

**AMARILLO COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS
MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
August 6, 2015**

REGENTS PRESENT: Ms. Michele Fortunato, Chair; Mr. Daniel E. Henke, Secretary; Mr. Jay L. Barrett; Mrs. Anette J. Carlisle; Mr. Patrick R. Miller; and Dr. Neal D. Nossaman

REGENTS ABSENT: Dr. Paul L. Proffer, Vice Chair; Mr. Johnny E. Mize; and Dr. David C. Woodburn

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Robert Austin, Vice President of Student Affairs; Mr. Terry Berg, Vice President of Business Affairs; Mr. Lee M. Colaw, Vice President for Information Technology; Ms. Cara Crowley, Chief of Staff, President's Office; Ms. Lyndy Forrester, Vice President for Employee and Organizational Development; Mrs. Ellen Robertson Green, Vice President of Communication & Marketing; Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart, President; and Dr. Deborah Vess, Vice President of Academic Affairs

Ms. Mollie Bryant – representing *Amarillo Globe News*

Mr. Bruce Cotgreave – Director, Physical Plant

Mrs. Brenda Sadler – Exec. Asst., Pres's Off. and Asst. Secy. to the Board of Regents

Mr. Mark White – Legal Counsel, Sprouse Shrader Smith Law Firm

Mr. Joseph Wyatt – Communications Coordinator, College Relations

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Fortunato, Chairman.

TAX RATE FOR 2015 APPROVED:

In accordance with provisions of Section 26.04 of the Texas Property Tax Code, the Randall County Tax Assessor/Collector will publish a legal notice on August 6, 2015, stating that the effective tax rate for the Amarillo Junior College District for 2015 is \$0.20185 per \$100 of assessed value. The rollback rate for the Amarillo Junior College District for 2015 published in the legal notice is \$0.21422 per \$100 of assessed value.

Section 26.05 of the Property Tax Code requires a taxing unit to hold two public hearings on a tax rate if the recommended tax rate for the year exceeds the lower of the rollback tax rate or the effective tax rate. The recommended tax rate is \$0.20750.

Mr. Henke read the following motion: "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.20750, which is effectively a 2.80% increase in the tax rate." Dr. Nossaman seconded the motion to approve the 2015 tax rate increase. The motion carried unanimously.

TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED REGARDING THE TAX RATE FOR 2015 AND DATE SET TO ADOPT THE TAX RATE FOR 2015:

Mrs. Carlisle made the following motion: "I move that we set the dates for two public hearings on the proposed tax rate for August 14 and August 17, 2014 at 12:00 noon in the Louise Daniel Room 106 on the Washington Street Campus." Mr. Barrett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes of the Amarillo College Board of Regents Special Meeting of August 6, 2015**TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED REGARDING THE TAX RATE FOR 2015 AND DATE SET TO ADOPT THE TAX RATE FOR 2015 Continued:**

Mrs. Carlisle made the following motion: "I move that we set the date to adopt the 2015 tax rate for August 25, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., in the Louise Daniel Room 106 on the Washington Street Campus." Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES – FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 APPROVED:

Purchase of custodial supplies for the 2015-2016 budget year was requested. Purchases will be made through the Buy Board Contract originally approved by a Board resolution on January 27, 2003.

Estimated price of supplies is \$120,000.00.

Funds are available in the 2016 Custodial Budget.

Dr. Nossaman moved, seconded by Mrs. Carlisle to approve purchase of the FY 2015-2016 custodial supplies. The motion carried unanimously.

DOWNTOWN AMARILLO CATALYST PROJECT:

The regents discussed the Downtown Amarillo Catalyst Project and deliberated whether Amarillo College should communicate support of the project to the Mayor and City Council. There was discussion and it was decided to send a letter in support of the development and construction of the Convention Center Hotel, Parking Garage, and any catalyst project that promotes economic growth.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Daniel Henke, Secretary