

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, August 25, 2020, in the Upper Level of the Lindquist Student and Conference Center, on the campus of Gogebic Community College, Ironwood, Michigan.

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call

Chairman Lupino called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present: Mrs. Beals, Mr. Brown, Mr. Kolesar, Mr. Lupino, Mr. Malloy

Absent: Mr. Burchell, Mr. Fitting

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, Miranda Heglund, Beth Steiger, Aaron Froelich, Maria Sokol, Jackie Franzoi, Charity Smith, and Kari Klemme.

Report of Secretary

Moved by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Malloy, and carried, to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2020 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

Conflict of Interest

No conflict of interest of board members on agenda items.

Introduction of Career Counselor – Jackie Franzoi

Vice President Graham introduced Jackie Franzoi to the Board of Trustees. She informed the Board how excited she was to have her on board. The Board welcomed Jackie to the GCC Community.

Houghton Update

Director of Off-Campus Operations Stacy Brey reported she is excited to be into the fall semester. There are approximately 300 students coming through the doors of the Copper Country Center this week. The third certified nursing assistant class is finishing this week, which has certified 30 students who are now eligible to work in the community. The TRiO program is now available for Houghton students. Ms. Brey is excited about the advancements made in technology and communication in multi-modal classes offered to GCC students.

President's Update

Dr. McNulty welcomed everyone to the meeting. He expressed the increased importance during this time of COVID-19 of displaying an inclusive and accessible attitude within the learning environment. He reminded all of the GCC community to follow protocols related to social distancing, personal hygiene, and mask use. Collectively, he stated, this is powerful responsibility; we are all leaders in this. He expressed his excitement for the start of the semester and explained many people have been working diligently to ensure the safety of faculty, staff, visitors, and students during this time. The Ironwood campus and the Copper Country Center have started the semester smoothly and Mr. Kolesar volunteered to come to campus to remind students to wear masks.

Dr. McNulty reminded the Board of the GCC and Northern Michigan University agreement and partnership, which will improve the Educational Access Network signal. This will occur via a satellite receiver being placed on a college rooftop that is positioned towards the Ironwood School District. GCC's advantageous location will help to strengthen the signal in the Ironwood area and enhance existing connectivity. Coordination and collaboration will occur among facilities and technology staff to implement and monitor the system. This is valuable for the community overall, GCC and NMU's EAN.

Dr. McNulty noted that GCC is the proud recipient of a 2020-2025 TRiO Student Support Services (SSS) grant, receiving nearly 1.5 million dollars for student success initiatives over the course of the next 5 years. Staff worked over many months develop the competitive grant

application. The program has been consistently commended for exceeding its goals and objectives, as approved by the U.S. Department of Education and is contributing to increased retention and graduation rates at GCC.

The TRiO SSS program at GCC will provide support services to 160 students that meet one or more of the following criteria: first generation (neither parent has a bachelor's degree), income eligibility, or documented disability. TRiO SSS will serve students on both the Ironwood campus as well as the Copper Country Center in Houghton.

Presto Presentation

Mike Boerman, Director of the LSCC and Athletics, began working on the development and implementation of Presto during the fall 2019 semester. Presto is an all in one website solution that includes custom designs, operational capacity, CMS alternatives, mobile apps, and social media features and integrations. Presto is a significant advancement to the Athletics webpage and also provides opportunities to promote recreation opportunities to students and the community.

Aaron Froelich, GCC Resident Community Manager, presented the Presto platform for the GCC Athletics website to the Board. Mr. Froelich and Mike Boerman assisted in design, and creating the contents and features currently set up on the site. Dr. McNulty complimented both Mr. Boerman and Mr. Froelich for a job well done.

Public Comment on Agenda

None

New Business - Financial Reports

Vice President Guenard presented the financial reports for July of 2020. He informed the Board the budget is not completed, as the College is waiting to hear from the state in regards to anticipated aid. He explained why the fund balance shows a decrease compared to the previous year due to decrease in state supplemental for 2019-2020 fiscal year. The statement of changes in fund balance shows lost revenue as a result of the cancellation of summer and CED classes. Mr. Guenard also explained the budget deficits at the state level and noted they were positive.

There was discussion regarding the College process for residence hall students and class procedures relating to COVID-19. Vice President Graham explained there are currently 60 students living in the residence hall and College has been working on an application to assist in simplifying the submission of a health screening for students and instructors.

Mrs. Beals thanked faculty and staff for all the hard work done to make it safe to come back to campus for the fall semester.

Moved by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Malloy, and carried, to approve the July 2020 financial statements as presented, pending the audit, and to pay the attached invoice.

New Business – Consent Agenda Items – 2020-2023 Strategic Plan

Miranda Heglund and Beth Steiger, co-chairs of the Strategic Planning Committee, presented the 2020-2023 Strategic Plan to the Board. Ms. Heglund explained the timeline, which is a snapshot of the work done thus far, and next steps to be taken. The goals, objectives, and strategies are listed in depth, and align with the HLC core components for accreditation and Ms. Heglund thanked Dr. Maria Sokol for her assistance in this area.

The logic model is a representation of the operating tool used by the Committee to be accountable and stay on task. This will be used to align with the Grants Team in future fundraising efforts. All members have access to documents via SharePoint, which the IT department set up for the group.

Mrs. Beals thanked Ms. Heglund, Ms. Steiger, and the entire Committee for all the work done towards this plan. She has enjoyed working with this group.

Moved by Mrs. Beals, supported by Mr. Brown, and carried, to approve the 2020-2023 Strategic Plan as presented.

*New Business – Consent
Agenda Items – Adjunct
Faculty List*

Vice President David Darrow presented the adjunct faculty list for both on and off-campus fall classes. He praised the work done by adjunct faculty to get ready for this semester.

It was moved by Mr. Kolesar, supported by Mr. Brown, and carried, to approve the adjunct faculty list as presented.

*New Business – Consent
Agenda Items – Contract
with CCISD for Delivery of
2020-2021 Programming*

Mr. Darrow explained to the Board that this would be the third year of the contract which allows high school students the opportunity to take classes through the Copper Country Center, which can count for college credit if certain criteria are met.

It was moved by Mrs. Beals, supported by Mr. Malloy, and carried, to approve the contract with the CCISD as presented.

*New Business – Personnel
Items – Non-Affiliated Staff
Appointment - Nordic Ski
Coach*

Vice President Graham happily announced the recommendation of Will Andresen for the Nordic Ski Coach position. She explained there is now a conference that the College can join which will help athletes stay competitive and will save on travel costs.

It was moved by Mr. Kolesar, supported by Mr. Malloy, and carried, to hire Will Andresen as the Nordic Ski Coach as presented.

*New Business – Personnel
Items – MAHE Staff
Appointment – Career
Counselor*

Ms. Graham explained Jackie Franzoi has been selected to fill the Career Counselor position, pending Board approval.

Moved by Mrs. Beals, supported by Mr. Brown, and carried, to approve hiring Jackie Franzoi for the Career Counselor position as presented.

*New Business – Personnel
Items – Non-Affiliated Staff
Appointment - Registrar*

Ms. Graham reminded the Board that the Transfer Coordinator position was rearranged to better fit the needs of the College, which resulted in the Registrar position. Kristin Kenney has experience to fit the role and would be available to start in early September.

Moved by Mrs. Beals, supported by Mr. Brown, and carried, to approve hiring Kristin Kenney for the Registrar position as presented.

*New Business – Personnel
Items – Non-Affiliated Staff
Appointment – Network
Administrator*

Mr. Guenard explained that after searching to fill the position of Network Administrator, Adam Little was qualified and is recommended for the open position.

It was moved by Mr. Brown, supported by Mrs. Beals, and carried, to approve hiring Adam Little for the Network Administrator position as presented.

*New Business – Personnel
Items – Resignation of
Director of Athletics and
Lindquist Student
Conference Center*

Mr. Guenard informed the Board that Mike Boerman submitted his resignation, effective August 21, 2020. He explained that Mr. Boerman elevated the athletic program, thanked him for his service, and recommended the position be reevaluated before reposting.

It was moved by Mr. Kolesar, supported by Mrs. Beals, and carried, to regretfully approve the resignation of Mike Boerman, and to reevaluate the position before reposting. The Board thanked Mr. Boerman for his service and wished him well for the future.

Discussion of Strategic Planning

President McNulty commended the committee for their efforts in seeing the creation of the plan and all related components through to completion. He said this development took a mix of leadership, motivation and teamwork in order to meet several milestones. The test moving forward will be one of endurance as implementation of the 3-year plan is forthcoming. The tangible results should provide insight into the success of the process overall.

Dr. McNulty stated his appreciation to Kari Klemme, Administrative Assistant, President's Office, for working diligently on the design of the strategic plan. The plan consists of several components as noted in the board packet. He noted the portion that each board member has been provided with in print is a representation of all components consolidated in a consumer friendly and visually appealing format. "A picture is worth a thousand words is definitely on full display here," he said.

Public Comment on Topics Relating to GCC

None

Other Business

None

Executive Session

At 5:33 pm, it was moved by Mr. Malloy, supported by Mr. Kolesar, that the Board move into Executive Session to discuss matters exempt from disclosure. Action is anticipated to take place on return to Regular Session. Roll Call Vote: Beals – Yes; Brown – Yes; Burchell – Absent; Fitting – Absent; Kolesar – Yes; Lupino – Yes; Malloy – Yes. *Motion carried – 5 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent.*

Regular Session

At 7:22 pm, it was moved by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Malloy, and carried, that the Board return to Regular Session.

MAHE Contract Extension

Moved by Mrs. Beals, supported by Mr. Kolesar, and carried, to approve a six-month extension of the current MAHE contract based on the Tentative Agreement as presented.

Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Malloy, and carried, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm.

John J. Lupino, Chairman

Susan Beals, Secretary

Next GCC Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 29, 2020
4:30 pm – Upper Level of the Lindquist Student and Conference Center