

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BLINN COLLEGE**

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

**Special Retreat Meeting, Wednesday, November 12, 2008, 6:00 p.m.**

The Board of Trustees convened at 6:11 p.m. in the Board Room with the following members present: Mr. Atwood C. Kenjura, President, presiding; Mr. Leon B. Toubin, Vice President; Mr. Don Jones, Secretary; Dr. Henry J. Boehm, Jr., Mr. L.J. Lacina, Jr., Mr. Norwood Lange and Mr. Steve Westbrook.

Board members not present: None.

Members of the college staff in attendance were: Dr. Daniel J. Holt, President; Dr. John D. Harris, Dr. Debra R. LaCour and Dr. Van Miller, Vice Presidents; Ms. Cathy Boeker, Executive Administrator of External Affairs; Dr. Donald E. Voelter, Chancellor; Dr. Cathy Kemper, Mr. Joe Al Picone, Dr. Milton Radke, Mr. James Thomas, Jr., Ms. Ann Weir and Dr. Michel Zuch.

Also registered as in attendance were: Mr. Brad Cutright, Cutright & Allen, Inc; Mr. Alan Nieschwietz, *Brenham Banner-Press*; Mr. John Pledger, Jones & Gutev Engineers; Mr. Reese Swincher, SGA; and Mr. Stephen Wehring, SGA.

**ITEM 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Kenjura.

**ITEM 2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**ITEM 3. ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Holt announced there are 12 participants in the Schulenburg LVN Program for Spring 2009.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has given a recommendation to the Legislative Budget Board for Biennium funding for Blinn College. Dr. Holt told the Board that he was pleased with the recommendation.

**RETREAT ITEMS:**

**ITEM 4. OPEN DISCUSSION ON FUNDING FOR THE EXEMPLARY STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Dr. Michel Zuch distributed a packet of information and reviewed the Hallstein and the L.G. Herzog Scholarship documents. She also reviewed the proposed amended criteria for the Exemplary Student Scholarship (copies of these documents are attached and made a part of these *Minutes*). Dr. Zuch responded to questions from the Board. A discussion took place on various scholarship programs and possible funding options.

#### **ITEM 5. OPEN DISCUSSION ON BRENHAM CAMPUS HOUSING NEEDS**

Dr. John Harris distributed a handout which reflected Housing Occupancy from Fall 2006 thru Fall 2008 (a copy of the handout is attached and made a part of these *Minutes*). It was discussed that one option is to lease property to companies who build campus housing and manage the property at little or no cost to the college. A discussion took place on the cost of the maintenance of dormitories and apartments compared to the income they produce. The question was asked how long it would take to gather information about companies who lease and manage property. And, if the college were to build the dormitories, it would take revenue bonds to do so. It was also discussed that the Brenham campus is estimated to have the classroom capacity for an enrollment of 3,000 – 3,500 students.

#### **ITEM 6. OPEN DISCUSSION ON BRYAN CAMPUS FACILITIES**

Mr. Richard O'Malley discussed building a new parking lot and renovating an existing lot. The cost for both is estimated to be \$1 million dollars. He also discussed the classroom expansion and office space renovation project, and the possibility of utilizing facilities owned by Bryan Independent School District. The possible effect on enrollment the proposed renovations may have was also discussed.

#### **ITEM 7. MISSION AND VISION DEVELOPMENT**

Dr. Cathy Kemper distributed and reviewed an update of the Strategic Planning process (a copy of this Strategic Planning Update is attached and made a part of these *Minutes*). The Strategic Planning Committee has been working to finalize the mission statement. Dr. Kemper explained the employee survey and reviewed the results. She also stated that a student survey via a focus group will occur on November 13, 2008.

#### **ITEM 8. RECESS FOR CLOSED SESSION (AS AUTHORIZED BY GOV'T. CODE, SEC. 551.101)**

The public was recessed for a closed session at 8:07 p.m.

#### **CLOSED SESSION:**

#### **ITEM 9. 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)**

(C) CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY RELATIVE TO PENDING OR  
CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION (*GOV'T. CODE, SEC. 551.071*)

**ITEM 10. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION**

The public session was reconvened at 10:01 p.m.

**ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS:**

**ITEM 11. 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. Lange, the Board voted to employ Ms. Harriet McElreath, Programmer, Brenham Campus, on a one-year contract for the remainder of the 2008-09 school year (a copy of the list of person(s) employed is attached and made a part of these *Minutes*).

**ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mr. Westbrook, seconded by Mr. Lacina, the meeting was adjourned at 10:03 p.m.



Mr. Atwood C. Kenjura  
President



Mr. Don Jones  
Secretary