

**NEBRASKA COMMUNITY COLLEGE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Third Quarter Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2008**

1. PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

All NCCA Board of Directors, Area Presidents, and the general public having been duly notified the third quarterly meeting of the NCCA Board of Directors was held August 9, 2008, at Central Community College – Grand Island Campus. President Jane Hornung stated that the public meeting notices were published in the Lincoln Journal Star and Grand Island Independent and the rules for the Nebraska Public Meeting Laws are available for public viewing. The public meeting notices are attached to these minutes.

2. ATTENDANCE

Directors Present:

President Jane Hornung – Mid-Plains
Vice President Lynn Schluckebier – Southeast
Secretary Merlyn Gramberg – Western Nebraska
Treasurer William Schneider – Central
Robert Feit – Southeast
David Newell for Jim Nekuda – Metropolitan
Don Oelsigle – Northeast
Tom Perkins – Western Nebraska
Larry Poessnecker – Northeast
Tim Potter – Metropolitan
Wayne Sasges for Diane Keller – Central
Roger Wilson – Mid-Plains

Staff Present:

Dennis Baack – Executive Director
Melanie Williams – Administrative Assistant

Also present were: Dr. Greg Smith – Central, Randy Schmaizl – Metropolitan, Dr. Michael Chipps – Mid-Plains, Dr. Bill Path and Nanci Lingenfelter – Northeast, and Dr. Eileen Ely – Western Nebraska.

3. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM DETERMINATION

President Hornung called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. and asked for roll call and quorum determination. Present and responding were twelve board members representing their respective area governing boards. It was determined that a quorum was present.

4. OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT

President Hornung asked if anyone from the public would like to make a comment. There were none.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Hornung asked for any additions to the agenda. Potter stated that he would like to add an item under the Team 1/Legislative Committee Report. The item being introduced will be referred to as resolution #3 and was emailed to the board prior to the board meeting. Potter wanted to clarify that the two previous resolutions which will be discussed were resolutions introduced and passed by the Metro board while the resolution being introduced today is for action by the NCCA board. President Hornung then added that according to state law, items of non-emergency can be added to an agenda if received 48 hours prior to a meeting and it was received in that time frame.

MOTION BY TIM POTTER AND SECOND BY DAVID NEWELL that the NCCA Board of Directors approves the meeting agenda as amended.

A roll call vote was taken.

Voting Aye: Feit, Gramberg, Hornung, Newell, Oelsligle, Perkins, Poessnecker, Potter, Sasges, Schluckebier, Schneider

Voting Nay: Wilson

RESULT: Motion carried eleven (11) ayes and one (1) nay.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Hornung asked for any corrections to the second quarter meeting minutes. Perkins asked for clarification in regard to the portion of the minutes concerning the CCBenefits Survey. Baack and Dr. Smith clarified that portion for Perkins.

MOTION BY TOM PERKINS AND SECOND BY DON OELSLIGLE that the NCCA Board of Directors approves the May 5, 2008, meeting minutes.

A roll call vote was taken.

Voting Aye: Feit, Gramberg, Hornung, Newell, Oelsligle, Perkins, Poessnecker, Potter, Sasges, Schluckebier, Schneider, Wilson

Voting Nay: None

RESULT: Motion carried twelve (12) ayes and no nays.

7. TEAM 1 / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

a. Metro Resolutions

Potter stated that the first two resolutions which were sent out to the board were just information items to show what the Metro board had passed in the previous months. The resolution passed in June shows Metro's opposition to any additional state aid based on the current funding formula. The resolution passed in July reiterates the previous resolution as well as seven principles or objectives that the Metro board would like to see a new formula reflect. Potter continued to state that the first six objectives pertain to a new funding formula while the seventh objective pertains to the association. As a result of those two resolutions and the discussion at the CEO meeting, the Metro board developed the resolution which is directing the CEO council to undertake negotiations to make changes to the funding formula which would be acceptable to all the colleges. Potter continued to state that the Metro board feels that the CEO council would be the forum for negotiations to take place in and that the board level is not the place for those kind of detailed negotiations to take place. It is Metro's hope that those negotiations of the CEO's would be fruitful and that they would result in something the board can endorse and present to the Legislature.

