

GOGEBIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Ironwood, Michigan

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District of Gogebic County was held on Tuesday evening, December 17, 2019, in the Upper Level of the Lindquist Student Conference Center, on the campus of Gogebic Community College, Ironwood, Michigan.

Call to Order, Roll Call

Chairman Lupino called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.
Those present: Mrs. Beals, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burchell, Mr. Fitting, Mr. Kolesar, Mr. Lupino, Mr. Malloy
Also present: President Dr. George McNulty, Vice President of Business Services Erik Guenard, Vice President of Student Services Jeanne Graham, Vice President of Academic Services David Darrow, Kim Zeckovich, Dayle Jackson, Tara Tregembo, Jessica Leinon-Novascone, Jesse Carroll, Jailynn Sprewer, Selena Dix, Tom Laventure, and Kari Klemme.

Report of Secretary

Moved by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Malloy, and carried, to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2019 Regular Board Meeting.

Conflict of Interest

No conflict of interest of board members on agenda items was brought forward.

Institutional Reports – TRiO Update

Director of TRIO and Accessibility Services, Jessica Leinon-Novascone introduced three of the four students who attended the 2019 National Conference in Florida. Jesse Carroll, Jailynn Sprewer, and Selena Dix spoke about the positive experiences and skills obtained at the conference. They will be presenting what they learned to a group of their peers in the spring semester. Ms. Leinon-Novascone played a slideshow of pictures from the attended conference for the Board while the students spoke.

President's Update

President Dr. George McNulty reiterated the good work being done by TRiO. He reported to the Board that the TRiO program scored a perfect 15 out of 15 on the annual performance review. There are 160 students currently in the program.

The College is working to advance the Nordic Ski Team, moving from concept to practice. There is now a Midwest Conference of the USCSA which will allow for skiers to compete. Dr. McNulty is looking to have a proposal ready for the Board at the January meeting.

The Counselor position will be updated to be a 10-month position, with a flexible schedule over the summer months, to attract more applicants. The position will be reposted.

Glen Ackerman-Behr held a Demystifying Grant Writing workshop on campus for the College and the community.

Dr. McNulty thanked all the staff who have worked to support the students in the areas of counseling and admissions in the time of need.

Public Comment on Agenda

None

New Business - Financial Reports

Vice President of Business Services Mr. Erik Guenard presented the investment report and invoices needed for approval. Due to timing, the November financial statements were not yet available.

Moved by Mr. Burchell, supported by Mr. Malloy, and carried, to accept the financial statements as presented.

New Business – Consent Agenda Items – Mt Zion 2019-2020 Rates

Mr. Guenard presented the proposed 2019-2020 rates brought forward from Jim Vanderspoel, the Director of Mt. Zion Operations. He explained that the new rates were determined by comparing rates of competing ski hills.

Mr. Fitting inquired about the total number of ski passes sold compared to previous years. Mr. Malloy suggested an increase in advertising for Mt. Zion. Mr. Kolesar and Mr. Burchell expressed they would like to see annual pass rates lowered to get more people on the hill. Mr. Fitting praised the growth of ski racing program with bringing more activity to Mt. Zion.

Mr. Guenard informed the Board that Rotary would be funding the school ski programs for area youth.

Motion made by Mrs. Beals, supported by Mr. Brown, and carried, to approve the 2019-2020 rates as presented.

New Business – Consent Agenda Items - Professional Services for LSCC

Dr. McNulty presented the proposal from Workshop Architects, Inc., which would assess and assist with the vision and direction of the Lindquist Student Conference Center. He explained this would differ from previous assessments relating to the pool as they would go into the community and talk with students to get feedback. The workshops of focus groups are scheduled for January 13 -14, 2019, with a full briefing ready to present to the Board at the January Regular Meeting. The goal is to collect objective feedback from select focus groups.

Motion made by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Burchell, and carried, to approve the contract for Workshop Architects, Inc. professional services.

New Business – Principles of Trusteeship

Mr. Lupino passed out a booklet to all Board members and explained it was information obtained from a previous conference attended and hoped it would foster self-evaluations from all Board members. Mr. Kolesar commented that the information within was very similar to that given to the Board members at a retreat by Bill Holda earlier in the year.

Discussion of Strategic Planning

Dr. McNulty informed the Board that the committee is in the objective phase of the process, and has currently met regarding a new software to house and report data.

Mrs. Beals suggested that all Board members be able to view the progress made via Moodle. Accounts would be set up in January at the next Board workshop.

Public Comment on Topics Relating to GCC

None

Other Business

Vice President of Student Services Jeanne Graham expressed her excitement that all five classes for the winter intercession will be running. There have been applicants from all over the country, and the College has received complements on the ease of the registration process.

Mr. Guenard explained that the Skilled Trades Building is coming along, but there have been some delays. The goal is still to be ready for the start of classes on January 13th. The fire alarms will be tested and ready to be passed this week, as well as the outside sign and furniture deliveries.

Mr. Kolesar thanked all those that were involved in putting together the College holiday social.

Executive Session

At 5:17 pm, it was moved by Mrs. Beals, supported by Mr. Brown that the Board move into Executive Session to discuss the sale of College property. Roll call vote: Mrs. Beals – yes; Mr. Brown – yes; Mr. Burchell- yes; Mr. Fitting- yes; Mr. Kolesar - yes; Mr. Lupino – yes; Mr. Malloy – yes. Motioned carried – 7 – yes, 0 – no.

Regular Session

At 5:24 pm, it was moved by Mrs. Beals, supported by Mr. Fitting, and carried, that the Board return to regular session.

Board Action

Moved by Mr. Brown, supported by Mrs. Beals, and carried, to approve the exploration of the sale of College property.

Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Malloy, and carried, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.

John J. Lupino, Chairman

Susan Beals, Secretary

*Next GCC Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting*

Tuesday, January 28, 2019
4:30 pm – Room B22, Solin Center for Business Education