

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BLINN COLLEGE**

**Heartland Country Inn
Dining Hall
9402 Palestine Road (CR 68)
Brenham, Texas**

Workshop, Wednesday, October 14, 2009, 5:30 p.m.

The Board of Trustees convened at 5:42 p.m. in the Dining Hall of the Heartland Country Inn with the following members present: Mr. Atwood C. Kenjura, President, presiding; Mr. Leon B. Toubin, Vice President; Mr. Don Jones, Secretary; Mr. L.J. Lacina, Jr., Mr. Norwood Lange, and Mr. Steve Westbrook.

Board members not present: Dr. Henry J. Boehm, Jr.

Members of the College staff in attendance were: Dr. Daniel J. Holt, President; Dr. Robert Brick, Dr. John D. Harris, Dr. Debra R. LaCour, and Dr. Van Miller, Vice Presidents; Ms. Cathy Boeker, Executive Administrator of External Affairs; Dr. Cathy Kemper, Dean of Institutional Effectiveness and Accreditation; and Mr. Richard O'Malley.

Also registered as in attendance were: Mr. Alan Nieschwietz, *Brenham Banner-Press*.

ITEM 1. ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no administrative announcements.

ITEM 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

WORKSHOP ITEMS:

ITEM 3. OPEN DISCUSSION ON PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT TOPICS

Dr. Holt distributed copies of a *Sealy News* article concerning maintenance tax. He discussed the possibility of a Sealy Independent School District maintenance tax at either \$0.02 per \$100 valuation, which would generate approximately \$200,000.00, or \$0.03 per valuation, which would generate approximately \$300,000.00 (a copy of the *Sealy News* article is attached and made a part of these *Minutes*). It was discussed that the possibility of a maintenance tax in Sealy is in the hands of the voters. Dr. Holt also discussed the possibility of the maintenance tax supporting more of a Technical Education Center facility rather than a strictly academic facility. Dr. Holt discussed the possibility of Lone Star College or Houston Community College building a campus in Katy, and the possible impact that would have on our Sealy campus. Various competitors and threats of the College as well as potential opportunities were informally discussed.

The need for a College Tuition and Fee increase was discussed.

Board organization and possible committee structure was discussed. The need for a review of the Administration and Staff salary structure was discussed as well as Faculty longevity pay.

Discussion of Board member term limits took place.

The possibility of naming a building or room in honor of distinguished retirees was also discussed.

ITEM 4. OPEN DISCUSSION ON FACILITIES PLANNING

Dr. Holt distributed information on facility needs and bonding capacity for Blinn College (a copy of the available debt capacity is attached and made a part of these *Minutes*). Dr. Holt shared with the Board that Mr. Steven Adams of Specialized Public Finance, Incorporated, estimates that the College has in excess of \$40 million in bonding capacity. Dr. Holt reviewed the current facility needs of the Brenham and Bryan campuses. He discussed the need for space for two programs that are thought to be possible growth areas, especially on the Brenham Campus, which are Agriculture and Fine Arts. Possible locations for a new Brenham Campus Science Building were discussed. The Board had an open discussion about facility needs and financing options.

ITEM 5. OPEN DISCUSSION ON PROGRAM PLANNING

Dr. Holt distributed copies of the results from a poll in the *Brenham Banner-Press* regarding Blinn's Football Program and Facilities (a copy of the poll results is attached and made a part of these *Minutes*).

Dr. Miller distributed copies of Athletic financial information and discussed Athletic Programs and associated revenues and expenses (a copy of the Athletic financial information is attached and made a part of these *Minutes*). The value of the Athletic Program to the College was discussed. Dr. Miller reviewed the financials of Athletics. Discussion of other Community Colleges with Football Programs which encompass issues such as expenses and revenues took place. Brenham campus enrollment as it relates to Athletics was also discussed.

Discussion turned to the value of the Bryan Campus to the College, as well as, Academic Standards for all campuses.

The Board would like to revisit the Athletic program issue at a future workshop.

The meeting was recessed for dinner at 7:03 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:46 p.m.

ITEM 4. OPEN DISCUSSION ON FACILITIES PLANNING

Following dinner, the Board resumed the discussion concerning facilities planning. Discussion continued on the Football Stadium Facilities, other Blinn College Facility needs, and financing options.

Mr. Toubin inquired about how the \$40 million bonding capacity was calculated. Dr. Miller distributed figures of debt service and shared with the Board the reasons for the bond capacity according to Mr. Adams (a copy of the debt service figures are attached and made a part of these *Minutes*). He also reviewed the College's ability to service the proposed debt.

The Texas A&M University Health Science Center lease's annual cost and impact on enrollment was discussed.

The Board was made aware that a City of Bryan ordinance will require that the Blinn College Bryan campus add an additional 1,000 parking spaces.

The future need for an additional campus in Bryan and the capacity concerns of the current Bryan campus were discussed.

It was discussed that the Brazos County area would like a Technical Education Center.

The food service expansion needs of the Bryan campus were discussed.

Discussion took place on the Performing Arts Center needs and the possibilities of a Bryan Campus Fine Arts Program expansion.

The possibility of a Public Facilities Corporation being used as a financing vehicle for potential dorm needs was discussed.

Discussion took place on the Agricultural Program, Mechanic Shop location, and space location possibilities.

CLOSED SESSION:

ITEM 6. RECESS FOR CLOSED SESSION (AS AUTHORIZED BY GOV'T. CODE, SEC. 551.101)

The public was recessed for a closed session at 9:05 p.m.

ITEM 7. CLOSED SESSION

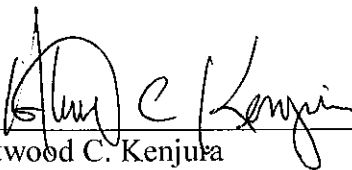
(A) DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY IN BRENHAM, BRYAN, SCHULENBURG AND SEALY (GOV'T. CODE, SEC. 551.072)

ITEM 8. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

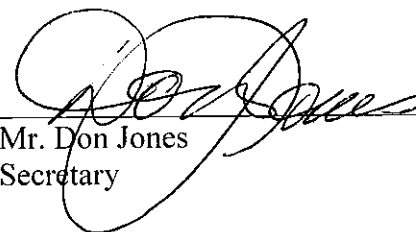
The public session was reconvened at 9:35 p.m.

ITEM 9. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Lange, seconded by Mr. Westbrook, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.



Mr. Atwood C. Kenjura
President



Mr. Don Jones
Secretary