

May 2, 2011, MB#52
Special Meeting

Special Joint Meeting
Catawba County Board of Commissioners
And
Catawba Valley Community College Board of Trustees
Monday, May 2, 2011
11:15 a.m.

The Catawba County Board of Commissioners met in a Special Joint Meeting with the Catawba County Community College (CVCC) Board of Trustees on Monday, May 2, 2011 at 11:15 a.m. in the CVCC Board Room, 2550 Highway 70 SE Hickory. The purpose of this meeting was to receive a CVCC facilities update.

Present were Chair Katherine W. Barnes, Vice-Chair Lynn M. Lail and Commissioners Dan Hunsucker, Barbara G. Beatty and Randy Isenhower.

Present were CVCC Board of Trustees Members: Chair Forrest Ferrell, Josephine Foster, Ann Gaither, Clement Geitner, D. Joe Long, Charles Preston, Charles Snipes, Ernest Stone, and Rosemary Bass Young. Also present were CVCC President Garrett Hinshaw and Board Secretary Sherry Williams.

Also present were County Manager J. Thomas Lundy, Assistant County Manager Lee Worsley, Assistant County Manager Dewey Harris, Catawba County Public Information Officer Dave Hardin and County Clerk Barbara Morris.

CVCC Board of Trustees Chair Forrest Ferrell called the meeting to order and asked CVCC President Garrett Hinshaw to review the progress of the College with those present.

Highlights of the recent growth/improvement at the College were:

- The Turf Program being rated #3 in the Nation.
- Challenger High had over 400 students enrolled in the program.
- The first phase of repair/renovation/upgrading of roads, infrastructure, roofing and walls was complete – every roof on campus was now good for the next 20 years.
- The Furniture Technology building had been renovated and now housed the new Student Engagement Center and the college's bookstore.
- Enrollment was up 32% in five years
- The Pottery Program had added Kim Ellington to the staff and was embracing Catawba County's heritage in its pottery craftsmanship
- Working with Conover on expanding the Emerging Manufacturing Solutions
- Welding Program produced a State Champion welder – 90 welders in the program – offered employment within 6 weeks of starting the program.

Dr. Hinshaw noted a great deal of progress had been accomplished in a short period of time and he thanked both the CVCC Board of Trustees for their vision and support and the Catawba County Board of Commissioners for its belief in the College and its investment in education.

Dr. Hinshaw updated those present on the progress of the Simulated Hospital and Health Care Education program. The College was preparing to meet the growing educational needs in this field and noted there was a 1000 student waiting list for the nursing program at CVCC. With the opening of the Simulated Hospital and the increased capacity in the program, enrollment capacity would increase from 90 to 180 students. The Simulated Hospital was wired with the highest technology and had the potential to become a regional center for continuing education for medical professionals.

Catawba County Commissioners each expressed their pleasure and appreciation of the accomplishments and innovation that had been taking place at the College. Commissioners thanked the CVCC Board of Trustees and Dr. Hinshaw for the opportunity to receive this update and for the vision that had been necessary to bring the College to this point. Chair Barnes said that Dr. Hinshaw was key to the regional community college cooperation that was taking place and thanked him for his efforts.

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Dr. Hinshaw and CVCC Chair Forrest Ferrell then invited all present to take a tour of the CVCC facilities. The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Katherine W. Barnes, Chair
Catawba County Board of Commissioners

Barbara E. Morris
County Clerk