

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BLINN COLLEGE**

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

Special Meeting, Monday, June 30, 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; Mr. Norwood Lange; Mrs. Carolyn D. Miller, CPA and Mr. Leon B. Toubin.

Board members not present: None.

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; Dr. Jimmy Adams; Mr. Joe Baumann; Dr. John Beaver; Mr. Mark Bernier; Mr. Richard Bray; Ms. Karen Buck; Ms. Lisa Caton; Ms. Brooke Conrad; Ms. M. Elia Flores; Dr. Kelly Kissane; Ms. Andi Liner; Mr. Gus Mutscher; Ms. Susan Myers; Ms. Sami Rahman; Ms. Rebecca Ruffino; Ms. Robbie Thomas; Mr. Jeff Tilley and Dr. Patricia Westergaard.

Also registered as in attendance were: Mr. Michael Beckendorf, Mayor Jason Bienski, Dr. Wilford Dietrich, Ms. Sherry Ellison, Mr. George Griffith, Ms. Joyce Johnson, Mr. Jim Kolkhorst, Dr. John Lawler, Ms. Lynn Lawler, Mr. J. Hal Machat, Mr. John Muegge, Mr. Patrick Seigert, Ms. Denise Snyder, Ms. Christine Stetter, Mr. John Stetter, Mr. Adrian Vogel, Ms. Cheryl Wenck and Mr. Henry Wittner, concerned citizens; Ms. Padrena Adger, KBTX; Mr. Kyle Cunningham, **Brenham Banner-Press**; Ms. Jordan Overturf, The Eagle; Mr. Patrick Zeinert, WTAW; Mr. Frank Wagner, KWHI and Ms. Jenny Walsh, KAGS.

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

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Borchardt. 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 and gave the reasoning for the Board's limitation of allocated time for public comment.

Dr. Kelly Kissane, Professor of Natural Science, introduced herself and reviewed her reason for teaching at Blinn College. She expressed concern about negative comments about Blinn College and the students made by faculty on the Bryan Campus. She is concerned that the voice of the Brenham Campus faculty has not been heard.

Mr. Henry Wittner, College Station resident, distributed handouts to the Board (a copy of Mr. Wittner's handout is attached and made a part of these *Minutes*). He feels that the Bryan location is a better option for Blinn College.

Mr. J. Hal Machat, Washington County resident, thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak. He discussed the importance of Blinn College to his family. He stated that Blinn College has had outstanding leadership in the past and has outstanding leadership in Dr. Nolte. He told a recent student success story from Blinn.

Mr. John Muegge, Washington County resident, encouraged the Board to focus on communication to remedy the issues currently facing Blinn College. He complimented the Board on their commitment to hearing community input.

Mr. Jim Kolkhorst, Washington County resident, spoke about the value of Blinn College and expressed concern about recent negative attention received by the College. He encouraged the Board to support Dr. Nolte moving forward.

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*). Ms. Lawler also read a letter from a couple who are experts in landscape architecture and urban planning regarding their concerns surrounding the Lynntech site (a copy of the couple's written comments are attached and made a part of these *Minutes*).

Ms. Denise Snyder, College Station resident, distributed information to the Board (a copy of Ms. Snyder's handout is attached and made a part of these *Minutes*).

Mr. Patrick Seigert, College Station resident, Professional Site Selector, reviewed a reason for Blinn College to locate a new campus on land in Bryan rather than at the Lynntech site in College Station. He encouraged the Board to exercise its right to terminate the Purchase and Sales Agreement (a copy of Mr. Seigert's comments are attached and made a part of these *Minutes*).

Ms. Cheryl Wenck, College Station resident, asked the Board not to make the residents run from their homes. She encouraged the Board not to be discouraged by the real location of the Bryan site. She asked that the Board not accept the Lynntech Building.

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

The public was recessed for a break at 7:08 p.m.

The public was recessed for closed session at 7:13 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) **PERSONNEL MATTERS (GOV'T. CODE, SEC. 551.074)**
- i. **EVALUATION OF THE DISTRICT PRESIDENT**
 - ii. **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 8:18 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**

On a motion by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Boehm, the Board voted to terminate the Purchase and Sales Agreement for the property located at 2501 Earl Rudder Fwy S, College Station, Brazos County, Texas, and to authorize the Administration to perform due diligence to identify additional land options in Brazos County.

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

The public was recessed for a break at 8:26 p.m.

The public was recessed for an additional closed session at 8:31 p.m.

The public session was reconvened at 10:29 p.m.

ADDITIONAL ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

- (B) **EVALUATION OF THE DISTRICT PRESIDENT**


On a motion by Mr. Kenjura, seconded by Mr. Lange, the Board voted to extend the contract of the District President for one year, through June 2015.

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

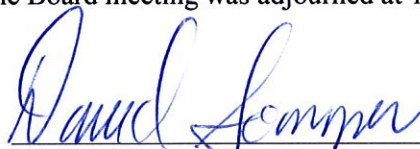
No action taken.

ITEM 7. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Lange, seconded by Mrs. Boehm, the Board meeting was adjourned at 10:28 p.m.



 Mr. Douglas R. Borchart
 President



 Mr. David Sommer
 Secretary