



BOARD BRIEFS

From meetings of the Alabama State Board of Education
Trustees of the Alabama Community College System

January 26, 2012

The State Board of Education met at 9:35 a.m. in the Board Room of the Alabama Center for Postsecondary Education in Montgomery, Alabama, to consider Postsecondary matters. Present were Mrs. Ella Bell, Mrs. Stephanie Bell, Dr. Charles Elliott, Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter, Mr. Randy McKinney, Dr. Yvette Richardson and Mr. Gary Warren. Also present was Chancellor Freida Hill, Alabama Community College System. Absent were Mrs. Betty Peters and Governor Robert Bentley.

PUBLIC HEARING

There were no individuals registered to address the Board during the Public Hearing.

ACTION ITEMS APPROVED

The Board allocated a portion of the 2011-2012 Education Trust Fund Special Populations Training Appropriation to **Alabama Southern Community College** for operational costs for the LifeTech program. Fiscal consideration: \$478,302 – 2011-2012 Education Trust Fund Special Populations Training Appropriation

The Board granted **Athens State University** an additional three-month extension on the previously approved project to re-roof Founders Hall. Planning must be completed and construction contracts executed no later than April 28, 2012, or this authorization will expire. Fiscal consideration: None

The Board adopted a resolution authorizing the disposition of bond proceeds relating to the Board's **Bishop State Community College** revenue bonds, Series 1998.

The Board approved the Authorizing Resolution which ratifies and confirms final pricing for the bond issue previously approved in the principal aggregate amount of approximately \$6,450,000 for the benefit of **Central Alabama Community College** to provide funds for the construction of a new library on the Alexander City Campus and the refunding of the Central Alabama Community College's Series 2003 Revenue Bonds. The Board further approved the bond issue and the final sale terms of the bonds be set forth in the Authorizing Resolution. Fiscal consideration: \$6,450,000 – SBE Limited Obligation Revenue Bonds. Estimated annual debt service is \$340,000 for the 25-year bond issue to be paid from tuition and fees including the Special Building Fee of \$10 per credit hour.

The Board granted authorization to **Faulkner State Community College** to retrofit and reroof Thompson Hall and Hodgson Hall on the Bay Minette Campus. Planning must be completed and construction contracts executed no later than October 26, 2012, or this authorization will expire. Fiscal consideration: \$650,000 – College Plant Fund (Renewal & Replacement)

The Board authorized **Gadsden State Community College** to purchase computers for instructional and administrative purposes. This purchase must be completed no later than July 26, 2012, or this authorization will expire. Fiscal consideration: \$1,703,193 – Current Unrestricted Fund

The Board approved **Shelton State Community College**'s foreign educational tour to Florence, Venice, and Rome, Italy, which will be conducted March 10 – March 18, 2012, contingent upon travel warnings issued by the U.S. Department of State at the time of departure. Fiscal consideration: \$2,058 – Cost of Travel for Instructor (Current Unrestricted Fund) Students will be responsible for individual costs.

The Board granted **Shelton State Community College** authorization to reroof Buildings 200, 300, 500, and 600 located on the C. A. Fredd Campus. Planning must be completed and construction contracts executed no later than October 26, 2012, or this authorization will expire. Fiscal consideration: \$1,830,000 (\$950,000 – Education Facilities Excellence Act of 2007 Bond Issue [PSCA Funds – Project No. 708C]; and \$880,000 – Current Restricted Fund [Title III – HBCU])

The Board granted **Shelton State Community College** authorization to renovate Building 200 located on the C. A. Fredd Campus. Planning must be completed and construction contracts executed no later than October 26, 2012, or this authorization will expire. Fiscal consideration: \$600,000 – Current Restricted Fund

The Board approved the Authorizing Resolution which sets forth certain details regarding the issuance of a series of limited obligation revenue bonds in the initial aggregate principal amount of approximately \$25,000,000 for the benefit of **Wallace State Community College – Hanceville** to provide funds for the construction of a new Health Sciences/Life Sciences Building and to pay the costs of issuing said bonds. The Board further authorized the Chancellor to negotiate the final terms for the sale of bonds within certain prescribed parameters and report such to the Board. Fiscal consideration: \$25,000,000 – SBE Limited Obligation Revenue Bonds. Estimated annual debt service is \$1,520,056 for the 30-year bond issue to be paid from tuition revenues and a special building fee.

The Board authorized **Lurleen B. Wallace Community College** to purchase computers for instructional and to purchase computers for instructional and administrative purposes. This purchase must be completed no later than July 26, 2012, or this authorization will expire. Fiscal consideration: \$130,830 – Current Unrestricted Fund

The Board appointed a Presidential Search Committee for the presidential vacancy at **J. F. Ingram State Technical College**. Fiscal consideration: Travel expenses that the committee members might incur will be paid by the College. The College also will pay all expenses related to formal notice of the vacancy, including advertising and distribution costs and all costs related to visits by the candidates.

The Board authorized the President of **Jefferson State Community College**, subject to review by the Chancellor and the Chancellor's legal office, to execute a lease agreement beginning February 1, 2012, with the Alabama Fire College. Fiscal consideration: Lease will generate approximately \$36,000 per year.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Chancellor Hill updated the Board on the health of Mrs. Betty Peters' husband and the good report he received from the doctor. She presented the published 2010-2011 Chancellor's Annual Report. She introduced Chester Vrocher who has joined ATN as the Director of Workforce Development and External Relations. During the upcoming legislative session, Mr. Vrocher will help the Department by attending committee meetings. Also helping, as needed, will be Steve Mahaffey from Central Alabama Community College. Lynne Thrower will again be taking an active roll, Leigh Grogan will attend where

budgets are concerned, and the Chancellor will attend as she normally does. She reported that the Career Technical Education Director position has been posted, and applications are due by January 31.

Since her last report, the Chancellor made an official visit to Drake State Technical College, though not her first visit, and attended the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce meeting. She also attended the Economic Development Association of Alabama (EDAA) Conference and presented the "Accelerate Alabama" plan. She will present the plan to the Board at the next work session. She attended the Legislative Black Caucus Conference Foundation Reception, and will be speaking to them today. She called on Vice Chancellor Susan Price to introduce Michelle Sylvester, who presented the Student Support Services and Correctional Education responsibilities, goals and accomplishments. This is part of the many presentations that have been given to the Board during the past year, normally at work sessions, to inform the Board of the workings of the Department of Postsecondary Education.

Mrs. Ella Bell and Mr. Gary Warren expressed their interest in having a vice chancellor position established in the Department for Career Technical Education. Mr. Warren requested that the matter be a discussion item at the next work session.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board work session for postsecondary matters will be held on Thursday, February 9, 2012, in the Board Room of the Alabama Center for Postsecondary Education. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting for postsecondary matters will be held on Thursday, February 23, in the Board Room of the Alabama Center for Postsecondary Education.