

**Blue Ridge Community College
Board of Trustees
Special Called Meeting
Minutes
December 18, 2006**

The Board of Trustees of Blue Ridge Community College met at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 18, 2006, in the President's Dining Room, Killian Building, Flat Rock, North Carolina.

The following members were present:

Joe Spearman, Sr.	Jeff McDaris
Mary Ann Engel	Tom Orr
Lee Mulligan	Mary Mims
Richard Todd	Patricia Jones
Bill Farrell	Billy Higgins
John Love	John McCormick, Jr.
George Hoskin	Ronnie Pepper

The following members were excused:

Eddie Watkins

Others present:

David W. Sink, Jr.	Scott Parrott, Times-News
Brenda Conner	Fielding Lucas
Chris Stepp, College Attorney	
Christopher Z. Campbell, Special Counsel to the Board	
Paula Lovitt, Paralegal-Roberts & Stevens Law Firm	
Pete Zampby, Hendersonville Tribune	

Chairman Spearman called the meeting to order and welcomed all guests. Chairman Spearman stated the meeting would need to go into executive session.

Fielding Lucas requested that as a former Trustee he be privileged to stay in closed session. Mr. Campbell stated that the law only allows current sworn trustees to be present. Therefore, only current Board Members, Legal Counsel, and Mrs. Conner are to be present in the executive session.

Executive Session

Mr. Campbell requested that the Board of Trustees go into executive session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1) and (3) for the purpose of discussing personnel information that is confidential pursuant to N.C.G.S. 115D-27 through 29 and to discuss matters protected by the attorney-client privilege. Mary Ann Engel made the motion to go into executive session as outlined by Mr. Campbell. It was seconded by John Love and passed unanimously.

Chairman Spearman reconvened the meeting back into open session.

Action Items in Open Session

Mr. Campbell distributed a draft resolution for Board Members to review and approve. He read the resolution out loud and then opened up the floor to Trustees for discussion. After discussion and changes were made, Bill Farrell made a motion to approve the Resolution as amended. It was seconded by Mary Ann Engel and passed unanimously. A copy of the amended Resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Campbell stated the Resolution will be posted on the College's website and a letter drafted from the Chairman will accompany a copy of the resolution and be sent to the State Board Members, the NCACCT Members and the BRCC Board of Trustees. President Sink will draft a letter to accompany a copy of the resolution to be sent to the NCACCP membership.

Mr. Campbell suggested that the Board appoint a delegation to go to the North Carolina Association of Community College Trustees (NCACCT) and request that on behalf of all the North Carolina Community Colleges that the NCACCT take up issues still raised with the State Board of Community Colleges.

President Sink requested that an invitation be extended to the North Carolina Association of Community College Presidents to be included in the delegation presenting issues to the NCACCT.

Billy Higgins made a motion to appointed Mary Ann Engel, John McCormick, and Lee Mulligan to form this delegation to contact the NCACCT concerning issues still raised by the State Board. It was seconded by Richard Todd and passed without dissent.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman, Joe D. Spearman, Sr.

Secretary, David W. Sink, Jr.