

SYNOPSIS OF JULY 12, 2011, REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Board President Dr. Donna Neal Thomas. All Board Members were present, and a quorum was established. Also present were Dr. James Branscum, Superintendent; Dr. Danene Vincent, Associate Superintendent, Chief of Staff; Dr. Elaine Stith, Associate Superintendent of Student and Instructional Services; Mr. Bob Parrish, Associate Superintendent, Business & Operational Services; other staff members and guests.

Mr. Don Wright, Board Member Emeritus, shared information about this month's character trait, Thriftiness vs. Extravagance. He then led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Staff from the Media Department were introduced to the Board by Mr. Allan Krahl, Director, Media Services. He also shared what each did within the department.

Mr. Randall Rayburn, Marketing Consultant for Energy Education Inc., presented an energy conservation award to Metro Technology Centers for conservation of resources and serving as a role model for energy conservation to fellow educational organizations and achieving significant environmental savings as of July 2011. Dr. Branscum thanked Mr. Rayburn and Energy Education for helping Metro Tech.

Dr. Branscum said MTC would receive its tenth Gold Star Award this year during Summer Conference. Additionally, the Partners for Progress award would not be presented during Summer Conference and would, instead, be presented in conjunction with the Business and Industry Day at the Capitol [next year].

Dr. Vincent briefly reviewed the process staff followed to develop the 2012 draft Performance Excellence Plan (PEP). Dr. Vincent and Dr. Branscum presented a copy of the draft to Board Members for their review over the next month. They requested that Board Members call them if they had questions or suggestions.

Mr. Huff said he and Dr. Branscum had visited about the cut in adult funding. Dr. Branscum believed the cut would not affect MTC and that it would, however, have an impact on some of those who oversaw the alternative education program because those individuals were completely cut out of the process. They would need to wait to see how the process would be revised because of this. Mr. Huff asked if it could trickle down to MTC, and Dr. Branscum said it might. Dr. Vincent said there might be an effect on the adult basic education classes at SBC.

Items approved:

Minutes of June 7, 2011, Regular Board Meeting

Addition of a full-time certified teaching position and Culinary Arts career major at the Metro Career Academy

Close Pro-Tech Automotive Service Technology effective September 1, 2011

Lease agreement between the Trustees of the Oklahoma City Airport Trust and Metro Technology Centers for lease of the Aviation Career Campus

Amended 2011-12 School Calendar

Personnel Items

Encumbrances # 1114065 - # 1114406

Encumbrances #1210001 - # 1210827

Encumbrance to Fentress Oil Company for unleaded gasoline and diesel fuel for all district vehicles in FY 2012

Encumbrance to the United States Postal Service for four mailings of the adult course schedules

Encumbrance to Oklahoma Publishing Company for Search Engine Marketing, classified advertising, and digital media

Agreement with FreeFromIT for development of a Student Information System to replace the existing APECS student module

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.