

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 27, 2019, in the Solin Center for Business Education, Room B22, 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. Burchell, Mr. Kolesar, Mr. Lupino, Mr. Malloy

Absent: Mr. Fitting

Also present: President Dr. George McNulty, Vice President of Business Services Erik Guenard, Vice President of Student Services Jeanne Graham, Kim Zeckovich, Maria Sokol, Dennis Svoke, Kelly Marczak, Kari Klemme, and Tom Laventure.

Report of Secretary

Moved by Mr. Burchell, supported by Mr. Malloy, and carried, to approve the minutes of the July 30, 2019 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

Conflict of Interest

No conflict of interest of board members on agenda items.

GCC Foundation Update

Foundation Director, Kelly Marczak reminded the Board of the Foundation Achievement Banquet to be held on October 17 and informed the Board that the honorees have been notified. Tickets sales are to begin next week.

Ms. Marczak reported that the annual fall mini-grant program will have between \$12k-\$15k available for the projects submitted and selected. She told the Board the giving circles on campus are to begin with a brainstorming session on September 5th with local artists in the community for an Art on Campus project.

HLC Update

The Liaison for the Higher Learning Commission, Dr. Maria Sokol reported that the College received a letter from the HLC that was the official notice informing the College that all required criteria had been met from the focused visit in April. The next comprehensive visit will be in four years, which will include a reaffirmation of accreditation. The College has begun the planning process to be ready for the next visit. The Board thanked Ms. Sokol and the institution on the collective effort put forth regarding the Higher Learning Commission.

Public Comment on Agenda

None

New Business - Financial Reports

Vice President of Business Services Guenard presented the financial reports for July, the first month of the fiscal year. He explained that fall tuition and fees have not yet been posted, and expenses are what was predicted. In regards to the changes in fund balance, he explained that the Foundation is in great shape and that July is a quiet financial month. He explained that the State of Michigan has not finalized appropriations, but a final budget will be presented once decided by the State.

Moved by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Malloy, and carried, to approve the July financial statements as presented.

*New Business – Consent
Agenda Items – Local
Strategic Value Best
Practices Resolution*

President Dr. McNulty explained to the Board that the Local Strategic Value Best Practices Resolution is a condition the College needs to meet for State appropriations from a comprehensive standpoint. Dr. McNulty highlighted some key areas in the resolution which included partnerships with regional communities, businesses, and schools, hosting events, underserved population programming, community services, enrichment programs, and opening the College facility to others.

Moved by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Burchell, and carried, to approve the Local Strategic Value Best Practices Resolution as presented.

*New Business – Consent
Agenda Items – Fall 2019
Adjunct Faculty List*

Vice President of Student Services Jeanne Graham presented the adjunct faculty list for the Fall 2019 semester. She added that Mark Fabbri should be listed as being 50% load for both on and off campus. It was moved by Mrs. Beals, supported by Mr. Burchell, and carried, to accept the amended Fall 2019 adjunct faculty list.

*New Business –Personnel
Items – MAHE Staff
Appointment - Anatomy and
Physiology Instructor –
Copper Country Center*

Ms. Graham explained to the Board that a national search was conducted, and the search committee found the best candidate to fit the position is Matthew Gage. He has been an adjunct for the College previously and will be under that advisement of Dr. Sokol until completion of seven graduate credits in Anatomy and Physiology over the next two years.

It was moved by Mrs. Beals, supported by Mr. Brown, and carried, to approve the appointment of Matthew Gage as the Anatomy and Physiology instructor for the Copper Country Center, as presented.

*New Business – Personnel
Items – MAHE Staff
Appointment - Construction
Technology Instructor*

Mr. Guenard explained to the Board that the position for the Construction Technology Instructor had been reopened in late summer and of the three candidates, Mr. Dennis Beaudette was most qualified for the position.

Moved by Mr. Beals, supported by Mr. Brown, and carried, to approve the appointment of Dennis Beaudette as the Construction Technology Instructor, as presented.

*New Business – Personnel
Items – Non-Affiliated Staff
Appointment - Vice President
of Academic Services*

Dr. McNulty recommended candidate Mr. David Darrow for the position of Vice President of Academic Services. Mr. Darrow's experience and credentials lead him to be the top candidate, with an intended start date of September 9, 2019.

Moved by Mr. Malloy, supported by Mrs. Beals, and carried, to approve the appointment of David Darrow for the position of Vice President of Academic Services as presented.

*New Business – Personnel
Items – Resignation Request –
Switzer, Replacement Request*

Ms. Graham explained that Mark Switzer had accepted a position with Bessemer and Wakefield-Marenisco schools, but will remain an adjunct for the College. She suggested the possible adjustment of the position to be 10 months to aid in attraction to applicants.

Moved by Mrs. Beals, supported by Mr. Brown, and carried, to accept the resignation of Mark Switzer and authorize the search for a replacement Career Counselor.

*New Business – College
Home Project*

Mr. Lupino explained to the Board there is an issue of full payment to College from the 2018-2019 home building project. It was recommended the issue be taken to mediation, which would be a total cost of \$1100, \$550 to be paid by the College and \$550 paid by the individual.

Moved by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Malloy, and carried to accept mediation.

Discussion of Strategic Planning

Dr. McNulty plans to give a monthly update to the Board regarding the Strategic Plan. He explained that the College is currently in evaluation mode. A strategic audit in a series of questions was sent to all faculty and staff which included topics of opportunity, challenges, and strengths. The next step is to evaluate the mission and vision of the College, with a course of action that includes assessing technological options to support planning, bringing together a committee to review operational metrics, and bring them forward. The goal is to present the final plan to the Board by July of 2020.

Public Comment on Topics Relating to GCC

None

Other Business

Mr. Malloy recommended that a line item be added to all building project contracts to include mediation in the event of a dispute.

Mrs. Beals suggested the Board donate to plant an apple orchard on campus as a source for food for the students in the fall. Mrs. Beals agreed to put together a plan for the project and have it for the September meeting.

Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Malloy, supported by Mr. Brown, and carried, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 pm.

John J. Lupino, Chairman

Susan Beals, Secretary

Next GCC Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 24, 2019
4:30 pm – Room B22 Jacob Solin Center for Business Education