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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Held at the University of Connecticut at Waterbury, February 10, 1984

The meeting was called to order at 9:22 a.m. by Chairman Andrew J. Canzonetti. Trustees present were: Mrs. Bradlau, Mrs. Kronholm, Messrs. Brown, Canzonetti, Crisco, Dowling, Kleban, Kubic, Lawrence, Majchier, Opinsky, Rich, Richter, Rossi, Saslow, White.

Trustees absent were: Governor O'Neill; Messrs. Stroh and Tirozzi.

University staff present were: President DiBiaggio, Vice-Presidents Burke, DiBenedetto, Hartley, Mulvihill and Wiggins, Attorneys Shapiro and Kleinman, Messrs. Anderes, Clawson, Kimball, McDonald, and Rosenberg. Guests present were: Messrs. Sullivan and Bowes.

All actions taken were by unanimous vote of the Trustees present, except as otherwise noted.

I. A. During the public participation portion of the meeting, the following persons addressed the Board on the E. O. Smith School proposal.

Eleanor Plank, Chairman, Mansfield Board of Education
Jane Ann Bobbitt, Mayor, Town of Mansfield
George Whitham
Allen Gillespie
B. The report of the Chairman included the following items:

1. Dr. Canzonetti noted that the primary purpose of the meeting was to consider, as a committee of the whole, an agenda of the Budget and Finance Committee.

2. Chairman Canzonetti welcomed Mr. Harry Hartley as Acting Vice President.

C. The report of the President included the following items:

1. President DiBiaggio spoke briefly on the issue of E. O. Smith School. He noted that, independent of the outcome of current proposals initiated by the community, the University administration remains committed to cooperating fully in retaining accessibility to University facilities and services for E. O. Smith School students.

2. The President commented on the Executive Branch operating budget recommendation for the University. He noted that the Governor's recommendations provide a return to stability for the University's budget by stemming the erosion of past years' General Fund appropriations.

3. The President announced the appointment of a search committee to assist in the selection of a Vice-President for Finance and Administration. The membership list is attached to the file copy of the minutes.

D. 1. Following discussion of the Institutional Policy Committee's recommendation regarding the E. O. Smith School, on a motion by Mrs. Bradlau, seconded by Mr. Rich, THE BOARD VOTED to amend the recommendation as follows (new language underlined): That the University of Connecticut support legislation to transfer ownership and governance of the Edwin O. Smith School to the Town(s) of Mansfield and/or Ashford or to a Regional School District formed by Ashford and Mansfield, effective July 1, 1987 with the understanding that in the transfer of governance and ownership, all parties agree that the equitable treatment of the existing staff at the Edwin O. Smith High School be an integral part of any agreement.
2. On a motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mrs. Kronholm, THE BOARD VOTED that the University of Connecticut support legislation to transfer ownership and governance of the Edwin O. Smith School to the Town(s) of Mansfield and/or Ashford or to a Regional School District formed by Ashford and Mansfield, effective July 1, 1987 with the understanding that in the transfer of governance and ownership, all parties agree that the equitable treatment of the existing staff at the Edwin O. Smith High School be an integral part of any agreement.

Additional background on this topic is contained in Agenda Attachment F, a copy of which is attached to the file copy of the minutes.

Mr. Majchier left the meeting at this time.

Mr. Crisco entered at this time.

E. Mr. Rich's report of the Budget and Finance Committee included the following items:

1. Vice President Hartley commented on Major University funds, and on the status of the 1984-85 capital and operating budgets.

2. Mr. Anderes presented an overview of formula budgeting.

3. Mr. Rosenberg discussed the concept and operation of the Tuition Fund and of the DHE proposed instructional budget formula.

Mr. Crisco and Mr. Kleban left the meeting at this time.

4. Mr. Clawson discussed the implications for the University of the DHE proposed physical facilities budget formula.

5. Mr. McDonald discussed the implications for the University of the DHE proposed library budget formula.

Dr. Opinsky left the meeting at this time.
6. Deputy Commissioner Sullivan discussed the Department of Higher Education's views and objectives with regard to formula budgeting.

II A. On a motion by Dr. Canzonetti, seconded by Mr. Rich, THE BOARD VOTED to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing matters of personnel, litigation, and collective bargaining. The Chairman noted that the items to be discussed required staff information and opinion and asked that the Minutes reflect that President DiBiaggio, Vice-Presidents Burke, DiBenedetto, Hartley, Mulvihill and Wiggins, Attorneys Shapiro and Kleinman, and Mr. Kimball were in attendance.

B. No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Otha N. Brown, Jr.
Secretary