

**Southern State Community College  
Board of Trustees**

**January 13, 2010, Regular Meeting**

The regular monthly meeting of the Southern State Community College Board of Trustees was held in room 105 in the Training Resource Center on the Central Campus of Southern State Community College Wednesday, January 13, 2010.

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

At 6:00 p.m., Chairman Ward called the meeting to order. Roll Call was as follows:

**Present:**

Trustee Kay Ayres, Incoming Chair  
Trustee Donald Gephart  
Trustee Ben Houser  
Trustee Rory Ryan  
Trustee Ralph Shell, Outgoing Vice Chair  
Trustee James Ward, Outgoing Chair  
Trustee Vicki Wilson, Incoming Vice Chair

**Absent:**

Trustee Patricia Griffiths  
Trustee Paul Hall

**Consideration of Agenda**

Trustee Wilson moved and Trustee Gephart seconded that the Agenda be approved as submitted. All were in favor.

10.00

**Passing of the Gavel**

Chairman Ward expressed gratitude to the Trustees for their support, cooperation and openness during his tenure. He stated he was pleased in the successful selection of the new president, Dr. Boys. Outgoing Chair Ward passed the gavel to Incoming Chair Ayres. On behalf of Southern State Community College, Chair Ayres presented a plaque to Trustee Ward in appreciation for his exemplary leadership as Chairman for the past two years.

Chair Ayres officially welcomed Dr. Kevin Boys, the new President of Southern State Community College and his wife, Diane, who was in attendance. Chair Ayres added the Board of Trustees looks forward to having Dr. Boys at the helm of SSCC and wishes him all the best. She stated details for an opportunity for the entire community to welcome Dr. Boys to Southern State will be forthcoming.

**Consideration of Minutes**

Trustee Shell moved and Trustee Gephart seconded that the November 13, 30 and December 4, 2009 Minutes be accepted. Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Yes, Minutes:  
Trustee Ayres  
Trustee Gephart  
Trustee Houser  
Trustee Ryan  
Trustee Shell  
Trustee Ward  
Trustee Wilson

10.01

## **Monitoring Confirmation**

### *President's Report*

In addition to his written report, President Boys expressed his delight to be at Southern State Community College and stated his first eight days have gone quickly. He stated he was pleased to see faculty, staff, administrators and students in attendance this evening and thanked them for coming. Dr. Boys highlighted some of the activities he has been engaged in since his arrival. He commended his direct reports and thanked the past president in bringing them together. He has met with them as a group and is scheduling individual meetings with them. He has had the opportunity to meet Highland County leaders at a Business, Retention and Expansion Committee meeting and stated Highland County has friendly and enthusiastic individuals who are proud of Highland County and have been very welcoming to him. He stated he took this as a sign this is going to be a good place to live one of these days when he moves the family here. He has had individual meetings with Dr. Larry Dukes, former SSCC President; Dr. Ron Abrams, Executive Director of the Ohio Association of Community Colleges; and Chancellor Eric Fingerhut. Faculty and staff have dropped in to welcome him. He is beginning to set up campus visits and will extend beyond Highland County. Dr. Boys explained he has an open door policy. He looks forward to continuing to establish relationships and to working with the community in the five-county region.

President Boys recognized Dr. Ryan McCall, Vice President of Academic Affairs, who updated the Board on a Retreat he held recently to work on Semester Conversion. Dr. McCall distributed a packet that was used at the Semester Conversion Retreat and explained the work done at the Retreat. He thanked the campus directors and faculty for their work on planning the retreat and for the work completed at the retreat. He stated they went above and beyond what he anticipated them doing at the retreat. Virginia Ferguson, Chyanne Collins and Ken Shull also spoke about what was accomplished at the Retreat. In response to a question about the next step in the process, Dr. McCall explained the next two steps are to create a semester calendar and complete course curriculum prior to submission to the Ohio Board of Regents for approval.

Chair Ayres commended the work that was done and expressed appreciation for the presentation and her desire for Dr. Boys to provide presentations as part of the regular meetings.

As he mentioned in his written report, Dr. Boys asked the Board to consider having a meeting to discuss the Board's priorities for the first part of his tenure and perhaps follow that meeting with a meeting with our legislators. The meeting would be a public meeting. It was suggested the meeting be held within our five-county area. Another suggestion was made for the meeting to be held in Columbus for the convenience of our legislators. It was suggested our legislators be contacted to determine their preference. The question arose as to with which legislators the Board would meet. This could be determined by considering the legislators who have influence on the issues the College is facing even if

they do not represent the College's five-county district. It was pointed out we have been very fortunate to have extremely good support from our legislators. The Board expressed interest in having such a meeting, and Chair Ayres asked the President to work on scheduling the meeting.

Lastly, Dr. Boys mentioned the possibility of having a two-day vision planning process, possibly Friday and Saturday, and invite the Board, key administrators and faculty. It was suggested to invite some alumni and students as well. The Board expressed an interest in having this meeting. The President will work on scheduling the event.

### ***Report of Vice President of Business and Finance Report***

As he explained in his written report, Jim Buck, Vice President of Business and Finance, stated he will present a revised budget for the Board's consideration at the next meeting. He directed the Board's attention to the third paragraph in his written report about tuition. He received information from the Ohio Board of Regents that Southern State Community College, among non-levy schools, now has the lowest tuition in the state. At the next meeting, Mr. Buck will ask the Board to consider a tuition increase.

Mr. Buck recommended the Board approve bids received from Weller's Plumbing and Heating and B&B Construction for the renovation of the Daycare/IT renovation project. After a discussion of the project and a review of the Daycare budget and number of students using the services, Trustee Shell moved and Trustee Ward seconded the recommended bids be approved. Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Daycare/IT Bids from Weller's Plumbing and Heating and B&B Construction	
YES:	NO:
Trustee Ayres	Trustee Houser
Trustee Gephart	
Trustee Ryan	
Trustee Shell	
Trustee Ward	
Trustee Wilson	

10.02

The Board received a copy of the FY 2009 Audited Financial Report. As the five-year contract with Balestra, Harr & Scherer CPAs is ended, Mr. Buck asked the Board for input in selecting a firm from a list provided by the Auditor of State to conduct SSCC's audit for the next five years. Chair Ayres referred this request to the Audit Committee.

Trustee Gephart moved and Trustee Ward seconded that the President's Report and the Vice President of Business and Finance Report be adopted. Roll Call Vote was as follows:

YES, President's and Vice President of Business and Finance Reports:

- Trustee Ayres
- Trustee Gephart
- Trustee Houser
- Trustee Ryan
- Trustee Shell
- Trustee Ward
- Trustee Wilson

10.03

## Board Committee Assignments

Chair Ayres made the following Committee assignments:

### **Finance**

Paul Hall, Chair  
Vicki Wilson, Co Chair  
Kay Ayres  
Don Gephart

### **Audit**

Don Gephart, Chair  
Patty Griffiths  
Ben Houser  
Ralph Shell

### **Personnel**

Patty Griffiths, Chair  
Ben Houser, Co Chair  
Rory Ryan  
Jim Ward

### **Long-Range Planning**

Vicki Wilson, Chair  
Don Gephart  
Jim Ward

### **Nominating**

Rory Ryan, Chair  
Paul Hall  
Vicki Wilson

## Trustees' Communications

The Board of Trustees received a letter from the Manchester Village Council and the Manchester Local School District Board in which they expressed their belief that their community could provide Southern State Community College with several opportunities for growth. Chair Ayres referred the letter to the Long-Range Planning Committee.

### **Other**

Student Jeremy Pendleton asked to address the Board. Mr. Pendleton stated his desire to resurrect the Bookstore Committee, to investigate textbook purchasing options. Trustee Wilson suggested rental agreements be explored. Chair Ayres asked James Bland, Vice President of Student Affairs, to see that Mr. Pendleton's request is honored.

### **Executive Session**

At 7:02 p.m., Trustee Houser moved and Trustee Gephart seconded the Board go into Executive Session for matters pertaining to the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll Call Vote was as follows:

#### **Yes, Executive Session:**

Trustee Ayres  
Trustee Gephart  
Trustee Houser  
Trustee Ryan  
Trustee Shell  
Trustee Ward  
Trustee Wilson

10.04

## Regular Session

At 7:52 p.m., Trustee Shell moved and Trustee Ryan seconded the Board return to Regular Session. Roll Call Vote was as follows:

### Yes, Regular Session:

Trustees Ayres  
Trustee Gephart  
Trustee Houser  
Trustee Ryan  
Trustee Shell  
Trustee Ward  
Trustee Wilson

10.05

## Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled February 10, 2010.

## Adjournment

At 7:53 p.m., Trustee Houser moved and Trustee Ward seconded that the meeting be adjourned. All were in favor.

10.06

NOTE: Copies and/or originals of all documents referenced throughout the Minutes are on file (BOARD OF TRUSTEES•January 13, 2010•meeting) in the President's Office unless otherwise noted. The meeting was audio taped as well.

Respectfully submitted



Stevetta Grooms