

VIRGINIA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD MEETING #177

The Virginia Western Community College Board met on Thursday, September 21, 1995, at 3:30 p.m. in the President's Conference Room in Fishburn Hall on the North Campus of the college.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. James Arend
Mrs. Betty Corvin
Mrs. LaVerne Dillon
Dr. Charles Downs, Executive Secretary
Mrs. Margaret Grayson
Mr. Stan Lanford
Mr. Geoffrey Ottaway
Mr. Robert Patterson
Mr. William Reid
Mrs. Audrey Wheaton

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. George Daniels
Mr. Jimmy Morris

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Dwight Blalock, Dean of Finance and Administrative Services
Dr. Andrew Archer, Dean of Academic and Student Affairs
Ms. Sherrye Lantz, VWCC Art Professor
Ms. Brenda Shepherd, Secretary

1. ~~CALL TO ORDER~~

Mrs. Dillon called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. She introduced the two new Board members, Mr. James Arend (Roanoke County) and Audrey Wheaton (Roanoke City), and welcomed them on behalf of the Board. She also introduced and welcomed Dr. J. Andrew Archer, who assumed the position of Dean of Academic and Student Affairs upon the retirement of Dr. Robert Harrell. She mentioned that Dr. Archer formerly served the college as Chair of the Math/Science and Allied Health Academic Division.

2. ~~MINUTES OF THE MAY BOARD MEETING~~

Mrs. Dillon informed the Board members that there was one agenda item at the July 20 meeting which required a vote. Since a quorum was not present, it was agreed that Dr. Downs would contact members not present to see if they agreed with the motion to approve the awarding of the construction contract for the Student Activities Center to the low bidder, Lionberger Construction Company. She reported that Dr. Downs did contact Mr. Morris, Mr. Daniels, and Mr. Lanford, all of whom agreed with the motion presented.

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

The VWCC Board approve the minutes of the July 20, 1995, meeting as written.

The motion was unanimously approved.

3. ~~LOCAL FUNDS YEAR END REPORT~~

Mr. Blalock briefly explained that the sources of local funds are vending commissions, the college service fee (\$2 assessed once a semester to each student), and the funds provided from the local governments for site preparation and scholarship awards. He further explained that the expenditure of these funds is controlled by the Local Board through established guidelines for the Student Activities, College Activities, and President's Activities budgets. He noted too that these budgets are audited by State auditors as well as Virginia Community College System auditors, and that the funds are invested daily in accordance with investment policies established by the Board. He informed the Board members that these funds are used when guidelines prohibit use of state funds. He also mentioned that in order to maintain the required liquidity, CDs are the best investment tool and provide us with the best yields that a state institution can achieve. Mr. Blalock reviewed each account within the local funds budgets and answered questions asked by the Board members.

4. ~~SMITH FARM~~

Mr. Blalock reported that Alouf Construction is building a new subdivision near the Smith Farm and has approached the college about allowing an easement through the farm to provide electricity to the 100-home subdivision. (For the information of the new members, Dr. Downs noted that the farm was bequeathed to Virginia Western by Mr. James Turner Smith with the stipulation

that the farm be used in perpetuity in its pristine state.) After discussing the request,

A motion was made by Mr. Patterson and seconded by Mrs. Corvin that:

The matter be tabled pending further discussion with Appalachian Power and/or Alouf Construction. The Board is recommending that the option of an underground cable would be more in keeping with the stipulation of the bequest, and that some sort of consideration should be provided by the builder to the college in exchange for granting permission for the easement.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Patterson offered to review the will to ensure compliance with Mr. Smith's intent.

5. ~~PRESIDENT'S REPORT~~

Dr. Downs reported:

- that the Virginia Community Colleges Association Convention will be held in Roanoke October 5-7 at the Roanoke Marriott.
- that the Virginia Community College System Annual State Board meeting will be held at the Roanoke Marriott November 2-3 and further information will be provided when received.
- on the current status of the site development funding requests from the local political subdivisions.

6. ~~REPORT BY SHERRY LANTZ, VWCC ART PROFESSOR~~

Ms. Lantz, a member of the art faculty at Virginia Western, reported that Virginia Western's new Humanities Building houses the first permanent display of regional art in the area. She provided a catalog of the 102-piece collection and indicated that her goal as the curator of this project is to display work by

regional artists in every building on campus. She noted that at this time she has a waiting list of 200 artists. She mentioned that a "new acquisitions gala" will be held on November 17 here at the college and that details will be forthcoming. Ms. Lantz, a graduate of the VWCC Commercial Art Department, noted that Virginia Western students may earn a Commercial Art Degree or a Liberal Arts with a specialization in Fine Arts Degree.

With no further business on the agenda, Mr. Patterson moved and Mr. Lanford seconded the motion that the meeting adjourn at 4:25 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Date

Charles W. Downs

Executive Secretary