



Minutes  
Edison State College  
District Board of Trustees Meeting  
Hendry/Glades Center – A-119  
May 22, 2012  
2:00 p.m.



### Call to Order

The District Board of Trustees of Edison State College met in regular session in Hendry County, Florida, on May 22, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. with the meeting called to order by Ann Berlam, Chair.

Present: Ann Berlam, Chair  
Marjorie Starnes-Bilotti, Vice Chair  
Brian Chapman, Jr.  
Dr. Randall Parrish, Jr.  
Julia Perry  
Braxton Rhone  
Christopher Vernon  
Sankey E. "Eddie" Webb, III

Others: J. Dudley Goodlette, J.D., Interim District President  
June Hollingshead, Recorder

### Pledge to Flag

**Introduction of Guests and Public Comment** – There was no Public Comment.

Mrs. Berlam introduced three Presidential Search Advisory Committee members that were in attendance: Amanda Pollitt, Don Ransford, and John Huysman.

### Reports to the District Board of Trustees

Mrs. Berlam requested that her report be moved to the end of the meeting agenda.

#### Hendry/Glades Center Interim Director's Report (Presenter: Dr. Robert Jones)

Dr. Jones presented an update of the Hendry/Glades Center since the last Board meeting held there. Brooke Roughgarden, Coordinator of Student Services shared details of recent student events, community service projects, and community partnerships. Dr. Jones shared architectural renderings of possible future facilities.

#### Faculty Senate Report (Presenter: Dr. Bill Wilcox)

Dr. Wilcox introduced Amanda Pollitt who reported on Developmental Studies, formerly "College Prep/Remediation." She shared a handout, "*Developmental Studies Information*", and spoke about how students are identified by the PERT (Post Secondary Education Readiness Test), their needs, and how the College is addressing them.

#### Legal Update Report (Presenter: Mr. Mark Lupe)

1. Legal Compliance – Mr. Lupe reported on a new law effective October 1, 2012, HB 1355, which is Florida's response to the tragedy at Penn State and amends statutes regarding failure to report child abuse and neglect. A failure to report such an incident could result in a fine of \$1,000,000.

2. Rule Making – Mr. Lupe handed out a *District Board of Trustees Policy Manual* for Trustee review. State agencies are required to submit a rule making agenda by July 1 to the President of the Senate and the House Speaker. He will have a list of proposed policies at the next regular Board meeting, and requested that the Board contact him or President Goodlette with inquiries regarding this matter.

President's Comments (Presenter: Mr. J. Dudley Goodlette)

The lawsuit with Dr. Kenneth P. Walker has been dismissed. The Edison State College Financing Corporation met May 8, 2012 and approved a transfer of \$540,000 in non-student, non-tax, non-appropriated funds for payment of the settlement. Only broad-band dollars were used in this transaction.

A form for Presidential evaluation by the Board is being drafted by Human Resources.

**Old Business** – None

**New Business**

Agenda Item #1. Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting April 24, 2012 (Presenter: Mrs. Berlam) (Page 1)

MOTION by Chris Vernon, seconded by Eddie Webb, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting April 24, 2012, as presented. Approved unanimously.

Agenda Item #2. Approval to Accept 2012-2013 Edison Collegiate High School Instructional and Teacher Contract Recommendations (Presenter: Mr. Dente/ Board Liaison: Mrs. Starnes-Bilotti) (Page 16)

MOTION by Marjorie Starnes-Bilotti, seconded by Eddie Webb, to approve the 2012-2012 Edison Collegiate High School instructional administrator and teacher employment contracts, as presented. Approved unanimously.

Agenda Item #3. Approval to Revise Administrator Contracts (Presenter: Mr. Dente /Board Liaison: Mrs. Starnes Bilotti) (Page 18)

MOTION by Marjorie Starnes-Bilotti, seconded by Randy Parrish, to approve revisions to the *Contract of Employment for Administrative Personnel of Edison State College* document. Approved unanimously.

