

**Blue Ridge Community College
Board of Trustees
Special Called Meeting
Minutes
October 1, 2007
12:00 p.m.**

The Board of Trustees of Blue Ridge Community College met at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, October 1, 2007, in the President's Dining Room, Killian Building, Flat Rock, North Carolina.

The following members were present:

Tom Orr	Mike Hawkins
Betty Gash	Ken Butcher
Patricia Jones	Ronnie Pepper
John McCormick, Jr.	Kohlan Flynn
Chip Gould	Roy Neill
Candler Willis	Marilyn Bailey
Jeff McDaris	

The following members were excused:

Bill Farrell
David Hall, SGA President

Others present:

David Whitson	Lee Anna Haney
Scott Parrott, Times News	Brenda Conner
Mike Dirks, Times News photographer	

John McCormick, Chair Pro Tem called the meeting to order and welcomed Trustees and guests.

Ethics Statement

Mr. McCormick read the following Ethics Statement:

"Board Members, and financial and administrative staff:

- a. You are reminded that you have a duty to avoid all conflicts of interest, potential conflicts of interest, and appearances of conflicts of interest.
- b. Do any of you know of or anticipate any conflict of interest, potential conflict of interest or appearance of conflict of interest regarding the matters on the agenda for today's meeting?

Let the minutes reflect that Chip Gould reported that he would need to abstain from voting on the lake restoration project due to the potential of a conflict of interest pertaining to the possibility of materials for the project purchased from his business.

Agenda Change

Mr. McCormick asked if there were no objections, we will take up the approval of the lake restoration project as the first item of business to allow David Whitson to present and then he can return to work.

Lake Restoration Project

Mr. Whitson distributed information and updated the board on the lake restoration project. He detailed the background history of the lake drainage structure improvement and dam repair. Mr. Whitson informed Trustees about the bid process and stated the apparent low bidder was Fairview Excavating. We have worked with the engineer for the project and Fairview Excavating to reduce the original low bid price of \$149,797.75. Through some redesign of the splash pool we were able to reduce the bid by \$15,070.45. The College has received \$70,000 from the North Carolina Department of Transportation for the project and they have also given approval to award the contract to the low bidder. In order to make up the difference of \$64,727.00, the College will need to pull money from county funds by reducing personnel and small Repair & Renovation projects. Mr. Whitson addressed questions about the money transfers, the nature of the work on the project and permit safety issues. Ken Butcher made a motion to approve the transfer of county current operating funds to county capital outlay funds in the amount of \$37,774.00 for the Drainage Improvement and Dam Repair Project. And to approve the award of the contract to Fairview Excavating for a contract price of \$134,727.30. It was seconded by Candler Willis and passed without dissent.

Recommendation of Final Selection of Presidential Candidate

Mr. McCormick stated the primary purpose of today's meeting is to elect the President of Blue Ridge Community College for such term and conditions as the Board may fix. Such election is subject to the approval of the State Board of Community Colleges.

Executive Session

Kohlman Flynn made a motion that the Trustees go into executive session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318-11 (a)(1) for the purpose of discussing personnel information that is confidential pursuant to N.C.G.S. 115D-27 through 29. It was seconded by Chip Gould and passed unanimously.

Open Session – Election of Final Presidential Candidate

Mr. McCormick stated the nominees for the President's position were approved by the board at the Special Call Meeting of August 23, 2007, therefore, we need a motion to close the nominations. Ken Butcher made a motion to close the nominations. It was seconded by Chip Gould and passed unanimously.

Mr. McCormick informed Trustees the board will now vote on the three nominees. He explained that according to Roberts Rules of Order, as soon as one of the nominees received a majority of the vote, the chair will then declare that candidate elected and no votes will be taken on the remaining nominees.

Mr. McCormick asked all Board Members who are in favor of Dr. Molly A. Parkhill for President, please raise your hand. Let the record show that 9 out of 12 voting members raised their hands in favor. He then stated due to the fact that Dr. Parkhill has the majority vote, no votes are necessary for the remaining nominees.

Mr. McCormick stated a motion is also needed to allow the Chairman Pro-Tem to negotiate the contract with Dr. Parkhill. The presidential salary set by the State Board of Community Colleges is non-negotiable. The local supplement paid from county funds is negotiable. The maximum amount of the local supplement for the 2007-08 academic year was approved by the Board of Trustees at the January board meeting and was subsequently approved by the county commissioners. Kohlan Flynn made a motion to allow John McCormick as Chairman Pro Tem to begin negotiating the contract with Dr. Parkhill not to exceed the maximum amount of local supplements. The final compensation package will be approved by the Board of Trustees. Betty Gash seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

John C. McCormick, Jr., Chair ProTem