

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, January 26, 2021 at 4:30pm via Zoom.

- Call to Order, Roll Call* Chairman Lupino called the Regular meeting to order at 4:30 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.
Those present: Mrs. Beals, Ironwood Township, MI; Mr. Brown, Bessemer, MI; Mr. Burchell, Ironwood, MI; Mr. Fitting, Ironwood, MI; Mr. Kolesar, Ironwood, MI; Mr. Lupino, Ironwood, MI; Mr. Malloy, Ironwood, MI
Also present: President Dr. George McNulty, Vice President of Business Services Erik Guenard, Vice President of Academic Services David Darrow, Stacy Brey, Kelly Marczak, and Kari Klemme.
- Report of Secretary* Moved by Mr. Brown and supported by Mr. Burchell to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.
Roll call vote: Beals – Yes; Brown – Yes; Burchell – Yes; Fitting – Yes; Kolesar – Yes; Lupino – Yes; Malloy – Yes. *Motion carried* – 7 Yes, 0 No.
- Conflict of Interest* No conflict of interest of board members on agenda items was brought forward.
- Foundation Update – Kelly Marczak* Kelly Marczak reported the Foundation Board of Directors recently elected three new members; Daniel Jamison of Houghton, Clay Thomason of Bessemer, and John Matonich of Marenisco, MI.

The Foundation has received a renewal of \$10k in scholarship gifts from the Portage Health Foundation for Allied Health students in the Copper Country region and a \$10k unrestricted gift from the James Ruppe Foundation to be used at the Copper Country Center.

Ms. Marczak gave a final plug for the annual fund drive and is hoping for 100% participation from both the GCC Board of Trustees and the GCC Foundation Board of Directors. She is also looking to increase employee participation in support of the students.
- Houghton Update – Stacy Brey* Ms. Brey thanked both the Portage Health Foundation and the James Ruppe Foundation for continued support of the College and community. She expressed the semester has been off to a great start, with students in compliance of safety regulations.

As part of the Strategic Plan, the Copper Country Center has recently opened up a food pantry and are collecting items from faculty and staff in Houghton. Donations can also be made by check through the Business Office on the Ironwood campus or through the Foundation office. Nonperishable items can be dropped off at the Ironwood campus, and which would then be transported to the Copper Country Center.
- President's Update – Dr. George McNulty* President McNulty explained the semester has started well with offices open serving students, in-person instruction and opportunities for distance learning options. The GCC community is also following existing protocols and rules, which are being observed well at both Ironwood and Houghton locations.

The Lindquist Student and Conference Center is expected to open in early February with controlled entrances and exits. There will be more communication to follow in the upcoming weeks. Dr. McNulty encouraged Board Members to visit the Courtside Café as it is now up and running for the semester.

Dr. McNulty reported enrollment currently at 805 students, and 7915 credits. The college is down 7% in headcount and 9% in credits.

*Public Comment on
Agenda*

None

*New Business –
Financial Reports*

Vice President of Business Services Erik Guenard presented the December 2020 financial statements. The General Fund Revenue and Expense summary shows it's tracking well with the prior year. The expenditures are in line with last year, with the Transfer to Other line short \$139k. This will play itself out in the upcoming months with the Porkies and Mt. Zion opening and a large purchase of books in the Bookstore. Decreased spring enrollment has been budgeted for and any adjustments will be brought forward.

The Statement of Changes in Fund Balance shows both the General Fund and the Designated Funds are tracking well from the prior year. The Auxiliary Fund is noticeably different from the previous year. The Bookstore and the Courtside Café sales are down due to decreased enrollment and lack of students on campus. Auxiliary staff have been working in open positions to maintain status and assisting the institution in fulfilling necessary functions.

Motion made by Mr. Brown and supported by Mr. Fitting to accept the December 2020 financial statements as presented, and to pay the attached invoices.

Roll call vote: Beals – Yes; Brown – Yes; Burchell – Yes; Fitting – Yes; Kolesar – Yes; Lupino – Yes; Malloy – Yes. *Motion carried* – 7 Yes, 0 No.

*New Business – Consent
Agenda Items – 2021
Spring Adjunct Faculty
List*

Motion made by Mrs. Beals and supported by Mr. Malloy to accept the list of Spring adjunct faculty, as presented.

Roll call vote: Beals – Yes; Brown – Yes; Burchell – Yes; Fitting – Yes; Kolesar – Yes; Lupino – Yes; Malloy – Yes. *Motion carried* – 7 Yes, 0 No.

