

**AMARILLO COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
August 18, 2006**

**REGENTS PRESENT:** Ms. Lilia B. Escajeda, Chairman; Mr. Frank O. Nelson; Mr. H. Bryan Poff; Mr. Prenis O. Williams; and Dr. David C. Woodburn

**REGENTS ABSENT:** Ms. Michele Fortunato, Vice Chairman; Mr. Carroll M. Forrester, Secretary; Mr. John D. Hicks; and Mrs. Sharon Oeschger

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dr. Steven W. Jones, President; Dr. Renea Fike, Dean of Student and Academic Development; Dr. Brad Johnson, Dean of College Advancement; Dr. Paul Matney, Vice President and Dean of Instruction; Mr. Scott Beckett, Instructor, Music Department; Mrs. Lori Merriman, Executive Secretary, President's Office; Mrs. Theresa Rider, General Accounting and Budget Manager; Ms. Ellen Robertson, Director of Communications, Mrs. Brenda Sadler, Executive Assistant, President's Office and Assistant Secretary to the Board of Regents; and Dr. Steven Weber, Professor, Music Department

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Escajeda, Chairman. Mr. Williams gave the invocation. Ms. Escajeda asked if there was anyone who wished to address the Board; Dr. Steven Weber said he would like to after the public hearing and was given a participation request card to fill out.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR 2006:**

In accordance with provisions of Section 26.05 of the Texas Property Tax Code, a notice of public hearings regarding the proposed tax rate for 2006 was published in the newspaper on August 11, 2006.

At this time any person and/or persons wishing to come before the Board of Regents regarding the proposed tax rate for 2006 for the Amarillo Junior College District was given the opportunity to be heard. There was no public opposition to the proposed tax rate.

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

The date, time, and place for the second hearing was announced: Monday, August 21, 2006 at noon in the Palo Duro Room of the College Union Building, Washington Street Campus.

The date, time, and place was announced for the meeting to adopt the tax rate: Tuesday, August 29, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in the Palo Duro Room of the College Union Building, Washington Street Campus.

Dr. Weber addressed the Board and voiced his concern on the new minimum tuition which is \$147.75, the equivalent of a 3-credit hour class. Many of the students sign up for Community Chorus and Community Band every semester which can earn them one credit, but they pay the minimum tuition. Dr. Weber said he believes this increase is quite significant and will prevent some from signing up as a credit class. It was mentioned that students could sign up for the same class as a continuing education class and only pay \$10. Dr. Weber stated that he needed these students to sign up for credit so that he will make his teaching load.

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Dr. Jones reported that after the student takes these classes for the second time the state no longer pays the college for that contact hour. The administration has discussed this situation of minimum tuition and how it will affect certain faculty. Dr. Matney and Dr. Jones stated that the issue has been addressed and resolved for fall 2006. For the fall 2006 semester, departments will absorb the minimum tuition for these classes. The administration will work on a long-term solution and report back to the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Lilia B. Escajeda, Chairman