

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, September 24, 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. Fitting, Mr. Lupino, Mr. Malloy

Absent: Mr. Kolesar

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

Report of Secretary

Moved by Mr. Burchell, supported by Mrs. Beals, and carried, to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2019 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

Conflict of Interest

No conflict of interest of board members on agenda items was brought forward.

President's Update

President Dr. McNulty reported to the Board that eSports is traditionally been a club sport, but has recently been adopted by the NJCAA, in which GCC is looking to become part of. He explained that the College is quite competitive in this arena and the goal would be to compete in a national championship.

Dr. McNulty thanked Nicole Hocking from the Cosmetology department for her participation in the Break the Silence Walk Through Pain held at GCC.

The national campaign for suicide prevention, which invites area high school and college students to participate, will be held at the Ironwood campus on October 4th. There will be a display of 1200 backpacks representing the lives and stories of those who have taken their own lives, as well as a national speaker, all to bring awareness to the issue.

Dr. McNulty also thanked the Daily Globe for their continued support and coverage of the College.

GCC Foundation Update

Foundation Director, Kelly Marczak informed the Board of the honorees who will be highlighted at the upcoming Foundation Achievement Banquet. The honorees include David Lindquist, Jr., Stanley Servia, Jim Saari, and Aspirus Grand View Health System. Tickets are currently for sale and all Board members were encouraged to attend.

The Art on Campus project was well received by local artists who are excited to participate. The project will fall under the umbrella of creative learning through student and community collaboration as well as provide possible fundraising opportunities.

Enrollment Report

Institutional Researcher, Miranda Heglund delivered the 2019 Enrollment Report for the College to the Board. She presented a snapshot of the summary. The college is currently at 950 students, which is down 4.2%, and 9970 credits, which is down 7.5% from the previous year. The report also included information on who is taking current credits, retention, which is higher than the national average, and a breakdown of where

classes are being taken; Ironwood campus, off campus in Houghton, or online. She explained that the Early College program has grown significantly over the last few years.

Public Comment on Agenda

None

New Business - Financial Reports

Vice President of Business Services Guenard presented the financial reports for August, 2019. He explained that the budget is in good shape and should be ready to present to the Board in October. The only hold-up is waiting to hear from the State of Michigan. An 8.6% reduction from the previous year was figured in due to the decrease in enrollment. The auxiliary fund has a starting balance of \$53,000 since the inventory issue was fixed from the bookstore. The restricted fund is unchanged and the plant fund is elevated due to the Skilled Trades Building project.

Mrs. Beals inquired about the Porcupine Mountains, which has not yet been paid, but has been paid in November in previous years.

Mr. Guenard explained that the Skilled Trades Building was not designed to be sprinkled, but the State of Michigan is now requiring adding sprinklers throughout the building. The cost is anticipated to be approximately \$100,000. The project is still expected to be ready for January 2020 spring semester.

The College has been working with a new auditing firm this year, in which expectations have been quite different from years past. There has been a more in-depth look at the College financial statements which is very positive.

Moved by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Malloy, and carried, to accept the August financial reports as presented.

New Business – Personnel – MAHE Staff Retirement Request - Wanink

Vice President of Student Services Jeanne Graham informed the Board that Kim Wanink has requested retirement from her nursing instructor position at the end of the spring 2020 semester. Administration would like to start a search for the position in January of 2020.

Moved by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Malloy, and carried, to accept the resignation of Ms. Wanink and begin the search for her replacement in January. The Board thanked Ms. Wanink for her service to the college.

Civil Rights Audit

Dr. McNulty informed the Board that the College will be undergoing a Civil Rights audit from the State of Michigan on September 30th. The audit will be very comprehensive in nature and will include areas such as legal assurances, policies and procedures, ADA compliance, admissions and recruitment, facilities, and faculty and staff demographics. The audit will be at both the Ironwood campus and at the off-campus site in Houghton.

Construction Mediation Agreement

Mr. Lupino explained that the College entered into mediation for the completion of the 2019 construction home. He informed the Board that he would entertain ayes, nays, or abstentions regarding the vote of the mediation agreement recommendation. Moved by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Malloy, and carried, to accept the results of the mediation and release \$4,925 to complete the project and close the contract.

Discussion of Strategic Planning

Dr. McNulty referred to the document included in the Board packet which breaks down the timeline for the Strategic Plan. He explained that the committee has consolidated

work that was done previously into a theme, the vision and inclusion of the vision is the next piece to be worked through, and that significant activity has taken place in carrying the momentum forward from the start of the project. The Board will be receiving updates and be given opportunities to provide input to this project.

*Public Comment on Topics
Relating to GCC*

None

Other Business

Dr. McNulty expressed his interest in having a Board Workshop before October 17th to discuss topics of athletics, a tangible result for the Lindquist Student Conference Center, and what the Board would like in terms of training. A date of Thursday at October 10th at 4:30 was determined for the Workshop.

Mrs. Beals updated the Board on the Tree Project she was heading up. She explained that fencing and posts for around the trees is needed, and inquired about a day and time that would work for Board members to gather together and plant the trees. The College has close access to water for after the trees are planted. Mr. Brown said he has fencing that might work and will keep the Board informed. Mrs. Beals thanked Mr. Brown and explained that UW-Extension has agreed to use the orchard as an opportunity to teach pruning to the Master Gardener program. Mr. Lupino thanked Mrs. Beals for leading the project.

Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Burchell, and carried, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

John J. Lupino, Chairman

Susan Beals, Secretary

*Next GCC Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting*

Tuesday, October 22, 2019
4:30 pm – Room B22 Jacob Solin Center for Business Education