MINUTES BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BLINN COLLEGE

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

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, June 16, 2009, 7 p.m.

The Board of Trustees convened at 7:07 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., and Mr. Steve Westbrook.

Board members not present: Mr. Norwood Lange.

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; Ms. Karen Anglin, Mr. Tex Davis, Mr. Brian Gonyer, Mr. Ted Hajovsky, Mr. Bobby Henrichsen, Mr. Richard O'Malley, Mr. Joe Al Picone, Dr. Milton Radke, Ms. Karla Roper, Mr. Jeff Tilley, Ms. Mary Barnes-Tilley, and Ms. Ann Weir.

Also registered as in attendance were: Mr. Alan Nieschwietz, *Brenham Banner-Press*; and Mr. Frank Wagner, KTTX-KWHI.

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

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Kenjura. The pledge was led by Mr. Kenjura and the prayer was given by Mr. Westbrook.

ITEM 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Karen Anglin spoke on the significance of the Faculty Teaching Load and Compensation Inequity proposal submitted at the Budget Workshop. This is the first joint proposal of the Faculty Senate and Division Chairs.

ITEM 3. REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND LIST OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING MAY 31, 2009

Dr. Miller reviewed the financials for the period ending May 31, 2009 (copies of the financial statement and list of checks are attached and made a part of these *Minutes*). Mr. Jones asked about the money from the vetoed insurance appropriations. A brief discussion took place about current year state appropriations. Mr. Toubin inquired about interest rates on the investment statements and suggested that the College look into having a professional investor to assist with the investments.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- ITEM 4. REVIEW AND ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MAY 19, 2009, REGULAR MEETING AND THE JUNE 8, 2009, SPECIAL MEETING
- ITEM 5. REVIEW AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATION TO SEEK AND AWARD REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR A TIME AND ATTENDANCE SYSTEM TO SUPPLEMENT THE COLLEGE'S BI-TECH HUMAN RESOURCES SYSTEM CURRENTLY UTILIZED BY ALL FOUR CAMPUSES
- ITEM 6. REVIEW AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATION TO SEEK BIDS FOR GROCERY AND FROZEN PRODUCTS, MEAT AND PROCESSED MEAT, MILK PRODUCTS, AND BREAD PRODUCTS FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2009 FEBRUARY 28, 2010
- ITEM 7. REVIEW AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATION TO SEEK AND AWARD BIDS FOR FOOTBALL, VOLLEYBALL, BAND, CHEER AND DANCE BUS TRAVEL FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2009 DECEMBER 31, 2009

On a motion by Mr. Westbrook, seconded by Dr. Boehm, the Board voted to approve CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 4-7: ITEM 4 - Minutes for the May 19, 2009, Regular Meeting and the June 8, 2009, Special Meeting; ITEM 5 - to authorize the Administration to Seek and Award Requests for Proposals (RFP) for a Time and Attendance System to supplement the College's Bi-Tech Human Resources System currently utilized by all four campuses; ITEM 6 - to authorize the Administration to Seek Bids for Grocery and Frozen Products, Meat and Processed Meat, Milk Products, and Bread Products for the period of September 1, 2009 - February 28, 2010; and ITEM 7 - to authorize the Administration to Seek and Award Bids for Football, Volleyball, Band, Cheer and Dance Bus Travel for the period of September 1, 2009 - December 31, 2009 as presented by the Administration.

REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER NON-ACTION ITEMS:

ITEM 8. REPORTS:

• BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Mr. Richard O'Malley reported on the current construction projects for the various campuses. He also advised the Board of the minor repairs taking place in the Dorms during the Summer.

Mr. Jones inquired about the status of Cub Stadium discussions with the Brenham Independent School District. Mr. O'Malley said that preliminary works to enter into discussions are taking place at this time.

Mr. O'Malley discussed the proposed Tom Green Street expansion. The Board asked the Administration to respond to community comments that suggest Blinn is pushing the project. The point was made by various Board members that Blinn certainly supports the expansion and it would benefit the College, but the College is not pushing the issue.

• ENROLLMENT AND HOUSING OCCUPANCY FOR SUMMER I

Dr. Harris reported that enrollment for Summer I is down by 206 students (a copy of the enrollment for the Summer I session is attached and made a part of these *Minutes*). He stated that this is largely due to an increase in enrollment during the May Minimester, as well as, perhaps more students staying at home and taking classes at their local college during the summer due to the economy (a copy of the housing report for the Summer I session is attached and made a part of these *Minutes*).

• 81st LEGISLATIVE SESSION RE-CAP

Dr. Don Voelter stated that several bills impacting the College are currently awaiting the Governor's signature, but the Texas Association of Community Colleges has taken the position not to report on those bills before they are signed. Dr. Voelter reviewed appropriations (copies of information pertaining to appropriations, funding, employee benefits and the status of bills are attached and made a part of these *Minutes*). He reported that the Star of the Republic Museum received \$100,000.00 of Stimulus Funds for the Texas Revolution Website Project. Dr. Voelter also reviewed the issue of proportionality.

TECHNOLOGY CENTER

Dr. Milton Radke distributed an update report regarding the Technical Education Center (a copy of the report is attached and made a part of these *Minutes*). He reviewed the proposed programs for the Technical Education Center and a proposed organizational chart. Dr. Radke advised the Board that the donated furniture and supplies from Citibank will be utilized in the Technical Education Center. Dr. Radke thanked the Board for their support and responded to questions from the Board about the Technical Education Center.

ITEM 9. ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Holt announced the following:

A) Upcoming Events

- 1) The Juneteenth Parade, June 20, 2009, at 10:30 a.m.
- 2) The Washington-on-the-Brazos 4th of July Celebration, July 4, 2009, starting at 4:30 p.m.
- 3) Texas Association of Community Colleges conference July 7-11, 2009, in Fort Worth.

B) Achieving the Dream

Blinn College has been awarded a two-year grant for Achieving the Dream, which is an initiative that strives to increase student success.

ITEM 10. RECESS FOR CLOSED SESSION (AS AUTHORIZED BY GOV'T. CODE, SEC. 551.101)

The public was recessed for a closed session at 8:19 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

ITEM 11. 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 12. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

The public session was reconvened at 8:45 p.m.

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS:

ITEM 13. 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. Westbrook, the Board voted to employ new Faculty and Professional Staff on one-year contracts for the 2009-2010 school year and to employ faculty for the Summer I 2009 semester (copies of the lists of persons employed is attached and made a part of these *Minutes*).

ITEM 14. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Westbrook, seconded by Dr. Boehm, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Mr. Atwood C. Kenjura

President

Mr. Don Jones

Secretary