

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, May 25, 2021 at 6:30pm in the Upper Level of the Lindquist Student and Conference Center on the Ironwood campus.

- Call to Order, Roll Call* Chairman Lupino called the Regular meeting to order at 6:31 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.
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 Academic Services David Darrow, Kelly Marczak, Chenin Limback, Allyson Rye, Dryden Sutcliffe, Charity Smith, and Kari Klemme.
- Report of Secretary* Moved by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Malloy, and carried, to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2021 Regular Board Meeting, with the adjustment to the Introduction of the GCC Women's Softball Team.
- Conflict of Interest* Mr. Fitting suggested he may have a conflict with the Rental Space for the Ironwood School District, but the Board agreed there is no conflict.
- Xcel Energy Grant Presentation – Chenin Limback, Dryden Sutcliffe, and Allyson Rye* Dr. Chenin Limback, with GCC students Dryden Sutcliffe and Allyson Rye, presented the details of experiments funded by the grant written to Xcel Energy, and directed by Chemistry Instructor Serena Mershon-Lohkamp and Biology Instructor Chenin Limback. They gave detailed information of the experiments, trials, mistakes, and end results. Xcel Energy grant projects were also conducted with students at the GCC Copper Country Center with Chemistry Instructor Emily Geiger-Dedo and Math Instructor Paul LaBine. The Board was impressed by the scope of work done by the students.
- Marketing Update – Kim Zeckovich and Kari Klemme* Kim Zeckovich and Kari Klemme presented current and new marketing strategies for the college, including an ambassador program, various media, school recruitment visits, and upcoming open house events.
- Foundation Update – Kelly Marczak* Kelly Marczak reported the total number of scholarships given to students by the Foundation. She also informed the Board of a new endowed scholarship given by the John Tolaska family which has no restrictions on the program or degree of the recipient.
- President's Update – Dr. George McNulty* Dr. McNulty wished Pat Strand well on her upcoming retirement. Pat began teaching at GCC in the fall of 2008 and has taught a wide variety of lecture, lab, and clinical classes in both years of the nursing program. She is known for her compassion, patience, and empathy when working with students and has assisted numerous students over the years in making sure their skills were "rock solid". Pat excelled at helping students understand everything from fundamentals to behavioral health to management. Dr. McNulty wished her well in her future endeavors.
- Dr. McNulty reported both the Senate and House have now passed their respective versions of Fiscal Year 2021-22 budget recommendations for community colleges. By way of a floor amendment, the Senate restored the 2% operational increase that the Governor had recommended, while the House passed the 6.7% increase as recommended by the House Appropriations Committee. Budget deliberations will now begin in earnest both for final spending targets as well as particular priority programs.
- Public Comment on Agenda* None
- New Business – Financial Reports* Vice President of Business Services Erik Guenard presented the April 2021 financial statements. He reported the General Fund Revenue and Expense Summary shows revenues are tracking closely with the prior year. The property tax check was received, state aid is

the same percentage as last year, and state aid will be brought in as a receivable. Maymester and summer classes will be running, which will assist with revenue.

The Balance Sheet is correlating well to the previous year at this time. The accounts receivable is higher due to dual enrollment, grant funds, and Future for Frontliners funds.

The Statement of Changes in Fund Balance is moving at a decent pace. The Auxiliary fund is remaining stable and shows the reduction in students on campus and lowered enrollment. The Porkies performed well this year. Mr. Guenard explained he is working on HEERF reimbursements on lost revenue. Mrs. Beals inquired about the money going directly to students and Mr. Guenard explained the restrictions within the funding.

Motion made by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Malloy, and carried, to accept the April 2021 financial statements as presented.

*New Business – Consent
Agenda Items – Concrete
Slab for GCC Letters*

Mr. Guenard explained the Foundation mini-grant awarded the institution the purchase of seven-foot GCC letters for the front entrance of the LSCC, however it does need a cement support and up lighting. One bid was received.

