The New Mexico Junior College Board met on Tuesday, May 23, 2006, beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Western Heritage Center & Lea County Cowboy Hall of Fame. The following members were present: Mr. Larry Hanna, Chairman; Mrs. Patricia Worrell, Secretary; Mr. Phillip Jones; Mr. Guy Kesner; Mrs. Yvonne Williams; Mr. Ron Black; and Mr. John Hice, Jr.

Mr. Hanna called the meeting to order and welcomed visitors and guests present: Tomlyn Dowdy, Hobbs News Sun.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mr. Jones, the agenda was unanimously adopted, as presented.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mr. Black, the board unanimously approved the minutes of April 20, 2006, as written. Upon a motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Williams, the board unanimously approved the minutes of May 8, 2006, as written.

_Under President’s Report_, Dr. McCleery reminded the board of the Governing Board’s Retreat in Santa Fe on June 8 and 9. He also reported that the Lea County Cowboy Hall of Fame agreement will be presented at the June meeting.

_Under New Business_, Dan Hardin presented the April financial reports and with a motion by Mr. Hice, seconded by Mrs. Williams, the board unanimously approved the expenditures for April, 2006. Upon a motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Hice, the board unanimously approved the Fiscal Watch Reports.

Mr. Hardin presented Bid #984 – Cosmetology Equipment. The administration recommended acceptance of the multiple award bid from American Beauty Equipment for $2,568 and Iowa Beauty & Barber Supply, Inc. for $49,652.50. Upon a motion by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mr. Hice, the board unanimously accepted the recommendation.

Dr. McCleery presented the highlighted changes of the 2006-2007 employee handbook for board consideration. After some discussion and upon a motion by Mr. Black, seconded by Mrs. Williams, the board unanimously approved the handbook with changes.

Upon a motion by Mr. Black, seconded by Mr. Jones, the board unanimously tabled Consideration of Campus Fencing Project.
Dr. McCleery recommended the board approve all current degree plans for submittal to the Higher Education Department (HED) for verification of Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Codes. This is a new initiative from the HED. Upon a motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Hice, the board unanimously approved the recommendation.

Regina Organ recommended Ms. Anna Marquez for the Director of Financial Aid position at an annual salary of $44,731. Upon a motion by Mr. Hice, seconded by Mrs. Worrell, the board unanimously approved the employment of Ms. Marquez, effective May 24, 2006.

Charley Carroll recommended Mr. David Huddleston for the General Maintenance Foreman position at an annual salary of $39,898. Upon a motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Worrell, the board unanimously approved the employment of Mr. Huddleston, effective May 24, 2006.

John Gratton recommended Ms. Miesha Jackson for the Professor of Barbering/Cosmetology position at a nine month salary of $31,045. Upon a motion by Mr. Kesner, seconded by Mr. Black, the board unanimously approved the employment of Ms. Jackson, effective August 14, 2006. Mrs. Williams abstained from the vote.

Dr. Gratton recommended Mr. Cecil Castle for the Professor of Nursing position at a nine month salary of $34,181. Upon a motion by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mr. Hice, the board unanimously approved the employment of Mr. Castle, effective August 14, 2006.

Dr. Gratton recommended Ms. Sandra Luckett for the Professor of Art position at a nine month salary of $38,285. Upon a motion by Mrs. Worrell, seconded by Mr. Kesner, the board unanimously approved the employment of Ms. Luckett, effective August 14, 2006.

Dr. Gratton recommended Mr. Jarred Storms for the Professor of Automotive Technology position at a nine month salary of $35,084. Upon a motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Worrell, the board unanimously approved the employment of Mr. Storms, effective August 14, 2006.

Mrs. Worrell moved the board go into closed session for the discussion of limited personnel matters under the provisions of section 10-15-1-H (2) of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated 1978. Mrs. Williams seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Jones – yes; Mrs. Worrell – yes; Mr. Black – yes; Mrs. Williams – yes; Mr. Kesner – yes; Mr. Hice – yes; and Mr. Hanna – yes.

Upon re-convening in open meeting, Mr. Hanna stated that the matters discussed in the closed meeting were limited only to those specified in the motion for closure.

Mr. Hanna called for comments from the public. There being none, the next regular board meeting was scheduled for June 22, 2006, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Upon a motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Worrell, the board meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.