*New Business – Consent
Agenda Items -
Acceptance of Contract
for New Sign*

Mr. Guenard explained the city of Ironwood agreed to work with GCC on a sign layout that would benefit both GCC and the Civic Center at a 60/40 split of the cost. The money would be used from the site fund. Mr. Guenard presented an updated contract from Cook Sign Services that had a discounted cost of \$37,809.26. He noted that price does not include the cost of the sign base and the electrical work, however both have been budgeted for.

Details of the contract with the city were discussed, including the depreciation over 20 years if the City of Ironwood decided to end the contract. Mr. Guenard explained that the College agreed to a 60/40 to allow for the College to have a larger portion of the sign since GCC is the majority of the campus.

Motion made by Mr. Burchell and supported by Mrs. Beals to approve the updated contract at the cost of \$37,809.26, and additional expenses needed for the project, as presented.

Roll call vote: Beals – Yes; Brown – Yes; Burchell – Yes; Fitting – Yes; Kolesar – Yes; Lupino – Yes; Malloy – Yes. *Motion carried* – 7 Yes, 0 No.

*New Business – Consent
Agenda Items - Approval
of GOISD Contract*

Mr. Guenard presented the proposed GOISD contract with GCC. He explained the contract is consistent with previous years.

Motion made by Mr. Kolesar and supported by Mr. Brown to approve the GOISD contract, as presented.

Roll call vote: Beals – Yes; Brown – Yes; Burchell – Yes; Fitting – Yes; Kolesar – Yes; Lupino – Yes; Malloy – Yes. *Motion carried* – 7 Yes, 0 No.

*New Business –
Personnel Items -
Assistant Esports Coach*

Dr. McNulty informed the Board of the expansion of the Esports program, with opportunities in both the Ironwood and Houghton areas. Mr. Froelich has been doing a great job with the program in working with the students and supporting Coach Halverson. This position will receive an annual stipend of \$3000. Mrs. Beals inquired about investments in the program at the Copper Country Center to provide resources.

Motion made by Mr. Brown and supported by Mr. Malloy to approve the hiring of Aaron Froelich for the position of Assistant Esports Coach, as presented.

Roll call vote: Beals – Yes; Brown – Yes; Burchell – Yes; Fitting – Yes; Kolesar – Yes; Lupino – Yes; Malloy – Yes. *Motion carried* – 7 Yes, 0 No.

*New Business –
Personnel Items -
MESPA Retirement -
Administrative Assistant
to ACES and Counseling
Center*

Vice President of Academic Services informed the Board that Ms. Krell has been with the College for almost 35 years, and she plays a key role in the Student Services offices.

Motion made by Mrs. Beals and supported by Mr. Malloy to approve the retirement of Laura Krell and thank her for her many years of service, as presented.

Roll call vote: Beals – Yes; Brown – Yes; Burchell – Yes; Fitting – Yes; Kolesar – Yes; Lupino – Yes; Malloy – Yes. *Motion carried* – 7 Yes, 0 No.

Mr. Darrow informed the Board the revised position description will be brought forward to the Board for approval in February.

*Discussion of Strategic
Planning*

Dr. McNulty explained his updates of the Strategic Plan are typically broad, and now he wanted to speak to the objectives and give examples of what is currently being implemented. He explained that one team worked to recreate Martin Luther King, Jr.'s 'I Have a Dream' speech, which included a variety of representatives from the College and the community. Dr. McNulty thanked both Mr. Lupino and Mr. Milakovich for participating in the project.

Another example of implementation of the Strategic Plan is the food pantry at the Copper Country Center, discussed earlier by Ms. Brey.

Faculty have developed Black Literature and Black History classes, and are collaborating with the Ironwood Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion reading group.

One of the implementation teams have also been working with the 'Connections' project, created by the Allied Health Program. Items are sent to long-term care facilities to brighten the days of residents. He expressed there is a lot of good work going on and will continue sharing the work being done.

*Public Comment on
Topics Relating to GCC*

None

Other Business

Mr. Kolesar asked if Student Services still provides professional clothing for students in need for job interviews. Mr. Guenard agreed to check on this and inform the Board.

Mr. Kolesar inquired if all faculty and staff have been vaccinated for COVID-19. Mr. Guenard explained that some faculty and staff have been vaccinated. The College is following the guidelines of the Michigan Health Department.

Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Brown and supported by Mrs. Beals that the meeting be adjourned.

Roll call vote: Beals – Yes; Brown – Yes; Burchell – Yes; Fitting – Yes; Kolesar – No; Lupino – Yes; Malloy – Yes. *Motion carried* – 6 Yes, 1 No. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40pm.

John J. Lupino, Chairman

Susan Beals, Secretary

*Next GCC Board of
Trustees Regular
Meeting*

Monday, February 22, 2021 at 4:30 pm – Location to be determined