Newell stated that at the CEO meeting there was anxiety or a great desire for Metro to come up with a proposal. Metro discussed whether or not to come up with a proposal and this resolution is their response to the proposal. They think that it would be helpful for the association to under take up a discussion in the CEO council to see if an agreed upon solution to the funding formula can be found.

Gramberg asked if the Metro board had acted on this resolution. Potter clarified that this resolution is for consideration by the NCCA board and the two resolutions previously discussed were passed by the Metro board to express their position. Perkins asked who authored the NCCA resolution. Potter replied that it was authored by Newell, Schmailzl, and himself. Perkins then stated that it was his understanding that the remaining Metro board is unaware of this resolution. Potter replied that it was sent out to the Metro board.

Newell stated that the Metro board did recently have a workshop and this topic was discussed and it was understood that they would try to negotiate if possible. Feit asked if their workshop was after the CEO meeting. Potter replied in the affirmative that their workshop was held the following day.

Perkins stated that we would like the Metro representatives to explain the underlying intent of the resolution given the history that the Legislature took it upon themselves to establish a funding formula and the history of the CEO's making a serious attempt to find a formula everyone can live with, why there is such hastiness for the proposed NCCA resolution. Potter replied that Metro did support scenario #4 of LB 342 presented by Senator Raikes and they also supported the changes which took place this year but the Metro representatives did also state that after FY 09 the formula

worked in a way which would not be acceptable for Metro and that they didn't regard LB 342 as a long term fix and further changes would need to be made to it. This resolution is an outgrowth of that and some of the problems with the formula has to do with some colleges subsidizing other colleges and is laid out in Metro's July resolution which states that the formula should be based solely on educational factors. Potter then stated that if the CEO's can negotiate a formula that reduces or eliminates the subsidy, is based on educational factors, and maintains local control, which Metro feels is not happening with the current formula because with the way the LER rate is determined, it takes away the ability of the local boards to set their tax rate the way they see fit. Given the fact that Metro has expressed their concerns in the past, that they felt that LB 342 was not a permanent or long-term fix, and more needed to be done, this should not be a surprise to anyone.

Oelsgle stated that the system has been going through this for three years and the CEO's had previously tried for a year to come up with a formula everyone could live with, perhaps it was time for a consultant to be brought in and take a look at it.

Newell stated that historically the funding formula is something that the NCCA with the help of the CEO council has forwarded to the Legislature and the Legislature has normally accepted it. Three years ago, the NCCA had a proposal which was worked through and had a majority of the board that would have made some changes. What happened as a result of that, it went to the Legislature and he can speculate how it happened having some knowledge of how things happen in the Legislature, they came up with their own formula without consulting the system and that has never been done that way before. Newell continued to state that Metro thinks that things should be done as they were traditionally done where the system tries to take control of their own destiny. The proposed resolution is saying that if the NCCA board wants harmony, peace, and cooperation, things should be done in the time honored way and if that can't be accomplished, then it will be fought in Legislature.

Feit stated that the CEO's with the cooperation of the financial officers came up with a formula that was presented to the board and at that time, Metro and Northeast voted against it with Metro then introducing their own legislation. Metro has created a list of demands in one of their board resolutions and how is this a negotiation when that is what they demand to be in the formula. Potter stated that he is not prepared at this point to assume that the CEO's can't agree on something and he believes that they can come with a formula that reflects Metro's objectives and all the colleges can agree upon. Perhaps in two months they have not been able to come up with an agreement but at this point in time it would be appropriate for them to at least try and not assume that they can't agree.

