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ISOTHERMAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
APRIL 9, 1986

The Board of Trustees of Isothermal Community College met, in special session, on Wednesday, April 9, 1986, in the Management Seminar Room of the Business Education Building. The following trustees were present: Jack E. Buchanan, Chairman; Joe Miller, J. D. Cooley, Opal Sauve, Beckie Randall, M. B. Robinson, Frances Spratt, Doug Pearson, Jimmy Tanner, Jervis Arledge, and Ivy Cowan. Don Lovelace was absent. Chairman Buchanan called the recessed executive session to order at 7:04 pm to continue to discuss the qualifications of a potential college employee.

At the conclusion of the executive session, a motion was made by Joe Miller, seconded by Jervis Arledge, to elect Dr. Willard L. Lewis, III as President, effective June 1, 1986, subject to the approval of the State Board of Community Colleges at a salary based on the state salary scale plus a negotiated local supplement. The motion passes with 9 yes; 1 absent; 1 excused early; 1 no.

Mr. Cowan read the following statement which he asked to have placed in the permanent minutes:

"I have tried to think through the problem we have been handling here and to analyze my own responsibilities after looking at all the facts presented. After all that has been said, it still concerns me very much whether the action now being taken is best for Isothermal Community College, Rutherford County people and the complete organization which has worked so hard to make Isothermal Community College an outstanding school and one of the finest in North Carolina.

"I have tried to point out how important it is that we, as Trustees, see that taxpayers' money is spent wisely and efficiently in getting the College moving under full steam again as quickly as possible.

"For these reasons, as well as the others that I have already outlined to this group, I feel compelled to vote against what is now being done.

"So that there will be no surprises, I will take this stand in Open Meeting. I make no apologies for supporting a talented, qualified, Rutherford County native for President of Isothermal Community College and will say so to anyone who wishes to hear my views."

Chairman Buchanan expressed his appreciation to the Presidential Search Committee Members for their devotion and their many long hours of hard work in selecting the individual he feels will best move the institution forward. Mr. Buchanan stated that Dr. Lewis would be presented to the State Board of Community Colleges for approval on May 8, 1986.

Presidential Search Committee Chairman Joe Miller expressed his appreciation to Jack Paul and Jim Hall--members of the Search Committee--representing the Management Team and Faculty Senate respectively. Mr. Miller also said he believes Dr. Lewis will do an excellent job.

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Doug Pearson made the following statement at the close of the meeting:  
"The vote tonight was not a vote against anyone, but it was a vote for a very capable person. I personally am looking forward to working with him as a member of this Board as well as Superintendent of Schools."

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Jack Buchhorn  
Chairman

Francis H. Spratt  
Secretary