

Bladen Community College
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Minutes of January 5, 2016

Members Present: Dennis Troy, chair; Frank Gemma, vice chair; Mary Andrews; Albert Beatty; Pam Benton; Landon Bordeaux; Bruce Dickerson; Wayne Edge; Ricky Leinwand; Hayes Petteway; and Charlotte Smith.

Members Absent: James McVicker and James Johnson, SGA president.

Others Present: William Findt; Gary Grady; Jeff Kornegay; Sondra Guyton; Barry Priest; Jay Stanley; and Missi Hester, recorder.

At 6:06 p.m., Chairman Dennis Troy announced that a quorum of members was present, called the meeting to order, and asked if any trustee had a conflict or an appearance of conflict of interest. There were none.

Mr. Troy gave a prayer.

Ms. Hester called the roll.

The minutes and closed sessions minutes of the December 1, 2015, meeting were reviewed by the board and approved with a motion by Ms. Andrews and second by Mr. Bordeaux.

Personnel Committee Report:

At 6:10 p.m. following a motion by Mr. Bordeaux and a second by Mr. Petteway, Mr. Troy stated that pursuant to Statutes G.S. 143.318.11(A6) the board would go into closed session to discuss the Dwight L. Sheppard versus The Trustees of Bladen Community College civil action.

Ms. Smith moved that the board return to open session, seconded by Mr. Petteway; motion carried and the board returned to open session at 6:41 p.m.

Mr. Dickerson made the motion that the board accept the mediated settlement agreement reached by the plaintiff and the defendant on December 10, 2015.

Mr. Beatty seconded the motion. Mr. Troy asked if there was any further discussion regarding the settlement and there was none. The motion passed.

Fiscal Affairs Committee Report:

Jay Stanley presented the NCCCS 3-1 form regarding the college's STEM and Advanced Manufacturing Technology Facility project. Mr. Stanley stated that it is required the State Board of Community Colleges approve project. He reviewed with the board the funding sources for the project and stated that it is likely that the college will receive a \$1.3 million grant provided by the Economic Development

Administration. The college has been approved to receive a \$500,000 grant from the Golden LEAF Foundation and \$50,000 from Bladen County. Mr. Stanley informed those present that it is estimated that the college will expend \$25,000 a year for operating expenses.

Mr. Petteway made the motion to approve the NCCCS 3-1 form for the STEM and Advanced Manufacturing Technology Facility project for State Board approval. Ms. Andrews seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

President's Report:

Dr. Findt asked the members of the board to display signs in support of the Connect NC bond.

Dr. Findt informed the board that the college has employed Mr. Kennon Briggs to review and assess operations in the business office. Mr. Briggs previously worked as chief executive officer of the North Carolina Community College System. Mr. Briggs will evaluate the efficiency of the staff and their operation of the business office.

Dr. Findt reminded the board of the trustee retreat to be held on Friday, January 22, 2016, beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the college library. He stated that Mr. George Fouts, interim president of the North Carolina Community College System, will be speaking during the retreat.

Old Business:

No old business was brought before the Board.

New Business:

No new business was brought before the Board.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business was brought before the Board.

At 6:57 p.m., Chairman Troy thanked everyone for their attendance. The meeting adjourned with a motion by Mr. Bordeaux and a second by Mr. Leinwand.

Dennis Troy, Chairman

William Findt, Secretary