

**RANGER COLLEGE
BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING AGENDA
October 23, 2023– 6:00 p.m.
Goleman Library Board Room**

Members Present

Shawn Wells
Bobby Murry
Ron Butler
Vanna Dains
Doug Crawley
Jackie Stephens
Sandy Herod
Della Carey
Jo Ann Greenwood

CEO/Staff Present

Derrick Worrels, President
Patti Woolam
Stan Feaster
Luis Ramirez
Dr. Dayna Prochaska
Ahmy Arca
Lindy Matthews
Gaylyn Mendoza
Debbie Karl
Robert Culverhouse
Stephanie Worrels
Dixon Bailey
Scott Norwood

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Agenda Item #1- Call to Order Public Meeting

Regent Stephens called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Agenda Item #2- Pledge of Allegiance

Regent Stephens led the Board in reciting the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda Item #3- Public Comment for Individuals Not on the Agenda

No comments were made.

Agenda Item #4- President's Report

- a. Day of Champions- We had a great turn out and accomplished roughly 30 assignments. We have gotten several positive comments.
- b. Ranger College Alumni Lunch- November 17, 2023 from 12:00-2:00 pm. We will send more information out soon.
- c. City of Ranger Meet and Greet- November 9, 2023 from 4:30-6:30 pm. We will send out more details soon.
- d. NJCAA Day- NJCAA highlighted us for leading the charge with student activities for Hispanic Heritage month.
- e. Registrar- Christine Pruitt left us for another opportunity. Shayla Honeycutt has taken over as the Interim Registrar and we have no doubt that she will do a great job.
- f. Veterans Day- We will have that Friday off. We will also have a Veteran's Day Game on November 13th to recognize our local Veterans.
- g. We are doing another push to retain our students by hosting some student engagement activities.
- h. 8-week implementation- We visited Grayson College last week to learn about how they implemented 8-week courses. We have several things going on right now including Jenzebar.

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We will implement this when we feel the time is right. Regent Stephens mentioned that we need to get faculty input. President Worrels mentioned that we did have faculty members travel with us.

- i. Child Development Center- The enrollment is down. The purpose was for our students, staff, and faculty members to have a place to keep their children. At some point we will have to have a conversation about if we want to move forward with the childcare program. Regent Stephens asked if we have evaluated the history of the revenue. President Worrels mentioned that we did look back over a four year period and we have consistently lost at least \$10,000 each year.

Addendum Item #1- Consider and Approve the Minutes of the September 25, 2023 Board Meeting

Regent Crawley made and Regent Herod seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2023 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #5- Consider and Approve JET Grant CNC Plasma Table (Mendoza)

Mrs. Mendoza discussed that Ranger College received a Jobs and Education for Texas (JET) equipment grant from the Texas Workforce Commission in August 2023. TWC requires equipment orders be placed within ninety days of the grant award. The JET grant was awarded to create and allow Ranger College and Stephenville ISD partnership that has access to modern (industry standard) welding machines and shop equipment that will prepare students for a career in welding. The College published a Request for Proposal (RFP) on September 7, 2023 for CNC Plasma Cutting Tables. We received four proposals. The proposals were also reviewed by Keni Shaw, Director of Workforce Development, and Dixon Bailey, Executive Vice President of Workforce Development. We evaluated the proposals based on equipment specifications, quality and reliability of equipment, vendor reputation, and price. The recommendation is for the Board to approve the purchase of two MaverickCNC Plasma Tables with JET Grant funds to Maverick CNC for \$41,841.00 each with a total of \$83,682.00.

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Regent Stephens asked if there were any local vendors. We did not receive any proposals from local vendors. Regent Stephens asked if there were any shipping issues. Mrs. Mendoza mentioned that they were not aware of any shipping issues; however, Mrs. Shaw stays on top of those issues. Mr. Murry asked if the company will complete the installation of the electrical wiring. Mrs. Mendoza discussed that we will be responsible for the installation.

Regent Murry made and Regent Greenwood seconded a motion to approve the purchase of two MaverickCNC Plasma Tables with JET Grant funds to Maverick CNC for \$41,841.00 each with a total of \$83,682.00.