Motion made by Mr. Kolesar, supported by Mr. Burchell, and carried, to accept the bid from Nasi Construction, as presented.

*New Business – Consent
Agenda Items - Annual
Interact Advertising
Contract*

Mr. Guenard presented the contract from Interact Advertising to assist the marketing department with commercials for the College. Mr. Fitting inquired about being able to do the commercials in-house and Ms. Zeckovich explained because the College does not own any of the equipment, we would have to contract out for these services. The College has worked with Interact for many years.

Motion made by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Beals, and carried, to approve the contract from Interact Advertising, as presented.

*New Business – Consent
Agenda Items –
Rebuild of Pump Station*

Mr. Guenard explained the previous year the snow-making equipment at Mt. Zion failed and the new drive was installed. The second half of the package for this equipment is to be able to control the drive from both on and off-site, which would make it fully functional as designed. This would make for an excellent instructional tool for students.

Motion made by Mr. Burchell, supported by Mrs. Beals, and carried, to accept the bid from TechnoAlpin, as presented.

*New Business – Consent
Agenda Items – Ironwood
Area Schools Lease
Agreement*

Dr. McNulty explained the College has been working with the Ironwood Area Schools over the last several months, looking for a location to house the alternative school. This agreement could benefit all parties involved, support K-12 education, and would be a productive use of college facilities. The initial term is one-year, that could be extended to a three-year term moving forward.

Mrs. Beal inquired about the number of students the program has. Mr. Kolesar informed her it was typically around 20 students. Mr. Lupino inquired if all factions of the College agreed with this proposal. Dr. McNulty reported he met with various groups on campus to gather feedback and describe the proposal. Thus far it has been positively received.

Motion made by Mrs. Beals, supported by Mr. Malloy, and carried, to accept the lease agreement with the Ironwood Area Schools, as presented.

*New Business – Consent
Agenda Items - Zoom
Rooms*

Mr. Guenard explained the addition of the Zoom rooms would allow for a better online classroom experience. The funding would be part of the HEERF 11 package. Bids went out, with Zoom coming back with the best option. Zoom will also be part of the College phone system, so it would tie together uniformly. These rooms would be outfitted by Zoom, with an analysis of the classroom, installation, checking of the system, and training

employees in Ironwood and Houghton. IT would not need additional help to support this system.

Mrs. Beal expressed her excitement for this project. Mr. Lupino asked the Board be given a tour once completed.

Motion made by Mr. Kolesar, supported by Mr. Malloy, and carried, to accept the contract with Zoom, as presented.

*New Business – Consent
Agenda Items-
Institutional and Course
Fees for 2021-2022*

Mr. Darrow presented the Institutional Course fees for the 2021-22 academic year. He explained the only change was in Health and Technology 205. There is an increase due to a different software used to train students virtually.

Motion made by Mr. Burchell, supported by Mr. Brown, and carried, to accept the institutional and course fees for 2021-22, as presented.

*New Business – Consent
Agenda Items- Tuition
Rates for 2021 – 2022*

Mr. Guenard presented the tuition rates for the 2021-22 academic year. He explained the in-district rate was a 2.4% increase, with a \$5 increase for reciprocity. The out-of-state rate was also an increase of 2.4%, which is well below any state mandates discussed and in line with other community college partners. Dual Enrollment and Early College had been paying the same rate for all students, and this year the in-district rate will charge the same with no fees (except excess contact hour fees). Out-of-district would remain the same. The \$100 fee for international students would be applied to tuition.

Motion made by Mr. Burchell, supported by Mrs. Beals, and carried, to accept the tuition rates for 2021-22, as presented.

*New Business – Personnel
Items – Faculty Re-
Appointments for 2021-
2022 –*

Mr. Darrow presented the faculty re-appointment list for the 2021-22 academic year. He explained that he would like to remove Jason Shrontz (#19), as he has recently submitted his resignation. He reported faculty Emily Geiger-Dedo and Chenin Limback have completed their portfolios and had excellent evaluations and new faculty are working on their portfolios.

