

ISOTHERMAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JUNE 6, 1977

The Board of Trustees of Isothermal Community College met June 6, 1977 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

Present were: Spencer Gamble, Max Padgett, Hollis Owens, Jr., Mike H. Davis, James T. Tanner, Robert Spratt, Dr. Ernest Yelton, Ivy Cowan, Fred J. Eason, President of the College, and Ralph Porter, Business Manager.

Chairman Tanner called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Board discussed the following items:

1. Personnel

President Eason announced the resignation of the Dean of Instruction, Dr. David Daniel, who is leaving to become President of Wilkes Community College, and requested the approval of Dr. Dillard Morrow, current Associate Dean, as the new Dean of Instruction. Dr. Morrow was the unanimous choice of the selection committee. This motion was approved unanimously and Dr. Morrow was welcomed as the new Dean of Instruction.

President Eason advised the Board that Ralph Porter, who has been Business Manager for 11 years, would retire July 1, 1977. The Board expressed appreciation to Mr. Porter for his diligent service and the success he has had developing the beautiful grounds of the College. Jim Hall, an instructor at the college, will be in charge of day to day operation and maintenance for the summer. A new Business Manager will be employed by September 1, 1977.

President Eason recommended that educational leave be granted to the following:

Burton Harris (With Pay)	University of Tennessee	June 1, 1977- August 20, 1977
Wesley Henderson (With Pay)	Western Carolina University	June 1, 1977 - August 20, 1977
Linda Waters (With Pay)	Appalachian State University	June 1, 1977 - August 20, 1977
David Whisenant (With Pay)	Appalachian State University	June 1, 1977 - August 20, 1977
Janet Smith (Without Pay)	George Peabody College	September 1, 1977 -- August 11, 1978
Geraldine Roberts (With Pay)	University of NC - Charlotte	September 1, 1977 - November 30, 1977
Geraldine Roberts (Without Pay)	University of NC - Charlotte	December 1, 1977 - May 31, 1978

The Board unanimously approved these educational leaves.

The President requested approval of contracts for all staff members for FY 1977-78 subject to the availability of funds. Specific contracts and salaries will be written in after the State budget is received. The Board approved unanimously these contracts.

2. Transfer of Textile Machinery

Dr. Morrow reported on the efforts to recruit students for skills courses in textiles. After 2 years of trying, the College has reached the conclusion that since these skills can be learned on the job, that the instructional emphasis of the College should be directed at on the job training at the various plants. The College still offers an extensive course in management with a textile option and hopes to put in other textile related courses in the future. In view of these facts, the textile committee thought it best that the textile machinery now in the possession of the college be transferred to the Public Schools where skills programs are being given. This move should not be interpreted as a disinterest in the textile industry, but a realization that the College cannot find students for the usual skills programs, and the equipment is needed in the public school program. This request was unanimously approved by the Board.

3. Contract Renewal

The President requested renewal of contract, for 5 years, with Rutherford Hospital for clinical instruction under the Licensed Practical Nursing Program. This contract was unanimously approved by the Board.

4. Budget

Upon recommendation by the Finance Committee, the Board unanimously approved the local budget for 1977-78.

5. Audit Report

After reviewing the report on the 1975-76 audit, which also includes most of the fiscal year 1976-77, the Board directed the President to respond to the audit and send each member a copy of the response. The Board expressed its displeasure at the manner in which the Audit Director discussed with the Chairman of the County Commissioners items not included in the report and without the knowledge of the Board of Trustees. The Trustees directed the President to express this concern to the State Auditor.

6. Fund Transfers

Fund transfers, as attached, were approved.

7. Grading Project

Mr. Porter reported that the grading, across Piney Ridge Road, was on schedule and should be completed in the early summer.

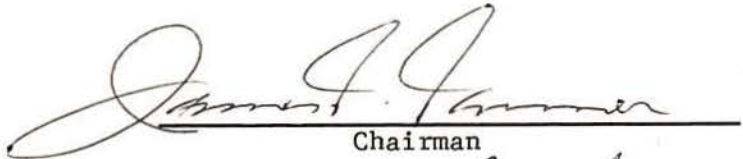
8. Cosmetology

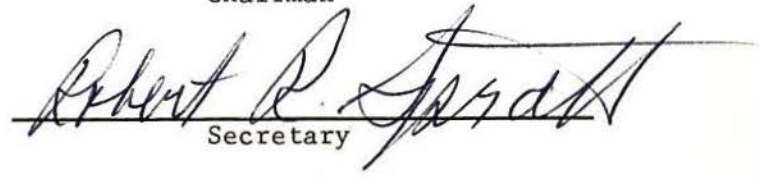
President Eason reported that the Architect has been given instructions to design a cosmetology lab to be added to the gymnasium building, and that new bids will be requested for its construction.

9. Campus Signs

The Board authorized the Building Committee to proceed with the planning and erection of a sign to the entrance at the campus and the installing of lights on the Causeway and on the sign. Motion was passed with 1 dissenting vote.

Meeting adjourned.


Chairman


Secretary