Agenda Item #6- Consider and Approve JET Grant Scotchman Ironworker Equipment (Mendoza)

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The College published a Request for Proposal (RFP) on September 7, 2023 to be due on September 29, 2023, for Scotchman Ironworkers. We received three proposals. The proposals were also reviewed by Keni Shaw, Director of Workforce Development, and Dixon Bailey, Executive Vice President of Workforce Development. We evaluated the proposals based on equipment specifications, quality and reliability of equipment, vendor reputation, and price. The recommendation is for the Board to approve the purchase of two Scotsman Ironworker's Model 5014-ET (220V 1ph) and accessories with JET Grant funds to Texas Southwest Machinery, Inc. for \$47,294.45 each with a total of \$94,588.90.

Regent Dains made and Regent Crawley seconded a motion to approve the purchase of two Scotsman Ironworker's Model 5014-ET (220V 1ph) and accessories with JET Grant funds to Texas Southwest Machinery, Inc. for \$47,294.45 each with a total of \$94,588.90.

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Agenda Item #7- Consider and Approve Proposed Tuition and Fee Schedule for Spring 2024

(Mendoza)

Ms. Mendoza discussed that the Board of Regents approved the 2023-24 Academic Year Tuition and Fee Schedule on February 27, 2023. Ranger College has chosen to “opt in” to the Financial Aid for Swift Transfer (FAST) Program for the Spring 2024 semester. This program provides funding to participating colleges so they can offer dual credit courses to educationally disadvantaged students at no cost. For 2023-2024, the THECB has adopted the maximum tuition and fee rate of \$55 per semester credit hour (SCH) for dual credit courses. Our current tuition rates are \$70 per SCH for academic courses and \$85 per SCH for CTE course and dual credit course fees of \$15 per academic year were first charged for the Fall 2023 semester.

The college proposes to decrease the dual credit course rate for both academic and CTE courses to \$55 per SCH for Spring 2024 to be in compliance with the college opting to participate in the FAST Program.

Regent Dains made and Regent Greenwood seconded a motion to approve the tuition and fee schedule effective for Spring 2024 as recommended by the Tuition and Fees Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #8- Consider and Approve the August 2023 Preliminary Financial Statements

(Mendoza)

Mrs. Mendoza mentioned that the auditors are on campus today and so far everything has been going well. Mrs. Mendoza mentioned that this financial statement includes the annual actuarial calculations for the net pension and net OPEB liabilities. The net effect was in a positive way for us where 2-3 years ago it really hurt us and put us into the negative. Total assets: \$35,821,801 Total liabilities: \$30,943,447. State funds are up which is mostly related to the SDF grant. Federal funds are down which are mostly related to the HEERF funds.

Donations include the final payment for the baseball field turf and the repairs to Nicksick that the foundation helped fund. Adjustments related to OPEB and pension liabilities decrease are related to the GASB adjustments.

Some department expenses increased. Most increases are related to the inflation of the economy.

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There are two GASB adjustments that have not been entered yet. There are two leases that we have signed but have not started paying yet. Once the lease schedule is completed, it will reclass the payments and there will be an amortization. GASB 96 is related to subscription based technology softwares such as Weave, Jenzabar, etc.

Cash and investment detail- ending value in August at \$5,045,732.09.

In August SSS and UB grants ended. They typically use the remaining funds for new computers and other supplies needed for the next year.

Mr. Murry asked how much we have spent on Nicksick and Wagley hall renovations. Mrs. Mendoza discussed that Myerson was over a million dollars. Mrs. Mendoza will prepare a report to itemize how much we have spent on renovation of dorms.

Regent Stephens asked about the mold that was in Wagley. Mrs. Mendoza mentioned that the assessment cleared the dorm for occupancy and we now have students in the dorms. Llew and Chuck both met with the individual working on the rodeo grounds. We will hopefully have an updated quote for the road this week. We are also working on finalizing the plans for the building. Regent Murry made and Regent Herod seconded a motion to approve the August 2023 preliminary financial statements. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item to 9- Consider and Approve Personnel Issues (Matthews)

Mrs. Matthews discussed the personnel issues.

Regent Wells made and Regent Dains seconded a motion to approve personnel issues. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #10- Consider and Approve the Minutes of the August 28, 2023 Board Meeting

Approved at the previous Board meeting.

Agenda Item #11- Announcements:

- a. Upcoming Events- This was discussed in the President's report.
- b. The date of the Next Board Meeting is November 27, 2023.

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Agenda Item #12 Adjourn

Regent Herod made and Regent Dains seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 6:56 pm.

Chairman, Jackie Stephens

Secretary, Sandi Herod

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