Perkins asked Potter how many of the seven principles Metro stated in their July resolution would have to be in a new funding formula for Metro to accept it and not go to the Legislature with their own legislation. Potter replied that Metro would like a formula to contain all six of their principles that refer to the formula. Negotiations are a process of compromise but if a formula that can in total address those objectives in the best way

possible and the colleges can agree to, Metro could support it. Feit asked if each area submitted their own six principles or objectives, could they expect Metro to support their objectives. Potter replied that they are not looking for a formula that reflects six principles that each college submits. He assumes that some principles would be similar and he does not think it's beyond the capability of the CEO's to meld those principles into something that could be acceptable to the board and they should be given that opportunity.

Newell then stated that they are principles and none of them have to be included. He went on to state that in order to have successful negotiations, everyone has to agree and the whole idea of having negotiations is to try to find a common agreement. These are principles Metro believes is important but they don't have to be a part of any agreed to compromise. This process may not result in anything and he is not particularly optimistic about the chances of the CEO's working out an agreed to argument. Newell then stated that it is Potter's desire to work within the association and he has agreed with him but he is not that hopeful but it is their attempt to work within the structure that we presently have.

Poessnecker stated that when the association accepted what the Legislature had presented and it was known at that time that it would need to be adjusted, why is Metro taking such an aggressive measure before we have had a change to see how the current formula will work out with some modifications. He then stated that this may also be giving Senator Fischer some ammunition that the system isn't working and a change needs to be made. Potter replied that the projections that Metro has done shows that the subsidies will continue whether REU's are used or not and the way the formula affects aid to Metro after 2009, changes need to be made in the upcoming legislative session. If action is not taken in the next session, the same formula continues with the same flaws. One example of how the formula was flawed came out of the CEO council meeting with the proposal to ask for \$10.8 million dollars in additional state aid. Potter then stated that the question can be asked during the CEO council report how that number came about and who knew about it before hand. The way the formula would work with an increase like that, \$7 million dollars of that \$10.8 million dollars would go to one college and it is obvious to him that any formula which produces that kind of result is flawed or you would have to be naïve to not think that. If action is not taken this upcoming session, those type of flaws will continue to come up and Metro feels that something needs to be done.

Newell stated that as soon as the Legislature took over the formula, it was recognized that some changes would need to be made. At the end of the session, there was a major change in the formula and that was moving from FTE's to REU's and when that happened money moved dramatically to Southeast. That change wasn't discussed publicly or by the board and traditionally the community college system weighed in on those things. Right now it is being aggregated by a legislature who is going to be out of office soon so this will either be taken over by the community college system like it traditionally has been or it's going to be run by the Legislature. The only way to get an agreement is if the association works together to find it but he has lost a little faith in the

likelihood there is any great desire by the association to take back the traditional responsibility and role. Newell continued to state that he believes that it now has to be fought out in the Legislature and from his point of view this is the last attempt to try to work within the association.

Baack asked when referring to one college subsidizing another, how does that occur when none of Metro's property tax goes to another college. Newell stated that the qualifying mill levy in order to get state aid requires them to either raise their property tax or to give up state aid. There is a direct relationship between property tax and state aid and that direct relationship is one that is being dramatically changed all the time. The new formula has been in effect for two years and it has changed dramatically in that time and will be dramatic next year when we move to REU's which was never discussed previously. Newell continued to state that if the system wants Metro to raise their property tax in order to move money to another area of the state, the Metro board is not anxious to tell their tax payers that they have to subsidize someone else by raising their property tax. Baack then asked when referring to one of their objectives which states returning property tax control to local elected board, he's assuming that means getting rid of all limitations on property tax for community colleges. Newell replied that next year when the formula moves to REU's, Metro cannot avoid raising property taxes because the qualifying mill levy requires them to lose state aid or dramatically increase their property tax. Local control is being taken out of their hands and the intent was for them to lose state aid if they do not raise property taxes. Baack stated that that is how the \$10.8 million dollar figure was determined because that would keep the LER rate where it is today and would not require them to raise their property tax. Newell responded that the \$10.8 million dollars goes primarily to Southeast and it was calculated to allow them to no longer have the argument that they do not have to raise property taxes. The fact is that the Legislature will not likely find \$10 million dollars and he is not going to go around dreaming that they will find that money to avoid a property tax increase in Omaha. The Metro board has said that this formula is not something they can plan on, count on, deal with, and therefore they have to go tell their constituents, legislators, and the public that they want something more predictable and accountable. That is why they are before the NCCA board one last time asking for negotiations before they do this really public thing they need to do. Baack asked if everyone goes into negotiations, he assuming that Schmailzl will have an explanation of non-educational factors and return of local property tax control. Newell responded that traditionally when you go into negotiations you basically give someone a basic idea of what you want.

