NEW MEXICO JUNIOR COLLEGE

BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 20, 2008

MINUTES

The New Mexico Junior College Board met on Thursday, November 20, 2008, beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Zia Room of Pannell Library. The following members were present: Mr. Larry Hanna, Chairman; Ms. Patricia Chappelle, Secretary; Mr. Phillip Jones; Mrs. Mary Lou Vinson; Mr. Ron Black; Mrs. Yvonne Williams; and Mr. Guy Kesner.

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

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

Upon a motion by Mrs. Vinson, seconded by Mrs. Williams, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of October 16, 2008.

Under President’s Report, Philip Berry introduced members of the Rodeo team and shared some of their accomplishments, as well as expressing appreciation for their help with the recent National Steer Roping event. Mike Henderson, Professor of Computer Assisted Drafting, shared pieces of artwork from the architectural drafting class. Dr. McCleery shared a letter of appreciation from the J. F Maddox Foundation, who recently held their Board of Directors meeting at the Training & Outreach Center. August Fons reported that Naomi Phillips had recently been selected by the U.S. Department of Justice – National Institute of Corrections to serve as a NIC Regional Field Training Coordinator. Mickey Best reported that Dianna Marquez and the Adult Basic Education staff have been awarded the 2007-2008 Outstanding Adult Basic Education Program of the Year Award by the New Mexico Adult Education Association. Dr. McCleery reported the Small Business Development Center was hosting the New Mexico Small Business Development Center Networking meeting. In closing, the Board viewed the Tatum Volunteer Fire Department DVD.
**Under New Business**, Dan Hardin presented the October financial reports and with a motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Chappelle, the Board unanimously approved the expenditures for October, 2008. Upon a motion by Mr. Kesner, seconded by Ms. Chappelle, the Board unanimously approved the Fiscal Watch Reports.

Calvin Smith presented a request from the Western Heritage Museum Advisory Board to add “Complex” to the name Western Heritage Museum. The change is an effort to become more visible and implies a larger, more diverse entity and becomes a much more effective marketing tool in trying to attract regional audiences. Western Heritage Museum Complex and Lea County Cowboy Hall of Fame will be the new title. Upon a motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Vinson, the Board unanimously approved the request.

Dr. McCleery presented a recommendation to move $6,400,000 from reserves into capital projects. The funds will be committed to complete the following projects: Library (upstairs remodel); Caster remodel (old Cowboy Hall of Fame); Central Plant Expansion/Electrical Upgrade; Distance Education Equipment (Maddox matching grant); Landscaping/Fencing; and 2009-2010 Compensation (one time non-recurring). Upon a motion by Ms. Chappelle, seconded by Mrs. Williams, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation.

Regina Organ recommended Ms. Debbie Pruitt for the Director of Upward Bound position at an annual salary of $45,147. Upon a motion by Ms. Chappelle, seconded by Mrs. Vinson, the Board unanimously approved the employment of Ms. Pruitt, effective November 21, 2008.

The Board presented various questions to begin discussions regarding annexation.

Mr. Hanna called for comments from the public. There being none, the next regular board meeting was scheduled for December 18, 2008, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Upon a motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Kesner, the board meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.