

CONSENT AGENDA NO. 4

Approval of Minutes of the January 7, 2014 Regular Meeting

It is recommended that the Board approve the minutes of the January 7, 2014 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting.

Board Members and Officers Present:

Ms. Charletta Rogers Compton
Mr. Bob Ferguson
Ms. Diana Flores
Mr. Wesley Jameson
Dr. Wright Lassiter (secretary and chancellor)
Mr. Bill Metzger (arrived at 4:18 p.m.)
Mr. Jerry Prater, Chair
Mr. JL Sonny Williams

Members Absent:

None

Chair Prater convened the meeting at 4:07 p.m.

**CERTIFICATION OF NOTICE POSTED
FOR THE JANUARY 7, 2014
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 3rd of January 2014, in a place convenient to the public in the District Office Administration Building, and a copy of this notice was provided on the 3rd of January 2014, 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.

Richland Collegiate High School Status Report

Superintendent Donna Walker explained TEA rules related to the definition of attendance reporting periods as referenced in #7, confirming that TEA would accept the revision based on DCCCD Board approval, and updated the Board on enrollment for Spring 2014 as noted in #23.

Citizens Desiring to Address the Board Regarding Agenda Items

Mrs. Dorothy Zimmerman commented on the bids, asking specifically why The Barbershop, with the highest cost, was recommended over other qualified bidders, and whether or not an updated Facebook/Twitter presence was anticipated.

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

There were none noted. Upon question from Trustee Flores, Executive Vice Chancellor DesPlas clarified that the listing includes entities who bid as well as those who are awarded the contract.

Executive Session

Referencing Sections 551.071 and 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, Chair Prater adjourned the Board to an executive session at 4:17 p.m. and gavelled the group back to public session at 5:15 p.m.

Consideration of Bids

Trustee Ferguson moved and Trustee Compton seconded a motion to approve Items #1-4. Motion passed, with Trustee Metzger voting against the recommendation.

In discussion regarding #3, an award for marketing/advertising campaign services with The Barbershop, Vice Chancellor Lonon indicated that a unanimous review committee recommendation for the incumbent was received, based on the consideration of concepts and ideas presented by bidders for the coming campaign.

(See January 7, 2014, Board Meeting, Consideration of Bids, #1-4, which is made part of and incorporated into the approved minutes as though fully set out in the minutes.)

Consent Agenda

Trustee Flores moved and Trustee Ferguson seconded a motion to approve Items #5-14 on the consent agenda. Motion passed.

In discussion regarding #9, it was confirmed that:

- policy changes were required in order to comply with recent legislative action.
- official review of transcripts from non-regionally accredited agencies will be performed by DCCCD staff.
- foreign transcripts will continue to be individually reviewed, at student cost, by one of the approved external agencies prior to acceptance by the DCCCD.

President Zamora answered a question regarding the type of training provided to the Trinity Watershed Management Department, as referenced in #14, saying that it was training for employees and might be in general business areas, as well as field specific offerings.

(See January 7, 2014, Board Meeting Consent Agenda, Items #5-14, which are made a part of and incorporated into the approved minutes as though fully set out in the minutes.)

Individual Items

Trustee Compton moved and Trustee Flores seconded a motion to approve Items #15-22, with the exception of the recommendation to hire the General Counsel in #18. Motion passed.

Prior to the vote on General Counsel, Trustee Compton made comments for the record as follows:

“I cannot support this recommendation, There are a number of reasons that have brought me to this decision. It has nothing to do with the candidate, since I don’t know Mr. Wendland.

In thinking about the situation I have come to some conclusions. I am of the opinion that the search committee that was put together did not reflect true meaningful diversity, which is one of the keys to opening the door to equal opportunity.

I had an opportunity to talk with H. Ron White, and it is my understanding that he was asked to serve on the committee, and agreed to, however he was never contacted again, did not attend any meetings, and did not realize until recently that

the search had moved forward to this stage. The Board was told both verbally and in writing that he was a part of the process. Needless to say, I am very disappointed that this was not the case.

Also, the fact that Katie Anderson and Mike Buchanan were part of the final recommendation process constitutes a clear conflict of interest to me based on their working relationship with the District, and the fact that their firms have gained more financially than any other that has been fortunate enough to be handed business. I had some troubling thoughts about attorneys being part of the process from the very beginning. At the time I am positive that I questioned this particular point, and was told that historically this is what had been done. I was ignored, and we moved forward anyway.

DCCCD is a public, taxpayer funded institution with single member districts. I have one vote that allows me to express my disappointment, and displeasure with the process. As a courtesy to Mr. Wendland, I am not going to vote no, but I will be abstaining.

Last, when true equal and fair opportunity for all arrives I will be very pleased, and hopefully will not feel compelled to express my displeasure in a public forum to highlight the issues I believe are clear injustices.”

Trustee Ferguson moved and Trustee Jameson seconded a motion to approve Item #18. Motion passed, with Trustees Compton and Metzger abstaining.

(See January 7, 2014 Board Meeting, Agenda Items #15-22, 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 #23-35.

Related to #25, Trustee Flores asked if trustees might access training supplied by Lynda.com, under the DCCCD license agreement, and requested that all trustees receive directions for accessing that online training resource.

(See January 7, 2014 Board Meeting, Agenda Items #23-35, 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

The Chancellor asked Executive Vice Chancellor DesPlas to share details on the recent Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) award received. The

“Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting” was earned through a peer-review focused on the quality and transparency of financial data for 2012. While it is the first recognition from this entity for the DCCCD, 2013 materials will be presented for review in this annual process during the coming months.

The Chancellor reminded the Board of the January 14 visit of THECB Commissioner Paredes to Mountain View, and invited President Zamora to provide an overview of the planned presentations including the MVC writing lab program, the Cedar Valley work in the college completion initiative, and feedback for the Commissioner regarding the implementation of new developmental education requirements.

Trustee Ferguson, noted the attendance of Godwin Okoye and Olaniyi Oyedele, representing the external audit firm of McConnell & Jones, LLP. Mr. Okoye addressed the Board, reminding them of the audit letter and presentation materials provided in December, commending the DCCCD on its strong financial position and positive response to the McConnell & Jones philosophy of “trust and verify.”

Citizens desiring to appear before the Board

Mrs. Dorothy Zimmerman noted her excitement for the May 10 election, promising that candidates are already at work to win the available seats.

Adjournment

Chair Prater adjourned the meeting at 5:42 p.m. with a motion from Trustee Ferguson and a second by Trustee Compton.

Approved:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Wright L. Lassiter, Jr.", is written over a horizontal line.

Wright L. Lassiter, Jr., Secretary