Motion made by Mrs. Beals, supported by Mr. Malloy, and carried, to accept the faculty re-appointments for 2021-22, as presented.

*New Business – Personnel
Items – Non-Affiliated
Staff Resignation*

Mr. Darrow reported Dr. Kelly Wu has submitted her letter of resignation. She was hired last July as the Director of Institutional Technology and Design and has produced good work with new adjunct faculty training. She is looking to move back closer to her family.

Motion made by Mr. Malloy, supported by Mr. Kolesar, and carried, to accept the resignation of Dr. Kelly Wu and search for a replacement, as presented.

*New Business – Personnel
Items – Faculty
Resignation – History
Instructor*

Mr. Darrow reported Dr. Allyson Stanton will finish through the contract date, as she is teaching Maymester and Summer classes. She is also interested in being an adjunct in the fall. Her husband took a position in Florida, and she will be moving with him.

Motion made by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Malloy, and carried, to accept the resignation of Dr. Allyson Stanton and search for a replacement, as presented.

*New Business – Personnel
Items – Faculty
Retirement – Nursing
Instructor*

Mr. Darrow announced the retirement of Nursing Instructor, Pat Strand, which will be effective August 1, 2021. She will be missed and is moving on to the next chapter in her life. He thanked her for her service to the College.

Motion made by Mrs. Beals, supported by Mr. Malloy, and carried, to accept the retirement of Pat Strand, and search for a replacement, as presented. The Board thanked her for her time and commitment to the College.

<i>New Business – Personnel Items – Faculty Resignation – English Instructor</i>	Mr. Darrow reported Dr. Jason Shrontz has submitted his letter of resignation and will be moving to Oregon to teach. He was very involved with the community, instrumental in assessment, created new courses, and is teaching Maymester classes. Motion made by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Burchell, and carried, to accept the resignation of Dr. Jason Shrontz and search for a replacement, as presented.
<i>Discussion of Strategic Planning</i>	Dr. McNulty reported that the continuation of planning has been consistent and soon Miranda Heglund and Beth Steiger will be taking the information of the strategic plan and uploading it into the Watermark software, which is also used for assessment.
<i>Public Comment on Topics Relating to GCC</i>	None
<i>Other Business</i>	Mrs. Beals encouraged Board Members to participate in the Ironwood Diversity and Inclusion group’s monthly presentations. There is a Zoom link provided for each webinar. Mr. Lupino suggested that all the Board Members gather for the virtual MCCA Summer conference.
<i>Executive Session</i>	Moved by Mrs. Beals and supported by Mr. Brown that the be meeting moved to Executive Session to discuss matters exempt from disclosure. Roll call vote: Beals – Yes; Brown – Yes; Burchell – Yes; Fitting – Yes; Kolesar – Yes; Lupino – Yes; Malloy – Yes. <i>Motion carried</i> – 7 Yes, 0 No. The meeting moved into Executive Session at 8:08 pm.
<i>Return to Regular Session</i>	Moved by Mr. Malloy and supported by Mr. Brown that the meeting return to Regular Session. Roll call vote: Beals – Yes; Brown – Yes; Burchell – Yes; Fitting – Yes; Kolesar – Yes; Lupino – Yes; Malloy – Yes. <i>Motion carried</i> – 7 Yes, 0 No. The meeting returned to Regular Session at 8:44 pm.
<i>Action from Executive Session</i>	Motion made by Mrs. Beals, supported by Mr. Fitting, and carried to approve the vacation and personal time buyback plan of 40 hours, if appropriate, for the Vice Presidents.
<i>Adjournment</i>	Moved by Mr. Brown, supported by Mrs. Burchell, and carried, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:46pm.
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<i>Next GCC Board of Trustees Regular Meeting</i>	Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 6:30 pm – Upper Level of the Lindquist Student and Conference Center