

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, July 28, 2020, via Zoom.

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. Burchell, Mr. Fitting, Mr. Kolesar, Mr. Lupino, Mr. Malloy

Absent: none

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, Dr. Kelly Wu, and Kari Klemme.

Report of Secretary

Moved by Mr. Malloy, supported by Mr. Brown, and carried, to approve the minutes of the June 30, 2020 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

Conflict of Interest

No conflict of interest of board members on agenda items.

Institutional Reports – Introduction of Director of Instructional Technology and Design- Dr. Kelly Wu

Vice President of Academic Services David Darrow introduced and welcomed Dr. Kelly Wu to GCC. He praised her background and accolades. The Board members welcomed her to the College.

President's Update

President McNulty introduced the MCCA's MI Start2Finish program to the Board. He explained it is faculty-focused and builds on a network of community colleges in Michigan. Andrew Wirt is working with the MCCA, with a focus on Developmental Math. Dr. McNulty thanked Andrew for all his work on this initiative.

Dr. McNulty thanked Charity Smith from the Daily Globe for the well-written article regarding the Xcel Energy grant received by the College. He additionally thanked Serena Mershon-Lohkamp for providing quotes for the article. This grant will present exciting opportunities for students in the STEM field.

Dr. McNulty reported the Foundation has awarded 125 scholarships for the upcoming academic year. He thanked the Foundation for their support and the donors for the gifts.

The College is currently working to fill four open positions for employment, and one internal position related to assessment.

Public Comment on Agenda

None

New Business - Financial Reports

Vice President of Business Services Erik Guenard presented the financial reports for the first run of the year-end, June of 2020. He explained that even though enrollment is down, the College is ahead of the budget figures, which is positive. Summer revenues were better than expected, there were savings due to employees working remotely, and salary and wages are at 96% compared to last year at 100%. It is projected that there will be money added to the fund balance.

Plant funds are comparable to the previous year. The Skilled Trades Building project has been closed out, with no remaining funds unused. The Board thanked Mr. Guenard for his work done on this project. Mr. Guenard thanked Gary Gouin for his efforts and countless hours put towards this project, the maintenance crew, and all others who assisted to complete the project.

Mr. Guenard report the Auxiliary fund took a hit this year, however when it builds back up, the account will be in better shape. Mt. Zion and the Porkies had a good year.

Mr. Guenard information the Board that the 2020-21 budget is still unclear, as budget appropriations are unknown at this time. He will keep the Board informed once information is available.

Moved by Mr. Malloy, supported by Mrs. Beals, to approve the June 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 – Addendum to
Veteran’s Policy*

Vice President of Student Services Jeanne Graham explained this addendum is a federal mandate. Discussion was had to determine if a second read is necessary to update the policy. It was decided it does not need a second read for adoption of the addendum.

Moved by Mrs. Beals, supported by Mr. Brown, to approve the addendum to the Veteran’s policy 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.*

*Discussion of Strategic
Planning*

President McNulty reported an additional draft, which is the front piece of the strategic plan that will be introduced to the public, is being worked on. The plan will be ready to present to the Board at the August meeting.

Discussion was had relating to the fall semester and students returning to campus. Dr. McNulty reiterated the College’s top priority is for faculty, staff, and students to feel comfortable and safe in their environment, which will be accomplished by following the rules and guidelines.

*Public Comment on Topics
Relating to GCC*

None

Other Business

Mr. Lupino inquired about the professional development poll sent to Board members from the previous meeting. The response was broad and Board members requested some topics examples to choose from. Kari Klemme agreed to research pricing and topics to send to the Board for a poll to determine the platform and topic for Board professional development.

Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Malloy, supported by Mr. Brown, that the meeting be adjourned. Roll Call Vote: Beals – Yes; Brown – Yes; Burchell – Yes; Fitting – Yes; Kolesar – Yes; Lupino – Yes; Malloy – Yes. *Motion carried – 7 Yes, 0 No.* The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 pm.

John J. Lupino, Chairman

Susan Beals, Secretary

*Next GCC Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting*

Tuesday, August 25, 2020
4:30 pm – Location to be determined