

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BLINN COLLEGE**

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

Special Meeting, Tuesday, September 11, 2007

The Board of Trustees convened at 7 p.m. in the Board Room with the following members present: Mr. Steve M. Westbrook, President, presiding; Mr. Atwood C. Kenjura, Vice President; Mr. Norwood Lange, Secretary; Dr. Henry J. Boehm, Jr., Dr. Don Jones and Mr. Leon Toubin.

Board members not present: Mr. L.J. Lacina, Jr.

Members of the college staff in attendance were: Dr. Donald E. Voelter, President; Mr. John D. Barkman, Dr. John D. Harris, Dr. Daniel J. Holt and Dr. Debra R. LaCour, vice presidents; Dr. Dennis Crowson, Mr. Dennis Kocich, Mr. Joe Al Picone and Ms. Athena Russell.

Also registered as in attendance were: Mr. Pat Elliott, Mr. Charles Thielemann, Mr. John Muegge, Mr. Ed Pothul, KTTX-KWHI, and Mr. Gary Engel, *Brenham Banner-Press*.

ITEM 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mr. Westbrook called the meeting to order.

ITEM 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Pat Elliott spoke against any tax increase for the college district.

Mr. Charles Thielemann spoke against any tax increase for the college district.

Mr. John Muegge spoke in favor of the college's taxes as an investment in the community.

ITEM 3. REVIEW AND ACTION TO SET TAX RATE FOR 2007

Mr. Westbrook read a proposed resolution and order for setting of the tax rate for 2007.

Mr. Kenjura made a statement about the role and duty of the members of the Board to act in the best interests of the college. Mr. Kenjura then made a motion to adopt a tax rate of \$.0548 for 2007 to be used for maintenance and operations. His motion was seconded by Dr. Boehm and the Board voted to adopt the resolution and order setting the 2007 tax rate at \$.0548 per \$100 of valuation.

**ITEM 4. REVIEW AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATION TO SEEK
AND APPROVE BIDS FOR RENOVATIONS TO HOUSE AT 904 GREEN
STREET IN BRENHAM TO BE USED AS OFFICES FOR THE WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT STAFF**

Dr. Holt reviewed the recommendation of the administration that the college-owned house at 904 Green Street be renovated at a projected cost of approximately \$40,000 to be used as offices for the college's Workforce Education staff. He indicated the move is necessary as the Workforce staff must move out of their present offices in the C.F. Schmidt Building which is to be renovated for use by the choir and art programs. On a motion by Mr. Lange, seconded by Mr. Toubin, the Board voted to approve the project as recommended. On a motion by Mr. Kenjura, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board voted to

amend the motion to limit the expenditures on the project to a maximum of \$40,000 without additional Board approval. The Board voted in favor of the amended motion.

Dr. Voelter announced the college has received \$30,000 in additional funds from the Schulenburg Economic Development Corporation Board.

ITEM 5. RECESS FOR CLOSED SESSION (AS AUTHORIZED BY GOV'T. CODE, SEC. 551.101)

The public session was recessed at 7:46 p.m.

ITEM 6. CLOSED SESSION

- (A) EVALUATION AND EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL (GOV'T. CODE, SEC. 551.074)
- (B) DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY IN BRENHAM, BRYAN AND SCHULENBURG (GOV'T. CODE, SEC. 551.072)

ITEM 7. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

The public session was reconvened at 8:18 p.m.

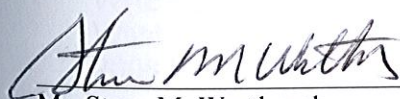
ITEM 8. REVIEW AND ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

- (A) REVIEW AND ACTION ON FACULTY AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF CONTRACTS
- (B) REVIEW AND ACTION TO PURCHASE, EXCHANGE OR LEASE REAL PROPERTY IN BRENHAM, BRYAN AND SCHULENBURG

On a motion by Dr. Boehm, seconded by Mr. Toubin, the Board voted to employ new professional staff on one-year contracts for the 2007-2008 school year (a copy of the list of persons employed is attached and made a part of these *Minutes*).

ITEM 9. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Kenjura, seconded by Mr. Lange, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



 Mr. Steve M. Westbrook
 President



 Mr. Norwood Lange
 Secretary