

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BLINN COLLEGE**

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

Special Meeting, Tuesday, June 17, 2014, 6:30 p.m.

The Board of Trustees convened at 6:30 p.m., in the Board Room with the following members present: Mr. Douglas R. Borchardt, President, presiding; Mr. Atwood C. Kenjura, Vice President; Mr. David Sommer, Secretary; Mrs. Theodora "Teddy" V. Boehm; Mrs. Carolyn D. Miller, CPA and Mr. Leon B. Toubin.

Board members not present: Mr. Norwood Lange.

Members of the College staff in attendance were: Dr. Harold Nolte, District President; Dr. Sylvia McMullen, President, Brazos County Campuses; Ms. Kelli Shomaker, Senior Vice President, Finance and Administrative Services/CFO; Dr. Dennis Crowson, Senior Vice President, Student Services; Dr. Cynthia Griffith, Vice President, Instruction; Ms. Cathy Boeker, Associate Vice President, Government & Public Affairs; Mr. Tony Adam; Mr. Richard Bray; Dr. Blanche Brick; Dr. Robert Brick; Ms. Karen Buck; Ms. Lisa Caton; Ms. Brooke Conrad; Dr. Linda Jones; Mr. Steve Kirkpatrick; Dr. Diane Lovell; Ms. Susan Myers; Mr. Jeff Tilley; and Dr. Patricia Westergaard.

Also registered as in attendance were: Ms. Jennifer Anderson, Austin County Judge Carolyn Bilski, Ms. Joyce Johnson, Ms. Katy Lane, Dr. John Lawler, Ms. Lynn Lawler, Ms. Bonnie Mallen, Mr. Kevin Murphy, Mr. Michael Schaefer, Ms. Sandra Schaefer, Mr. Ryan Skrobarzyk, Ms. Christine Stetter, Mr. John Stetter, Mr. Adrian Vogel, Ms. Cheryl Wenck, Mr. Larry Whiz, Mrs. Mary Whiz and Mr. Henry Whittner, concerned citizens; Mr. Kyle Cunningham, **Brenham Banner-Press**; Mr. Allen Reed, The Eagle; Mr. Chris Costa, KAGS and Mr. Patrick Zeinert, WTAW.

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. Sommer and the prayer was given by Mr. Sommer.

NON-ACTION ITEMS:

ITEM 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Borchardt reviewed the Board's guidelines regarding public comment.

Mr. Kevin Murphy, College Station resident, discussed reasons Blinn College should not locate a satellite campus in the Lynntech property. He highlighted traffic congestion concerns. He discussed the positive features of the Bryan property.

Ms. Katy Lane, College Station resident, expressed concern about the possibility of jeopardizing the family friendliness of the adjacent neighborhoods.

Dr. Blanche Brick, Professor, Social Science, thanked the Board for the opportunity to present her concerns. She asked the Board to give serious consideration to the failures of this Administration and to their disregard for shared governance (a copy of Dr. Brick's written comments are attached and made a part of these *Minutes*).

Dr. Linda Jones, Professor, Psychology, expressed her concern that the Resolution of No Confidence is the result of serious administrative missteps and that the campuses do not have a common vision as to the requirements for Blinn's success (a copy of Dr. Jones' written comments are attached and made a part of these *Minutes*).

Dr. John Lawler, College Station resident, discussed property options available to Blinn College (a copy of Dr. Lawler's written comments are attached and made a part of these *Minutes*). He highlighted reasons he is in favor of the Bryan property and against the College Station property, focusing mainly on the cost associated with lab space.

Ms. Lynn Lawler, College Station resident, distributed additional signatures to the Petition against Blinn College purchasing the College Station property (a copy of additional signatures to the Petition are attached and made a part of these *Minutes*). Currently 442 residents have signed the Petition, which was presented at the June 16, 2014, Board meeting. She welcomes Blinn College in College Station, at an alternative site. She cited one of the comments from the Petition.

Mr. Adrian Vogel, College Station resident, read a letter from a local homeowner's association. It discussed traffic and parking concerns as well as loss of ad valorem taxes. He asked the Board to consider the impact of multiple campuses on the students.

Mr. John Stetter, College Station resident, expressed appreciation for community colleges. He discussed the traffic concerns and potential for increased crime that college students may bring. He stressed a need for 24-hour security at the College Station site.

Mr. Henry Whittner, College Station resident, expressed concerns about students driving and parking in the adjacent neighborhood and loss of tax revenue. He asked the Board to consider both options and choose the one best for Blinn College students.

Mr. Michael Schaefer, former Blinn employee, expressed disappointment in the lack of leadership of District President Dr. Harold Nolte. He feels that the divide between campuses is unfortunate. He believes that the College Station property is a short term fix. It is unfortunate that institutional history has been lost at Blinn College.

Ms. Cheryl Wenck, College Station resident, previously experienced Blinn College traffic when she lived in Bryan and is now concerned about potential traffic implications of the College Station proposed site.

Judge Carolyn Bilski, Austin County Judge, thanked the Board for their support and offered support for Dr. Harold Nolte. She asked that the Board take careful consideration in all decision making.

Ms. Jennifer Anderson, College Station resident, expressed support for Blinn College but asked the Board to reconsider the possibility of choosing the College Station site. She expressed concern about decreased property values and increased student population in the neighborhoods.

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

The public was recessed for a break at 7:31 p.m.

The public was recessed for closed session at 7:43 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

ITEM 3. CLOSED SESSION:

- (A) 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. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FINALIZING THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2501 EARL RUDDER FWY S, COLLEGE STATION, BRAZOS COUNTY, TEXAS**
 - iii. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER A POTENTIAL DONATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 14599 OLD RELIANCE ROAD, BRYAN, BRAZOS COUNTY, TEXAS**
- (B) CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY**
 - i. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING MATTERS ON WHICH THE ATTORNEY'S DUTY TO THE COLLEGE UNDER THE TEXAS DISCIPLINARY RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT CLEARLY CONFLICT WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS LAWS; DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE REAL ESTATE CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS**
- (C) PERSONNEL MATTERS (GOV'T. CODE, SEC. 551.074)**
 - i. DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE OR DISMISSAL OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES OR OFFICERS**

ACTION ITEMS:

ITEM 4. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

The public session was reconvened at 10:40 p.m.

ITEM 5. ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

- (A) REVIEW AND ACTION TO PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, ACCEPT DONATION OF OR LEASE REAL PROPERTY IN BRENHAM, BRYAN, SCHULENBURG AND SEALY**
- (B) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ANY OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION**

ITEM 6. AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT COMBINED FEE REVENUE AND REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2014

On a motion by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Boehm, the Board voted to table item 6.

ITEM 7. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Toubin, seconded by Mr. Kenjura, the Board meeting was adjourned at 10:42 p.m.



Mr. Douglas R. Borchardt
President



Mr. David Sommer
Secretary