

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BLINN COLLEGE**

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

Special Meeting, Tuesday, September 3, 2013, 12:00 p.m.

The Board of Trustees convened at 12:07 p.m. in the Board Room with the following members present: Mr. Douglas R. Borchardt, President, presiding; Mr. Atwood C. Kenjura, Vice President; Mr. Norwood Lange; Mrs. Carolyn D. Miller, CPA and Mr. Leon B. Toubin.

Board members not present: Dr. Henry J. Boehm, Jr.; Mr. David Sommer, Secretary.

Members of the College staff in attendance were: Dr. Harold Nolte, District President; Ms. Sylvia McMullen, Interim President, Brazos County Campuses; Ms. Kelli Shomaker, Senior Vice President, Finance and Administrative Services/CFO; Dr. John Beaver, Interim Vice President Academic Affairs/CAO; Dr. Cynthia Griffith, Vice President Allied Health Sciences; Ms. Cathy Boeker, Associate Vice President, Institutional Advancement/Governmental Affairs; Ms. Kris Beckendorf; Mr. Rich Bray; Ms. Susan Myers; Mr. Richard O'Malley; Dr. Greg Phillips and Ms. Rebecca Ruffino.

Also registered as in attendance were: Mr. Pat Elliott and Mr. Charles Thielemann.

ITEM 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Borchardt. The pledge was led by Dr. Nolte and the prayer was given by Dr. Nolte.

ITEM 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

PUBLIC HEARING:

ITEM 3. REVIEW OF PROPOSAL TO ADOPT A TAX RATE THAT EXCEEDS THE EFFECTIVE RATE

Ms. Shomaker reviewed the proposal to adopt a tax rate that exceeds the effective rate. She reviewed the recent history of the tax rate and the expenses on the Brenham Campus eligible to be paid by tax revenue.

ITEM 4. FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSAL TO INCREASE TOTAL TAX REVENUES FROM PROPERTIES ON THE TAX ROLL IN THE PRECEDING TAX YEAR BY 7.72 PERCENT

Mr. Borchardt opened the public hearing on the proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 7.72%.

Mr. Pat Elliott, property owner, expressed frustration with the Board's proposal to increase taxes. He suggested that the Board increase tuition to cover the cost. He distributed to the Board a copy of Education Code 130.032 (a copy of Education Code is attached and made a part of these *Minutes*). He threatened to contact the Texas Education Agency and ask them to take action against Blinn College for violation of Education Code 130.032. Mr. Elliott also threatened to draft a letter to Bryan/College Station media suggesting that Brazos County form their own community college.

Mr. Thielemann addressed the Board concerning Texas Education Code 130.032. He feels that the Board disproportionately charges tuition between in-district and out-of-district tuition. He feels that it is against the law. If he is proven incorrect, he committed to provide an apology to the Board. He asked that the Board do the calculation.

Mr. Borchardt thanked Mr. Thielmann and Mr. Elliott for their comments.

ITEM 5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR SECOND PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSAL TO INCREASE TOTAL TAX REVENUES FROM PROPERTIES ON THE TAX ROLL IN THE PRECEDING TAX YEAR BY 7.72 PERCENT

Mr. Borchardt announced that the second public hearing will be held Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room at 802 Green Street, Brenham, Texas.

Mrs. Miller thanked the public for their comments and invited others to exercise their right to speak as well. She spoke about the positive economic impact Blinn College has on the local community. She asked for the friends of Blinn and others to voice their opinion to assist the Board in making an informed decision on the proposed tax rate.

ITEM 6. RECESS FOR CLOSED SESSION (AS AUTHORIZED BY *Gov't. Code, Sec. 551.101*)

The public was recessed for closed session at 12:29 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

- (A) Personnel Matters (*Gov't. Code, Sec. 551.074*)
 - i. Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of Public Employees or Officers
- (B) Real Property (*Gov't. Code, Sec. 551.072*)
 - i. Discussion of possible purchase, exchange or lease of real property in Brenham, Bryan, Schulenburg and Sealy
 - ii. Discussion of possible purchase of a 1.35 acre tract of land in the Lovett Subdivision in Bryan, Texas

ITEM 7. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

The public session was reconvened at 1:04 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS:

ITEM 8. ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

- (A) Review and Action on Faculty and Professional Staff Contracts
- (B) Review and Action to purchase a 1.35 acre tract of land in the Lovett Subdivision in Bryan, Texas

On a motion by Mr. Toubin, seconded by Mrs. Miller, the Board voted to employ new full-time faculty and professional staff on one-year contracts, as presented by the administration (a copy of the list of persons employed is attached and made a part of these *Minutes*).

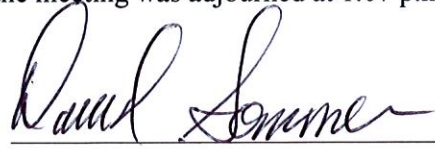
On a motion by Mr. Toubin, seconded by Mr. Lange, the Board voted to approve the purchase of a 1.35 acre tract of land in the Lovett Subdivision and authorize the administration to take all further action to effectuate the transaction including negotiating, finalizing, and executing a contract with the seller on terms discussed in closed session, and executing any other documents required for closing.

ITEM 9. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Kenjura, the meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m.



Mr. Douglas R. Borchardt
President



Mr. David Sommer
Secretary