

CONSENT AGENDA NO. 8

Approval of Minutes of the November 5, 2013 Regular Meeting

It is recommended that the Board approve the minutes of the November 5, 2013 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting.

Board Members and Officers Present:

Ms. Charletta Rogers Compton
Mr. Bob Ferguson
Mr. Wesley Jameson
Dr. Wright Lassiter (secretary and chancellor)
Mr. Bill Metzger
Mr. Jerry Prater, Chair
Mr. JL Sonny Williams

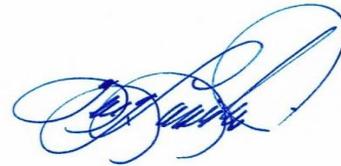
Members Absent:

Ms. Diana Flores

Chair Prater convened the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

**CERTIFICATION OF NOTICE POSTED
FOR THE NOVEMBER 5, 2013
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
DALLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
AND RICHLAND COLLEGIATE HIGH SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

I, Wright L. Lassiter, Jr., Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Dallas County Community College District, do certify that a copy of this notice was posted on the 1st day of November 2013, in a place convenient to the public in the District Office Administration Building, and a copy of this notice was provided on the 1st day of November 2013, to John F. Warren, County Clerk of Dallas County, Texas, and the notice was posted on the bulletin board at the George Allen Sr. Courts Building, all as required by the Texas Government Code, §551.054.



Wright L. Lassiter, Jr., Secretary

Certification of Notice Posted for the Meeting

Dr. Lassiter certified the notice had been posted as required.

Pledges of Allegiance to U.S. and Texas Flags

Pledges of allegiance to the flags were recited.

Public Hearing for Richland Collegiate High School Financial Integrity Ratings 2011-2012 with opening statement by Superintendent Donna Walker

Chair Prater opened the public hearing at 4:07 p.m. Superintendent Donna Walker reviewed the results of the TEA accountability ratings for RCHS as noted in #30, confirming that the highest rating available was received. It was also noted that 1) the Federal program application to support free breakfast to qualified students is being prepared; and 2) a recommendation for the hiring of a principal and assistant principal will be made at the December Board. There were no registered speakers and the public hearing was closed at 4:15 p.m.

Special Presentation – Student Success: Mountain View College

President Felix Zamora, joined by Dr. Quentin Wright (dean), Dr. Geoff Grimes (faculty), Darius Frasure (faculty), Kevin Williams (faculty), Eric Torbellin (student), and Rebecca Rice (student), provided information on the QEP, focused on writing and student success. Background information appearing in #28 was referenced in the presentation.

During related discussion, methods for encouraging students to pursue tutoring, and the combination of technology with the physical process of writing was described. It was noted that the overall goal is to have 50 courses across the curriculum to include a writing component, and 41 are currently active.

Citizens Desiring to Address the Board Regarding Agenda Items

Mrs. Dorothy Zimmerman presented her view and internet research regarding a cheaper purchase possible on Adobe software as presented for approval in Bid #3, JourneyEd.com. Executive Vice Chancellor Ed DesPlas responded at the request of the Chair, to clarify the product and purchase pricing.

Opportunity for Chancellor and Board Members to Declare Conflicts of Interest Specific to this Agenda

There were none noted.

Consideration of Bids

Trustee Ferguson moved and Trustee Jameson seconded a motion to approve Items #1-3. Motion passed, with Trustee Metzger voting against the item.

In discussion, regarding #3, the 22 month agreement was noted as a change prompted by the provider and the interest in ending the agreement consistent with the DCCCD budget year. Future agreements would generally be expected to be 24 months in length.

(See November 4, 2013, Board Meeting, Consideration of Bids, #1-3, which is made part of and incorporated into the approved minutes as though fully set out in the minutes.)

Consent Agenda

Trustee Compton moved and Trustee Williams seconded a motion to approve Items #4-14, on the consent agenda. Motion passed.

In discussion, regarding #9, page 23, Optical Communications Certification pricing is based on the use of proprietary materials.

(See November 5, 2013, Board Meeting Consent Agenda, Items #4-14, which are made a part of and incorporated into the approved minutes as though fully set out in the minutes.)

Individual Items

Chair Prater noted the removal of Items #16 and 17, as announced on Monday, November 4. The final contractual review is in process, and both of these items are slated for addition to the December 3 Board Meeting agenda for action.

Prior to the consideration of individual items, Trustee Compton requested an **executive session**. Chair Prater recessed the trustees at 4:55 p.m. and gavelled the meeting back to order at 5:20 p.m.

Trustee Compton moved and Trustee Williams seconded a motion to approve Items #15-27, with the exception of #16 and #17. Motion passed.

(See November 3, 2013 Board Meeting, Agenda Items #15-27, excluding #15-17, which are made a part of and incorporated into the approved minutes as though fully set out in the minutes.)

Informative Reports

Trustees acknowledged the presentation of informative reports #28-38.

(See November 5, 2013 Board Meeting, Agenda Items #28-38, which are made a part of and incorporated into the approved minutes as though fully set out in the minutes.)

Questions/comments from members of the Board and chancellor

Trustee Jameson provided the trustees with a brief summary of his attendance at the recent ACCT Leadership Congress, including: board leadership and effective use of Robert's Rules of Order, a keynote by Bill Gates, and other presentations focused on student success. He challenged other trustees to engage in similar activities, and to join him in a future presentation proposal. Some possible topics including the process for the chancellor's search, the strategic planning model adoption, and the Board's role in support of the QEP process were mentioned.

Follow-up comments on her recent participation at HACU will be delivered by Trustee Flores at a future meeting.

The Chancellor reminded trustees of the memorial service for Dr. R. Jan LeCroy, scheduled for Thursday, November 14, at 2:00 p.m.

Citizens desiring to appear before the Board

Mrs. Dorothy Zimmerman addressed the Board on the continuing need to save dollars, citing her concerns that a new chancellor would cause significant and expensive purchases during transition.

Mr. Calvin Wells addressed the Board on his desire to have a special committee to review hiring practices and strengthen background checks, citing issues related to the staffing of the athletic department at Mountain View College. The Chair directed the Chancellor to review and provide follow-up information. Trustee Metzger asked if drug testing was a part of the hiring process, and the answer was no.

Mr. Irby Foster thanked Trustee Compton for her support, and presented concerns about the financial aid process on behalf of a Brookhaven student, Darryl Henderson. He noted the need for a formal appeals process, accurate and consistent information, and timely responsive follow-up. In answer to questions, Provost Sharon Blackman confirmed that there are approximately 38,000 students currently drawing financial assistance and while some concerns still surface, the incidence has decreased during the two years since the processes were centralized. Several members of the Board indicated that they were still receiving complaints directly, and the Chair directed the Chancellor to review and provide follow-up information.

Adjournment

Chair Prater adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m. with a motion from Trustee Ferguson and a second by Trustee Jameson.

Approved:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Wright L. Lassiter, Jr.', written in a cursive style.

Wright L. Lassiter, Jr., Secretary