BY RESOLUTION FOR FIVE (5) CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY TAX APPRAISAL DISTRICT TO SERVE TWO-YEAR TERMS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2016**
- ITEM 8. APPOINTMENT AND RE-APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE SEALY CAMPUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

On a motion by Trustee Borchardt, seconded by Trustee Boehm, the Board voted unanimously to approve **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 5-8: ITEM 5** - Minutes for the October 5, 2015, Special Meeting, and October 20, 2015, Regular Meeting. (Copies of the Minutes are attached and made a part of these *Minutes*); **ITEM 6** - Revisions of Board policies: DEE (LOCAL): Compensation and Benefits - Expense Reimbursement; DK (LOCAL): Professional Development; FFD (LOCAL): Student Welfare - Freedom From Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation; FK (LOCAL): Student Activities; FLBE (LOCAL): Student Conduct - Alcohol and Drug Use, and GFA (LOCAL): Community Use of College District Facilities - Conduct on College District Premises. (Copies of the Policies are attached and made a part of these *Minutes*); **ITEM 7** - The Administration to cast votes by Resolution for five (5) candidates for membership on the Board of Directors for Washington County Tax Appraisal District to serve two-year terms beginning January 1, 2016. (A copy of the letter from the Washington County Appraisal District and the Resolution to cast votes are attached and made a part of these *Minutes*); **ITEM 8** - The appointment of Mr. Ryan Svoboda and Ms. Diane Holub to the Sealy Campus Advisory Committee for two year terms ending December 2017, and the re-appointment of Mr. Robert Fait and Ms. Megan Oliver to serve an additional two year term ending December 2017, to the Sealy Campus Advisory Committee, as presented by the Administration. (Copies of the Bios for Mr. Ryan Svoboda and Ms. Diane Holub are attached and made a part of these *Minutes*).

- ITEM 9. AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATION TO AWARD REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR A CONSTRUCTION MANAGER-AT-RISK TWO-STEP PROCESS FOR THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ON THE BRYAN WEST CAMPUS (F.M. 2818 AND LEONARD ROAD)**

Mr. Richard O'Malley, Executive Director, Facilities, Planning and Construction, reviewed the process utilized to review the Request for Qualifications for the Construction Manager at Risk.

On a motion by Trustee Moser, seconded by Trustee Powell, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Administration to negotiate a Construction Manager at Risk contract with Vaughn Construction for the

construction of Phase 1 improvements on the Bryan West Campus. (Copies of the Evaluation Summary and Fee Proposals are attached and made a part of these *Minutes*).

ITEM 10. AUTHORIZE TERMINATION OF PHASE 2, AMENDMENT 3 OF THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER-AT-RISK CONTRACT FOR THE BRYAN CAMPUS EXPANSION PROJECT

Mr. O'Malley made a recommendation to table item 10 until a future meeting.

On a motion by Trustee Boehm, seconded by Trustee Aschenbeck, the Board voted unanimously to table item 10 until a future meeting, as recommended.

ITEM 11. CONSIDER ALL MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF "WASHINGTON COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT COMBINED FEE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2015" INCLUDING THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS

Ms. Kelli D. Shomaker, Senior Vice President, Finance and Administrative Services/CFO, introduced Mr. Steven Adams, CFA, Managing Director, Specialized Public Finance, Inc. Mr. Adams reviewed the process to receive ratings for the bonds. He stated that he is very pleased that the ratings were kept the same. He reviewed the bids that were received on this bond issue. He also discussed the college's debt service overview. (A copy of the draft Resolution is attached and made a part of these *Minutes*). Mr. Adams responded to questions from the Board.

On a motion by Trustee Borchardt, seconded by Trustee Moser, the Board voted unanimously to award \$9,625,000 Combined Fee Revenue Bonds, Series 2015 to Robert W. Baird and Company Inc.

The Board was recessed for further discussion at 7:31 p.m.

ITEM 12. RECESS FOR CLOSED SESSION (AS AUTHORIZED BY GOV'T. CODE, SEC. 551.101)

The Board convened in Closed Session at 7:40 p.m.

ITEM 13. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

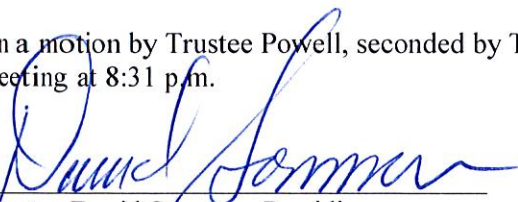
The Board reconvened in public session at 8:30 p.m.

ITEM 14: ACTION ON THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, LEASE OR VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY, SOUTH OF THE BLINN COLLEGE CAMPUS IN BRENHAM, WASHINGTON COUNTY, TEXAS

On a motion by Trustee Aschenbeck, seconded by Trustee Moser, the Board voted to authorize the Administration to make an offer at the assessed value for real property south of the Blinn College campus in Brenham, Washington County, Texas.

ITEM 15. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Trustee Powell, seconded by Trustee Aschenbeck, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m.


 Trustee David Sommer, Presiding
 President


 Trustee Atwood C. Kenjura
 Secretary