

VIRGINIA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD MEETING #161

The Virginia Western Community College Board met on Thursday, September 24, 1992, at 3:30 p.m. in the President's Conference Room in Fishburn Hall on the North Campus of the college.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Malcolm Boggs
 Mrs. LaVerne Dillon
 Dr. Charles Downs, Executive Secretary
 Mrs. Jean Glontz
 Mr. Tommy Moore, Chairman
 Mr. Monty Plymale
 Mr. William Reid
 Mr. Patrick Shaffner

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. George Daniels
 Mr. Jimmy Morris
 Mr. Byron Smith

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Mark Emick, Assistant to the President
 Mr. Harry Sellers, Manager of Administrative Data
 Processing
 Mrs. Brenda Wills, Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Moore called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 27, 1992, BOARD MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Reid and seconded by Mr. Boggs that:

The VWCC Board approve the minutes of the August 27, 1992, meeting as written.

The motion was unanimously approved.

3. GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ISSUE

Dr. Downs introduced Mark Emick, Assistant to the President, who provided information regarding the General Obligation Bond issue which will be voted on by Virginians on November 3. The VCCS film "Virginia's Community Colleges--An Investment In your Future" was shown and facts about the bond referendum were discussed. Mr. Emick noted that the purpose of the bond referendum is to meet critical capital requirements in three arenas--education, mental health, and parks and recreation. The Board members wholeheartedly endorsed the educational portion of the referendum and approved the distribution of pertinent facts to our local political subdivisions, highlighting the benefits to the Virginia Western community. Mr. Emick mentioned that a Press Conference will be held on campus on September 30 at 11 a.m. in which Mr. Moore will participate as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Boggs suggested that the board members might wish to take any opportunity to speak to the importance of the passage of the bond referendum. A fact sheet will be sent to the Board members for their use when talking with community members.

4. COMPUTER EDUCATION AT VWCC

Dr. Downs introduced Mr. Harry Sellers, Manager of Administrative Data Processing at Virginia Western. Mr. Sellers summarized the history of computers at the college by mentioning that we became a regional center in 1981, providing computer support to ten colleges in the western region. In the middle 1980s we purchased microcomputers and, in the late 1980s when equipment trust fund money became available to the colleges, Virginia Western chose to establish a local area network to support campus microcomputers. The local area network provides the capability of sharing computer hardware and software, thereby reducing operational costs. Mr. Sellers explained that we are at a point where we need to develop a plan for meeting the continually growing computing needs.

Dr. Downs has suggested that a task force be formed to address the future of the administrative computing area of the college and has asked that a representative from the Board serve on the task force. Mr. George Daniels was appointed to assist in the development of the plan.

5. VCCS ANNUAL MEETING

Dr. Downs informed the Board members that the VCCS Annual meeting will be held on November 19 & 20 at the Fair Oaks Holiday Inn in Fairfax, VA. The regular meeting of the Virginia Western Board is also scheduled to be held on November 19. As several members of the Board are planning to attend the VCCS Annual meeting, the decision was made to hold Virginia Western's Board meeting in Fairfax.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1) Dr. Downs announced that the Ki Theatre would be performing at Virginia Western on Wednesday, October 7, and provided tickets to the Board members who wish to attend.

2) Dr. Downs provided a handout "Where Virginia Ranks" for the board members' information.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

APPROVED:

11-30-92
Date

Charles Downs
Executive Secretary