

**BOARD OF REGENTS
MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**South Dakota State University
Roberts Reception Hall
Performing Arts Center
Brookings, South Dakota
April 25, 2016**

The Board of Regents convened at South Dakota State University in Spearfish and via teleconference at 3:30 p.m. on April 25, 2016.

ROLL CALL:

Randy Schaefer – PRESENT via teleconference
Bob Sutton – PRESENT
Kevin Schieffer – PRESENT
John Bastian – PRESENT
Harvey Jewett – PRESENT
Kathryn Johnson – PRESENT
Jim Morgan – PRESENT
Pam Roberts – PRESENT
Joe Schartz – PRESENT

Also present during all or part of the meeting were Mike Rush, Executive Director and CEO; Molly Weisgram, BOR; and members of SDSU and the Brookings community.

Regent Bob Sutton explained that because Regent President Randy Schaefer is present via telephone, he will preside over the meeting. Regent Sutton called the public meeting of the Board of Regents to order and declared a quorum present. He announced that the Board dissolved into executive session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, in the Student Union at South Dakota State University to discuss personnel matters; that it adjourned and reconvened in executive session at 7:15 A.M., 12:00 P.M., and 6:00 P.M. on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 to discuss personnel matters; that it adjourned and reconvened in executive session at 2:30 P.M. and at 3:30 P.M. on Thursday, April 21, 2016 to discuss personnel matters; and that it adjourned at 7:00 P.M. on April 21 as shown on the published agenda for the meeting.

Regent Kevin Schieffer reported that while in executive session, the Board considered personnel matters, and gave directions to its executive director concerning these matters.

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Schieffer, seconded by Regent Roberts that the Board approve directions given to the executive director with respect to matters discussed in executive session, that it defer until the completion of further remarks at this meeting approval of the appointment of a successor to Dr. David Chicoine as President of South Dakota State University; and adopt the report of the Executive Session.

All voted AYE. The MOTION CARRIED.

Regent Sutton thanked the campus community for its support during the presidential selection. He introduced and thanked the Regents search committee:

Kathryn Johnson, Chair
Jim Morgan
Bob Sutton
Randy Schaefer

He additionally introduced and thanked the Campus Search Committee:

Mary Kay Helling, Administrator
Nancy Fahrenwald, Administrator
Mary Moeller, Faculty
Scott Smalley, Faculty
Allen Jones, Faculty
Madelin Mack, Student
Shaheed Shihan, Student
Suzanne Stluka, Non-Faculty Exempt Staff
Marla Mitchell, Civil Service Staff
Kevin Tetzlaff, Alumni
Kim Tyler, SDSU Foundation
Jerry Lohr, SDSU Foundation
Carla Gatzke, Community
Dana Dykhouse, Community
Tony Venhuizen, At-Large
Heather Wilson, System President

Regent Sutton explained that this has been a process that has taken considerable time and energy over the past several months. Each of the committee members made important contributions to the process and the selection of the school's next president. A special thank you to each of them for the professional manner in which they conducted the business of the committee. The results of this search are directly attributed to your dedication and commitment.

Regent Sutton thanked the campus community for its participation in the process. He explained how the campus assisted the Board in the beginning by nominating colleagues to serve on the search committee, by soliciting and making nominations of outstanding candidates, by patiently responding to the process, and by participating in the three-day campus interviews. He stated that one of the great things about the selection process is that it allows the campuses and the Board of Regents to become better acquainted and to work together on issues concerning all of us. Given the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead, such cooperation can only be beneficial.

He said this effort has also served to remind the Board of the extremely valuable role that South Dakota State University plays in the development of the region's economy and its people. Our search for excellence also demands leadership that is responsive and innovative; aware not only of the present, but also of the potential. At this point, Regent Sutton asked for a motion from the

presidential search committee for the appointment of the new president of South Dakota State University.

Regent Kathryn Johnson said at this time she was pleased to present to the Board of Regents a report from the presidential search committee. She explained that with an outstanding field of candidates, the committee narrowed the field to an excellent pool of finalists that visited the campus last week.

It is from this group of talented and experienced leaders that he recommended the appointment of Dr. Barry Dunn as President of South Dakota State University.

She said Dr. Dunn is currently the endowed dean of the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences, the director of SDSU Extension, and professor of animal science at South Dakota State University. Dr. Dunn brings a deep understanding of SDSU. Every day, he works to make strong connections between this university and policymakers, alumni, donors, faculty and staff, athletic and academic organizations, business leaders, and the agricultural industry. After receiving his Ph.D. and M.S. degrees in animal science and a B.S. degree in biology, all from South Dakota State University, he first worked in Brookings as an Extension livestock specialist and assistant professor in the Department of Animal and Range Science. He returned to SDSU after spending six years at Texas A&M University as executive director of the King Ranch Institute for Range Management. He currently administers a \$78 million annual budget, which includes more than \$20 million in grant and contract awards, along with fundraising and development. He has been the South Dakota Corn Utilization Council endowed dean since 2010, as well as director of SDSU Extension and professor of animal science. Dr. Dunn has experienced SDSU from more vantage points than most: as a dean, professor, researcher, student, father, business owner, and resident. He is deeply committed to SDSU.

She introduced Dr. Barry Dunn, Jane Dunn, and their children, Michael and Thomas.

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Johnson, seconded by Regent Jewett that Dr. Barry Dunn be appointed President of South Dakota State University effective May 23, 2016.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

SCHAEFER – AYE
SUTTON – AYE
SCHIEFFER – AYE
BASTIAN – AYE
JEWETT – AYE
JOHNSON – AYE
MORGAN – AYE
ROBERTS – AYE
SCHARTZ – AYE

The MOTION CARRIED.

Regent Johnson invited Dr. Dunn to make brief remarks.

Dr. Dunn made remarks regarding his enthusiasm for the role of President of South Dakota State University and his vision for its future.

Regent Sutton announced that Dr. Dunn, Dr. Rush, and the other Regents would be available to the media for interviews following the meeting adjournment. Additionally, he welcomed the audience to a reception held in the west end of Roberts Reception Hall directly follow the meeting.

ADJOURN

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Schieffer, seconded by Regent Schartz to adjourn the meeting of the full board at 3:50 p.m.

All voted AYE. The MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned.