

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
Southwestern Community College

June 10, 2014 – SCC Jackson Campus

Attending:

Trustees

Terry Bell	Paul Holt
Conrad Burrell	Libby Knight
Jeff Cloer	Tracie Rice
Vance Davidson	Gary Shields
Dewayne Elders	Jerry Sutton
John Herrin	Lambert Wilson

College Staff

Don Tomas
Nan Coulter

Absent:

Brenda Oocumma

The Board of Trustees of Southwestern Community College (SCC) met for a Special Called meeting on June 10, 2014.

Chairman Terry Bell called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm and read the Ethics and Conflict of Interest statement.

Dr. Tomas reported that the College realized a profit of \$26,900 on the sale of the Brush Creek property. Dr. Tomas will confer with Dr. Scott Ralls, and ask Dr. Ralls to confer with the NC Community College Board as to whether the College may move these funds to the SCC Student Success Campaign. The results of these discussions will be reported at the July 22, 2014 quarterly Trustees meeting.

Dr. Tomas reported to the Trustees that the 50th Anniversary Committee is proposing changing the date of the 50th Anniversary Celebration event from October 4, 2014 to April 10, 2015 due to campus construction issues. Following discussion, the Board decided the request does not require Board approval and unanimously agreed to support the date change.

The Board discussed budget considerations for the upcoming fiscal year. Dr. Tomas noted that recurring salary increases for some community college employees have been proposed at the state level, but community colleges as a whole will most likely experience decreases in state funding. Swain County approved SCC's budget request of \$22,000 in additional funding. The Jackson County under-funded the College by \$350,000 last year but will hopefully re-fund \$175,000 to the College this upcoming year. Macon County decreased funding this upcoming

year by \$200,000 for employees at the Jackson campus whose work supports programs and operations at the Macon campus. This cut will ultimately hurt SCC students.

Mr. Davidson stated that SCC has done a poor job documenting cost allocations to justify the county budget requests, and this must improve immediately. Mr. Herrin suggested the College begin tracking administrative support and operation costs. Dr. Tomas informed the Board that the Macon funding package for 2014 does not negatively impact the proposed Macon campus expansion or property allocation from the Macon County Commissioners.

Mr. Bell asked for a motion from the Board to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing an employment contract matter under North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (5). Mr. Wilson made a motion to go into Executive Session, which was seconded by Mr. Burrell and passed unanimously. The Board went into Executive Session at 5:44 PM. The Board of Trustees returned from Executive Session at 6:15 PM having taken no action.

Mr. Cloer made a motion to approve the proposed Presidential Employment Contract between the College and Don Tomas, which was seconded by Mr. Wilson and passed unanimously.

With no other business before the Board, Mr. Cloer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Burrell and passed unanimously. Chairman Bell adjourned the meeting at 6:16 PM.

Terry Bell, Chairman
Board of Trustees

Don Tomas, Secretary
Board of Trustees