

**AMARILLO COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS
MINUTES SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2019**

REGENTS PRESENT: Dr. Paul Proffer, Chair; Mr. Johnny Mize, Vice-Chair; Mrs. Anette Carlisle, Secretary; Mr. Dan Henke; Ms. Sally Jennings; Dr. David Woodburn

REGENTS ABSENT: Mr. Jay Barrett; Ms. Michele Fortunato; Mr. Patrick Miller

CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: None

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OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Tamara Clunis, Vice President of Academic Affairs; Ms. Cheryl Jones, Vice President of Employee and Organizational Development; Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart, President; Mr. Steve Smith, Vice President of Business Affairs; and Mr. Mark White, Executive Vice President and General Counsel

Ms. Joy Brenneman – Exec Asst to the President & Asst Secretary to the Board of Regents
Mr. Gerald Bybee – Underwood Law Firm
Mr. Joey Dierker – Hilltop Securities

SPECIAL MEETING

The Special Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Dr. Paul Proffer, Chairman of the Board of Regents.

Dr. Proffer welcomed those in attendance. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

TAX RATE FOR 2019 APPROVED

In accordance with provisions of Section 26.04 of the Texas Property Tax Code, the Randall County Tax Assessor/Collector published a legal notice on August 8, 2019, stating that the effective tax rate for the Amarillo Junior College District for 2019 is \$ 0.20407 per \$100 of assessed value. The rollback rate for the Amarillo Junior College District for 2019 published in the legal notice is \$ 0.24919 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 \$ 0.22790.

Mr. Smith presented the tax rate information above and explained that Amarillo College is only taking a \$.02 tax increase at this time although the bond approved up to \$.04. This is the amount necessary to begin projects and continue with those through the middle of 2021 when the next will be taken out to continue projects through 2023. The current bond will be taken out in three increments and old bonds will pay out during this time. Maintenance and operations amounts remain the same.

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Mr. Henke moved, seconded by Mrs. Carlisle, that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.22790, which is effectively an 11.67% increase in the tax rate. The motion carried unanimously.

DATE TO ADOPT THE TAX RATE FOR 2019 SET AND TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS REGARDING THE TAX RATE FOR 2019 SCHEDULED

The Board set the date to adopt the tax rate for 2019 and scheduled two public hearings regarding the tax rate for 2019.

Mr. Mize moved, seconded by Mr. Henke, that the Board set the dates for two public hearings on the proposed tax rate for August 27, 2019, at 6:45 p.m., and September 10, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. in the Palo Duro Room on the Washington Street Campus.

Mr. Mize further moved, seconded by Mr. Henke, that the date set to adopt the 2019 tax rate is September 24, 2019, at 6:45 p.m., in the Palo Duro Room on the Washington Street Campus.

These motions carried unanimously.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF A CONSULTING SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CORWIN PRESS, INC. FOR DR. PAUL HERNANDEZ

Dr. Paul Hernandez will be leading 4 days of workshops each year in 2019 and 2020 with Amarillo College to expand on work done previously. This will include two separate cohorts and will be assisted by Amarillo College's Title V Curriculum Specialist and AC's Faculty Development Coordinator. The contract will be paid with Title V funding in years 2019 and 2020. The cost will be \$33,000 per year for a total of \$66,000.

Dr. Clunis explained that Dr. Hernandez is providing professional development for cohorts of faculty. These trainings take place in May and are a shift from breadth to depth in development training. Four faculty will receive training to become trainers. This training is tied to course redesign and building relational capacity. By the end of the semester 25% of faculty will have received this training.

Mrs. Carlisle moved, seconded by Dr. Woodburn, to approve the consulting services contract with Corwin Press, Inc. for Dr. Paul Hernandez.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items for discussion Mrs. Carlisle moved, seconded by Mr. Mize, that the meeting adjourn. The meeting then adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

Anette Carlisle, Secretary