

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-EIGHTH MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Columbus, Ohio, January 5, 1998

Pursuant to paragraph (B) of bylaw 3335-1-01 of the Administrative Code of The Ohio State University, the Board met upon the call of the Chairman, Alex Shumate, in a special meeting on Monday, January 5, 1998, at 5:30 p.m., at The Ohio State University Fawcett Center for Tomorrow, Columbus, Ohio, pursuant to adjournment.

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Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

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January 5, 1998 meeting, Board of Trustees

The Chairman, Mr. Shumate, called a special meeting of the Board of Trustees to order on January 5, 1998, at 5:30 p.m. He requested the Secretary to call the roll.

Present: Alex Shumate, Chairman, Theodore S. Celeste, Michael F. Colley, George A. Skestos, James F. Patterson, Zuheir Sofia, Tamala Longaberger, Mark Berkman, and Soraya Rofagha.

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Mr. Shumate:

Good evening everyone. We certainly want to thank all of the members of the Board for making themselves available for this special meeting. As you know, we are here to consider a personnel action, but we do need, as a matter of protocol, for the Board to go into Executive Session for several minutes.

The meeting recessed into Executive Session for the purpose of considering the appointment of a president for The Ohio State University.

Upon motion of Mr. Celeste, seconded by Mr. Colley, the Board of Trustees adopted the foregoing motion by unanimous roll call vote, cast by Messrs. Shumate, Celeste, Colley, Skestos, Patterson, and Sofia, and Ms. Longaberger.

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Mr. Shumate reconvened the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Present: Alex Shumate, Chairman, Theodore S. Celeste, Michael F. Colley, George A. Skestos, James F. Patterson, Zuheir Sofia, Tamala Longaberger, Daniel M. Slane, Mark Berkman, and Soraya Rofagha.

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Mr. Shumate:

The members of the Board have before them a resolution to elect William E. Kirwan as president of The Ohio State University, and know that this is a responsibility of the Board pursuant to section 3335.09 of the Revised Code. The Board did establish a search committee and charged it with the responsibility of recommending to the Board one or more candidates for the presidency. The search committee did so recommend, and the Trustees have selected, William E. Kirwan as the most qualified individual to become the 12th president of The Ohio State University.

The terms that we discussed and agreed upon, and have incorporated into the resolution, are that the initial term of office shall be for a period of five years commencing no later than July 1, 1998. It is also resolved, that we are setting Dr. Kirwan's annual salary at \$275,000, with the appropriate benefits that are attached to that salary consistent with the laws and regulations of the State of Ohio. Also, pursuant to the Board's direction and on behalf of the Board, the chair will negotiate a final agreement in conjunction with our counsel to formalize the relationship between the University and President Kirwan.

Are there any questions on the resolution?

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Resolution No. 98-83

Synopsis: Election of William E. Kirwan as President of The Ohio State University is proposed.

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of the Board of Trustees, pursuant to section 3335.09 of the Ohio Revised Code, to elect the President of the University; and

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees established a Search Committee and charged it with responsibility for recommending to the Board one or more candidates for the Presidency of the University; and

WHEREAS in accordance with its charge the Search Committee did so recommend; and

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees has selected the individual it believes is the most highly qualified and suited to be the 12th President of the University:

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, That William E. Kirwan be elected as the President of The Ohio State University; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That President William E. Kirwan's initial term of office shall be for a period of five years, commencing no later than July 1, 1998; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the President's annual salary be set at \$275,000.00, with all benefits, allowances, privileges and perquisites attendant thereto and subject to such other arrangements and adjustments which may be mutually agreed upon; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chair of the Board of Trustees be authorized to negotiate with William E. Kirwan to formalize his relationship with The Ohio State University and, in so doing, to enter into any contractual relationship which he deems necessary and appropriate, consistent with this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That any actions taken by the Board of Trustees or the Chair to carry out this resolution prior to its effective date are hereby ratified and approved.

Upon motion of Mr. Celeste, seconded by Mr. Colley, the Board of Trustees adopted the foregoing resolution by unanimous roll call vote, cast by Messrs. Shumate, Celeste, Colley, Skestos, Patterson, Sofia, and Slane, and Ms. Longaberger.

Mr. Shumate:

I would like to note for the record that Trustee Brennan is currently traveling and unable to be with us for this special meeting tonight, but he has asked that he be reported as supporting the motion presented. On the basis of this, I would like the records to reflect, Mr. Secretary, that Dr. William E. Kirwan was elected unanimously by the Board to the position of President of The Ohio State University.

Let me say on behalf of the Board, that we are especially appreciative of the hard work and dedication of the search committee, the members of the faculty, the students, the alumni, and all of those who worked together to bring this recommendation forward. We will be saying more about that at the press conference at 7:00 p.m. tonight when Dr. Kirwan will be with us, and he will have a statement as well.

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I would also like to thank the Board for all of its support and leadership, especially in developing the profile. It became the document that guided the search committee and allowed us to go out and recruit the best person and the right person at this time for The Ohio State University.

We are very excited that Dr. Kirwan will be the 12th president and, as I said, we will hear more about that later at the press conference. Are there any Board members that have any comments? If not, the meeting is adjourned.

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Thereupon the Board adjourned to meet Friday, February 6, 1998, at The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

Attest:

William J. Napier
Secretary

Alex Shumate
Chairman