When referring to the section of the NCCA resolution which states that the valuation of REU's has not been updated for many years, Baack wanted to clarify that that is updated annually and did not want the board to adopt something that had an inaccurate statement in it. Dr. Smith concurred that as a former member of the Audit Committee, they did meet every May to go over the REU's and reconciled them. Newell stated that in the end we are either going to negotiate something that is agreeable or not. Potter replied that Metro feels that more work needs to be done to accurately

reflect the sort of students that Metro has to deal with like developmental education and ESL.

Perkins asked Newell where the funds for state aid come from. Newell responded that the state is not allowed to have a property tax so revenues come from sales and income taxes. Perkins stated that he just spent three days in Omaha and spent roughly \$700 dollars while there, did Metro raise it or did he pay it? Newell stated that Metro had passed a resolution pointing out that most sales and income tax comes from their area but it never said that that revenue was theirs. It only said that that is where the money comes from and is collected and they think it would be fairly easy for them to talk to their legislators and convince them that additional state aid that basically finds its way to other parts of the state and so little comes back to them would be an easy thing for them to oppose.

Oelsligle asked again if the Metro board would be satisfied with developing with someone who has experience with this to take an outside look at this even though it probably wouldn't occur before November. Potter replied that Metro would prefer the CEO's take a try at this first and something needs to be done this upcoming legislative session. Oelsligle asked if Metro would be willing to hire a consultant if the CEO's were unable to come up with anything before the session. Potter replied that if he is asking to take another six months to study the issue and another legislative session is gone, he replied in the negative.

Wilson asked Newell if he would be willing to give the board some idea of the proposal Metro has ready to go to the Legislature. Newell stated that Metro does not want any more money put into the system if it stays the way it is. That does not say that they would not come up with their own proposal that would at least compete with any other proposals out there or one that might help educate the Legislature. Wilson stated that Metro should have a proposal in mind right now. Newell responded that they do and that is the resolution in regard to negotiations. One of the problems here in articulating their position is that they think that if the CEO's agree then the association would be back in charge of the process and if they can't, then they can move on from there. Wilson asked if that was their excuse then. Newell stated that that is exactly where we are heading. If the CEO's can't agree, then Metro would be irresponsible in terms of their taxpayers and students if they didn't try to do something.

President Hornung stated that in order to allow more conversation to be had, she would entertain a motion to postpone this to a later meeting so that the board may adhere to policy #3005 which obligates the board to take these types of issues to their respective area board to seek input and solutions before a decision is made. Newell asked if President Hornung is asking for a motion to postpone this resolution because this is not appropriate. Potter stated that if the board is going to discuss a motion to postpone, it should be made and seconded before more discussion is had.

MOTION BY TOM PERKINS AND SECOND BY DON OELSLIGLE that the NCCA Board of Directors postpone further discussion of this resolution so that

members of this board may take this resolution back to their area board for discussion and that the NCCA board meet prior to the next scheduled board meeting to be determined later.