Agenda Item #4. Approval of Presidential Compensation Methodology (Presenter: Mrs. Doeble/Board Liaison: Mr. Webb) (Page 21)

MOTION by Eddie Webb, seconded by Marjorie Starnes-Bilotti, to approve the Presidential Compensation Methodology, including the salary range of \$211,080 - \$316,620, as presented. Approved unanimously.

**Other Business**

Mrs. Starnes-Bilotti noted that the Edison State Collegiate High School – Charlotte students had a 100% pass rate on the FCAT Writing Test that is administered to all

sophomores – the only school in SW Florida with this pass rate. There were thirteen schools in the state that had a 100% pass rate.

#### Consent Agenda

Agenda Item #5. Approval of Personnel Actions (Presenter: Mr. Dente/Board Liaison: Mrs. Starnes-Bilotti) (Page 24)

MOTION by Marjorie Starnes-Bilotti, seconded by Julia Perry, to approve the Personnel Consent Agenda Actions, as presented. Approved unanimously.

#### Information Only

Agenda Item #6. Edison State College Monthly Financial Report (Presenter: Mrs. Doeble/Board Liaison: Mr. Webb) (Page 28)

Mrs. Doeble presented the Monthly Financial Report for information only.

Agenda Item #7. Edison State College Collegiate High Schools Monthly Financial Report (Presenter: Mrs. Doeble/Board Liaison: Mr. Webb) (Page 33)

Mrs. Doeble presented the Collegiate High Schools Monthly Financial Report for information only.

#### Written Reports

Agenda Item #8. Monthly Report on Edison Collegiate High School – Lee (Page 37)

A written report was presented for information only.

Monthly Report on Edison Collegiate High School – Charlotte (Page 39)

A written report was presented for information only.

Professional Development – Budget Workshop held prior to Board Meeting

Presidential Search Advisory Committee Update Report (Presenter: Mrs. Ann Berlam)

Mrs. Berlam commended the professional work of the thirteen members of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee and the open, transparent, unanimous decisions they made in four meetings to come up with the final five Presidential candidates for Board review. Forty-one applications were received; however, one applicant withdrew before the review process began.

The forty candidates' letters, resumes and references were reviewed and the number of candidates was narrowed to twenty by a show of hands. Discussion followed on these twenty candidates and the Committee came up with nine final candidates to come to the Lee Campus for Committee interviews on May 14 and 15.

There was one change in Committee members as all thirteen members were required to be present to interview all of the nine final candidates. Cort Frohlich replaced Darol Carr, as the Charlotte County community representative, who had to be out of the country.

Each candidate interviewed for an hour, answering thirteen Committee questions. The Committee voted for the top 5 names to come to campus on June 1, 2012 to be interviewed by the Board of Trustees. Candidate Peggy Kennedy withdrew after accepting the Presidency at her college. The four remaining candidates, in alphabetical order, are: Jeff Allbritten, Eugene Giovannini, Eric McKeithan, and Joseph Sarnovsky. Mrs. Berlam gave a chart of the voting process to Trustees, as well as an audio recording of each candidate's interview.

During the last week of May the four candidates will visit every campus and the Hendry/Glades Center and participate in a public forum, have breakfast, lunch, and dinners with various Board members, and meet with President Goodlette, the President's Cabinet, and administrative staff.

At the June 1 Board of Trustees interviews, Mrs. Berlam will ask each candidate an opening general question, and then open the floor for Board members to ask questions. Lunch will be provided for the Board at the conclusion of the interviews, followed by Board discussion and reflections, and at the Board's direction a vote and collective decision for the selection of the next leader of Edison State College. If the Board takes action on a final candidate the Board will request Mark Lupe to enter into contract negotiations with the finalist. The Board will formally approve the contract at the June 26, 2012 meeting or at another meeting if necessary. If no decision is reached on June 1, the Board may meet again.

Search consultant John Hicks has completed reference checks on all final candidates. Mrs. Berlam urged Board members to contact references which were provided to them in a notebook along with letters of interest and resumes.

### **President's Comments**

### **Board Members' Comments**

**Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.



J. Dudley Goodlette, J.D.  
Interim District President  
District Board of Trustees

Date

6/26/12



Ann Berlam, Chair  
District Board of Trustees

Date

June 26, 2012