The New Mexico Junior College Board met on Thursday, January 12, 2006, beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Zia Room of Pannell Library. 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: Cameron Ward, Hobbs News Sun.

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

The board minutes of December 15, 2005 should have read that the New Mexico Junior College Board met in the Zia Room of Pannell Library instead of the T-Bird Room of the Ben Alexander Student Learning Center. Upon a motion by Mr. Kesner, seconded by Mrs. Worrell, the board unanimously approved the minutes of December 15, 2005, as amended.

Under President’s Report, Dr. McCleery informed the board that he would keep them updated on the upcoming legislative session.

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; Mr. Hice – yes; Mrs. Worrell – yes; Mr. Black – yes; Mrs. Williams – yes; Mr. Kesner – yes; and Mr. Hanna - yes.

Under New Business, Dr. McCleery presented the December financial reports and with a motion by Mr. Hice, seconded by Mrs. Worrell, the board unanimously approved the expenditures for December, 2005.

Dr. McCleery made a recommendation regarding the tuition and fees for the college and community band members. The administration will approach the NMJC Foundation for scholarships before waiving the tuition and fees. If the funds are not available from the foundation, the college will waive the tuition and fees. The Jim Spence Memorial Scholarship Fund in the Foundation will provide 40 scholarships for this semester. Upon a motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Black, the board unanimously accepted the recommendation.
Upon a motion by Mr. Kesner, seconded by Mr. Jones, the board unanimously voted to table Consideration of Employee Handbook Change and the Personnel Considerations.

Mr. Hanna called for comments from the public. There being none, the next regular board meeting was scheduled for February 13, 2006, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Upon a motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Worrell, the board meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.