

**AMARILLO COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS
MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
August 13, 2010**

REGENTS PRESENT: Mr. Prenis O. Williams, Chair; Mr. Don L. Nicholson, Secretary; Ms. Lilia B. Escajeda; Mr. Carroll M. Forrester; and Dr. David C. Woodburn

REGENTS ABSENT: Mr. John D. Hicks, Vice Chair; Ms. Michele Fortunato; Dr. Gene Norman; and Mr. H. Bryan Poff

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Robert Austin, Dean of Enrollment Management; Mr. Terry Berg, Dean of Finance & Administrative Services; Dr. Paul Matney, President; Ms. Danita McAnally, Dean, Assessment and Development; and Mrs. Damaris Schlong, Dean of Continuing Education

Mr. Gordon Atkins, Guest
Mrs. Brenda Bernet, representing *Amarillo Globe News*
Mr. Bruce Cotgreave, Director, Physical Plant
Mrs. Lori Merriman, Executive Secretary, President's Office
Mrs. Brenda Sadler, Exec. Asst., Pres's Off. and Asst. Secy. to the Board of Regents
Mrs. Jeanetta Smiley, representing Classified Employees Council
Mr. Joseph Wyatt, Communications Coordinator, College Relations

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Williams, Chairman.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR 2010:

In accordance with provisions of Section 26.06 of the Texas Property Tax Code, a notice of public hearings regarding the proposed tax rate for 2010 was published in the newspaper on August 6, 2010.

At this time any person and/or persons wishing to come before the Board of Regents regarding the proposed tax rate for 2010 for the Amarillo Junior College District was given the opportunity to be heard. A concerned taxpayer, Gordon Atkins, chairman, McLane Foodservice, Inc., recommended the Board consider operating with fewer people or raising tuition/fees instead of increasing taxes.

DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF SECOND HEARING AND THE MEETING TO ADOPT THE TAX RATE ANNOUNCED:

The second hearing to discuss the proposed tax rate will be held on Monday, August 16 at noon in the Palo Duro Room. The regular Board meeting on Tuesday, August 24 at 6:00 will be the meeting at which the tax rate may be adopted.

TAX ASSESSMENT/COLLECTION CONTRACT WITH RANDALL COUNTY APPROVED:

Attached at pages 231 to 239 is an agreement with Randall County for assessment and collection of the Randall County portion of Amarillo Junior College District taxes. The contract will end when both parties mutually agree, provided that Amarillo College shall have the right to terminate the agreement by giving 90 days written notice, and the County may terminate only on July 1 if prior notice of one year is given.

TAX ASSESSMENT/COLLECTION CONTRACT WITH RANDALL COUNTY APPROVED Continued:

Mr. Nicholson moved, seconded by Ms. Escajeda to approve this contract with Randall County. The motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR CONTINGENCY ALLOWANCE EXPENDITURE, WARREN HALL - 2007 BOND PROJECT APPROVED:

A Contingency Allowance Expenditure in the amount of \$33,750.00 was requested to provide new grading between the Experimental Theatre, College Union Building, and Warren Hall. This project will provide new sidewalks and landscaping that will allow for better water drainage around the buildings mentioned above.

Funds are available in the 2007 Bond Budget.

Dr. Woodburn moved, seconded by Mr. Nicholson to approve the request for the contingency allowance expenditure. The motion carried unanimously.

STRATEGIC PLAN AND MISSION APPROVED:

Ms. McAnally presented the newest version of the *Strategic Plan through 2015*. She discussed the development and implementation of the plan. The plan maps the immediate future of Amarillo College; it includes the values, vision, mission, core purpose and goals of the College. Each component emphasizes our students and community. This five-year plan will serve as a driving force in AC's quest to be a community college that puts students and community first. Values: student success; quality education; opportunity for all; collaboration; community responsiveness; and responsible stewardship. Vision: At Amarillo College, we aspire for every student to have a success story. Core Purpose: At Amarillo College, we help each student to succeed. Mission: Amarillo College – enriching the lives of our students and our community. Ms. McAnally stated that annually at the June Board meetings, the Board will be asked to discuss and approve the mission statement.

Mr. Nicholson moved, seconded by Ms. Escajeda to approve the *Strategic Plan through 2015* and mission with the stipulation that it be reviewed annually. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Matney reminded Board members of the Louise Daniel Annual Women's History Lecture on Friday, August 27, 2010. Amarillo College will buy a table for eight. General Assembly will be on Wednesday, August 18; all are encouraged to attend. Entrepreneur Alliance will host a Business Boot Camp on September 15 – 17, 2010 at the Business and Industry Center. Don Powell, former Regent, Federal Coordinator of Gulf Coast Rebuilding Committee, FDIC Chairman, and Chairman of the First National Bank of Amarillo will be Keynote speaker.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Don L. Nicholson, Secretary