Potter stated that as he reads the policy and understands what it is stating, this resolution calls for the beginning of a negotiation process. It is not taking a position, establishing a policy, or making a decision on a legislative agenda, it simply calls for undertaking a negotiation process among the CEO's so for that reason he does not think it falls under policy #3005 as something that needs to be referred to area boards. Newell stated that he thinks that the board needs to move on from here and they need to know whether negotiations can begin or not. By delaying it, it just makes it less likely that negotiations will be effective which they probably won't be anyway. Newell continued to state that he doesn't know why the board wants to decide if they are even going to try when it should be decided now. He would encourage instead a motion that indefinitely postpones the resolution. President Hornung stated that there is already a motion on the floor and if that should fail, that could be his option. Oelsligle stated that the resolution may get a better chance of passing if everyone who is interested had a chance to discuss at their local board. Sasges stated that he is a facts and figures individual and before he takes it to his board he would like to see what kind of financial implications Metro is referring to with Southeast receiving \$7 million dollars. Baack distributed a spreadsheet which shows how much each area would gain or lose in state aid. Sasges then asked what would Metro's proposal actually do to the funding formula. Potter replied that the proposal is only to begin negotiations.

President Hornung called for the question on this motion.

Feit stated that even if we do take it back to our individual area boards, the CEO's will be discussing this at their next meeting and he does not believe the system will be losing any time on this. Newell asked if they would be negotiating or just talking about it. Feit stated that he didn't know they could negotiate anything without talking about it.

Oelsligle asked if the resolution is written in stone or can changes be made. Newell replied that if it is not passed by this board, it can be amended by this board because it is this board's resolution. The resolution is just Metro's ideas being presented to the NCCA board.

A roll call vote was taken.

Voting Aye: Feit, Gramberg, Hornung, Oelsligle, Perkins, Poessnecker, Sasges, Schluckebier, Schneider, Wilson

Voting Nay: Newell, Potter

RESULT: Motion carried ten (10) ayes and two (2) nays.

President Hornung asked if anyone needed more information in regard to the resolution before they present it to their local board, could ask the Metro representatives for that information. Newell stated that the resolution speaks for itself and the board can change it or amend it. If anyone has any questions in regard to Metro's position, then they may contact them.

Wilson stated that before he can take it back to his board, he needed more information now in regards to the seven items in Metro's July resolution. Newell stated that that was a resolution his board passed. Wilson replied that he understood that but it would still be brought to his board's attention. Newell responded that those were Metro's principles in terms of if there are negotiations. Wilson then stated that Metro did put them down and if they were not included in a new formula, they would turn it down. Wilson continued by referring to item #7 which refers to the voting membership of the association being based on a percentage of dues paid and asked what kind of vote would he have at these meetings. Potter replied that the issue under discussion would be the resolution to begin negotiations should the CEO's undertake the process and he can ask questions of Metro or anyone relating to the formula. That would be the issue for the individual boards to consider whether they want the CEO's to undertake a negotiation process and that would be what is brought back to this board at a special meeting if there is one. Action would be taken on the resolution at that point based on input received from the local boards. Potter continued to state that the information in their resolutions can be discussed at the local level but the issue is whether or not the CEO's should undertake the process or not. Wilson stated that he hopes we are not sending them down for three months of non-productive work and before he can ask his President to go into negotiations, he would like to know how much input the presidents will have dealing with the Metro representatives and how much time it will take. Each point Metro wants included will be very time consuming and their board has discussed in detail each of those points.

President Hornung called for a ten minute recess. The board recessed at 10:14 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:26 a.m.

b. Preliminary Legislative Agenda

Baack stated that the CEO council did have discussion at their meeting regarding what the system should be asking for in state aid. That needs to be submitted by September 15 and must be calculated by current state law. The council voted 5-1 with Metro being the dissenting vote to ask the Legislature for \$10.5 million dollars in state aid so that the LER can remain constant. Also discussed was proposed legislation regarding bond protection. Baack continued to state that the legislative agenda will not be voted on until the November board meeting and it will be determined at that time if we go forward with those items or any additional items which are brought forward.

8. TEAM 2 / BUDGET AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

a. Update on Executive Director's Evaluation

Schneider referred everyone to their board packet item #5 and asked if anyone had any questions regarding the update. Baack stated that Team 2 will meet prior to the November board meeting to finalize the process and determine a recommendation for the entire board. There were none.

b. 2009 NCCA Budget Recommendation and Approval

Baack explained that even with the recommended increases which were discussed at the second quarter meeting, the budget decreased due to changes in the association's health insurance. Blue Cross and Blue Shield enacted a tier membership structure and due to the structure, the association was able to save over \$5,300 in health insurance premiums. With the changes which were made, the overall budget increase is 1.15%.

MOTION BY TOM PERKINS AND SECOND BY LYNN SCHLUCKEBIER that the NCCA Board of Directors accept the 2009 NCCA budget as presented.

President Hornung asked for further discussion. There was none.

A roll call vote was taken.

Voting Aye: Feit, Gramberg, Hornung, Oelsigle, Perkins, Poesnecker, Sasges, Schluckebier, Schneider, Wilson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: Newell, Potter

RESULT: Motion carried ten (10) ayes, no nays and two (2) abstains.

9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President Hornung stated that at the third quarter board meeting, new officers are elected by the board. The current executive committee will move up one position with Metro choosing a Treasurer as they are next in the rotation. Schneider stated that he will not be seeking re-election on the Central board so he recommends Keller taking his position in the rotation. Baack stated that according to NCCA policy a board member must serve at least two years on the executive committee before they can assume the role of President and Keller would meet that two year guideline. Potter stated that he would let the office know next week which Metro representative would be assuming the duties of Treasurer. The executive committee would be as follows and would begin their duties immediately following this meeting: President – Lynn Schluckebier, Southeast; Vice President – Merlyn Gramberg, Western Nebraska;

Secretary – Diane Keller, Central; and Treasurer – Metro representative to be determined at a later date.

MOTION BY LARRY POESSNECKER AND SECOND BY ROGER WILSON that the NCCA Board of Directors elect the officer list as presented.

President Hornung asked for further discussion. There was none.

A roll call vote was taken.

Voting Aye: Feit, Gramberg, Hornung, Oelsigle, Perkins, Poessnecker, Potter, Sasges, Schluckebier, Schneider, Wilson

Voting Nay: None

Not Voting: Newell

RESULT: Motion carried eleven (11) ayes, no nays, and one (1) not voting.

10. POLICY AND BYLAW COMMITTEE

a. Revision of Policy #10000

Potter stated that this policy revision was held over from the last board meeting so that the CEO's could discuss it. At their May meeting, a motion was made and approved which would have Williams take the minutes at their meetings. Since that action was taken, it was a moot point to have a NCCA board member attend those meetings so the need is no longer there for the proposed revision.

11. COUNCIL OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

Dr. Ely gave a brief report on the August CEO meeting. Topics she discussed were: Department of Education paying the entire amount of the EMSI survey; approval of the State Aid Enrollment Audit Guidelines which had only minor changes to correspond with changes in the formula and updating of dates; an update on the NITC council by Dr. Chipps; the biennium budget request with keeping the LER constant on a 5-1 vote with Metro being the dissenting vote; and visits by representatives from Prairie Fire newspaper, AIM Institute, and UNL.

Potter asked who produced the numbers for the projected state aid increase with keeping the LER constant. Dr. Ely replied that Suhr from Southeast produced the numbers. Potter then asked when did Suhr produce those numbers. She replied that he produced them just prior to the meeting commencing.

MOTION BY MERLYN GRAMBERG AND SECOND BY LYNN SCHLUCKEBIER that the NCCA Board of Directors accept the FY 2007-2008 State Aid Enrollment Audit Guidelines.

President Hornung asked for further discussion. There was none.

A roll call vote was taken.

Voting Aye: Feit, Gramberg, Hornung, Oelsigle, Perkins, Poessnecker, Sasges, Schluckebier, Schneider, Wilson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: Potter

Not Voting: Newell

RESULT: Motion carried ten (10) ayes, no nays, one (1) abstain, and one (1) not voting.

12. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Discussion was had regarding future meeting dates and it was decided that the NCCA board would meet monthly until at least the first quarter meeting. The following dates, times, and locations were agreed upon.

September 10, 2008 – 10:00 a.m. – Grand Island
October 8, 2008 – 10:00 a.m. – Grand Island
November 18, 2008 – 10:00 a.m. – South Omaha Campus
December 8, 2008 – 10:00 a.m. – Grand Island
January 12, 2009 – 10:00 a.m. – Lincoln
February 16, 2009 – 10:00 a.m. – Lincoln

13. TREASURER'S REPORT

Schneider reviewed the treasurer's report and asked for any questions. There were none.

14. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a. Area Board Visits

Baack stated that he will begin scheduling his annual attendance at a fall board meeting for each area soon. He also stated that he will be touring Western and Mid-Plains with representatives from the state fiscal office and state budget office next week.

b. Update on Connerly Petition

Baack stated that there is still some uncertainty as to whether it will be on the ballot or not due to some validity of signatures. There is also a lawsuit pending right now regarding the language on the proposed ballot. Perkins stated that a colleague from California informed him that the Court of Appeals ruled that federal law trumps Proposition 49 which is the same language which is being presented here. He then distributed a handout for each board member regarding this topic.

c. Update on EMSI Survey

Baack stated that EMSI is the new name of CCBenefits and that the contract will be running entirely through the Department of Education.

15. PROACTIVE ISSUES

a. Improvement of Funding for Developmental Education

Dr. Smith distributed a handout which summarizes the information he has received from the areas regarding developmental education. He reviewed the information with the board and stated that he is expecting to come back to the board with a better report. One item he did want to point out was that student FTE for the system was almost 1,850 which is comparable to other small colleges. Now that he understands the partial intent of the board resolution better, he would be remiss if he did not point out that according to this data as it currently stands Metro is producing about 62% of the FTE for developmental education. At the next meeting, he will provide the board with some context by giving the board a feel of what they are doing as a group in regard to the questions which are listed on page 3 of the handout.

16. ACCT STATE COORDINATOR REPORT

Feit stated that discussion was had about getting an alternate because of the possibility that he will not be reelected. Perkins stated that the ACCT board would like the state association board to appoint someone. Feit then asked the question would the board like to appoint an alternate in the event that he is unable to attend these meetings. Perkins did want to point out that the job description has changed and there is much more involvement in the position now and the intent is for the state coordinator to become a communicator for ACCT. He then stated that he would like to wait until after the November election before this issue is revisited. Baack stated that this will be put on the November agenda. Feit then asked for articles or information that would be of interest from the CEO's that might be included in the ACCT magazine.

17. EDUCATION AND SEMINARS

a. Awards for Professional Board Staff

Baack stated that some discussion had been had regarding establishing a local professional board staff award which would be nearly identical to the award at the national level so that if the decision is made to establish this award, the recipient's information can then be forwarded to the national level. He then asked the board to consider this and more discussion can be had at the November meeting.

18. NET COMMISSION REPORT

Baack stated that a written report from Dennis Miller, the community college NET representative, was included in the board packet.

19. COMMENTS AND CONCERNS OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

Newell stated that the Metro board will be waiting for a decision whether there will be negotiations but his board does intend to proceed with the assumption that there will be no agreement because they have to be ready for the session in November. If the board hears things, they should understand that the Metro board is still committed to negotiations but they will proceed under the assumption that something needs to be done this session so they will work towards that goal. Perkins stated that everyone needs to be honest with their boards and let them know that Metro is essentially saying that if we do not meet their needs, they shall go be independent in working with the Legislature. Newell stated that they have said that all along.

Feit stated that the January and February meeting dates which were set could be on Saturdays due to football season being over. Baack stated that that issue can be revisited at the September meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Jane Hornung, President

Merlyn Gramberg, Secretary