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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees

May 23, 1972

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the West Chester State College was held at 3 P.M. on Tuesday, May 23, 1972 in the Philips Memorial Library. The following members were present:

F. Oliver Burckhalter	Joseph Saltzman
Clifford E. DeBaptiste	Anthony L. Stancato
Mrs. Thomas P. Harney	Marion C. Staves
Edward O. Hilbush, Jr.	Charles E. Swope
D. Bernard Kirschner	

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Charles E. Swope, Chairman of the Board.

Mr. DeBaptiste moved the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 15, 1972. Motion seconded by Mr. Kirschner and carried.

Mr. Hilbush moved that the statement read by Mr. Swope to the Board of Trustees be made a part of the minutes of the meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. DeBaptiste and carried.

Mr. DeBaptiste moved that the Board elect Mr. Saltzman as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Motion seconded by Mr. Stancato. Vote was unanimous with Mr. Staves abstaining. Mr. Staves explained that, due to his recent appointment to the Board of Trustees, he felt his personal knowledge of other Board members was presently too limited to qualify him to vote for officers.

Mr. Hilbush moved that the Board elect Mr. DeBaptiste as Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Motion seconded by Mr. Burckhalter. Vote was unanimous with Mr. Staves abstaining for reason noted above.

Mr. Stancato moved that the Board elect Mrs. Harney as Secretary of the Board of Trustees. Motion seconded by Mr. Swope. Vote was unanimous with Mr. Staves abstaining for reason noted above.

Mr. Swope moved that the Board approve the meeting schedule for 1972-1973. Motion seconded by Mr. DeBaptiste and carried.

Mr. Swope moved that the Board approve writing to the Attorney General to secure a current opinion on the ruling of the Philips Will which

STATEMENT BY CHARLES E. SWOPE
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WEST CHESTER STATE COLLEGE

I am approaching a decade of privileged service as a Trustee of West Chester State College. It has been an honor for me to serve six elected terms as President of this Board of Trustees. May I take the license to direct your attention to some of the challenges our Trustees have met vigorously and successfully, with total College Community involvement, during the past decade.

Of paramount importance, we have a magnificent College and the Board members I have known during the last ten years have given freely of their energies and abilities at all times to advance the best interest of this College in their judgment. To serve as a Trustee has given me great personal satisfaction to mete the many, many problems of a changing College Community, and to resolve the same with reasonable solutions has been most reassuring.

The privilege to have the deep seeded friendship of each of my fellow Trustees over the years has been most rewarding. Our Trustees come from different religious, racial, geographical, political backgrounds; however, each Trustee has found a common purpose in his devoted service to West Chester State College.

I should like to review the progress, which many of you, along with many other devoted members of the College Community, have taken part in over the years.

BUILDING PROGRAMS

We can recall the day that Governor Scranton came to our Campus to re-activate a then totally stalled building program. His personal direction resulted in the construction and completion of: Goshen Hall, Tyson Hall and Ramsey Hall. Our building program was resumed on schedule

Because of the rapid growth of student enrollment and the serious student population density problem on the existing Campus, and with a projected enrollment of 10,000 students, it became necessary to move some of our new facilities to the South Campus and acquire more land to eliminate this critical student population density problem. Our College was able to acquire all the land from New Street to the Wilmington Pike, Route #202, resulting in the total land acquisition of 263 acres on the South Campus. This acquired land will serve such purposes as ecology development, and provide a site for future student resident dormitories.

It should be noted that the much needed access road from Farrell Stadium to Route #202 ~~has been~~ completed. We have seen the construction of the new Farrell Stadium and many teaching stations on the new South Campus to accomodate our increasing student enrollment. Despite the many construction problems involved and countless meetings in Harrisburg and West Chester, the building program advanced and we were able to resume construction and completion of the Health and Physical Education Center, Graham Natatorium, Sanderson Hall, Wayne Hall, Schmidt Hall, Mitchell Hall and Peoples Maintenance Building. Finally this Spring the construction of New Main, a seriously needed classroom building, was commenced and is now proceeding.

The result has been the construction of sixteen new buildings and many teaching stations on the Campus. The countless problems and meetings during the past decade have been far overshadowed by the tremendous result in this total accomplishment of these magnificent buildings to better serve our College Community in the future.