

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, April 28, 2020, via Zoom.

Call to Order, Roll Call

Chairman Lupino called the meeting to order at 4:32 pm.

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 Student Services Jeanne Graham, Vice President of Academic Services David Darrow, Mike Boerman, Ashley Paquette, and Kari Klemme.

Report of Secretary

Moved by Mr. Brown and supported by Mr. Burchell, to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2020 Regular Board Meeting. Roll call vote: Beals – Yes; Brown – Yes; Burchell – Yes; Fitting – Yes; Kolesar – Yes; Lupino – Yes; Malloy – Absent. *Motion carried* – 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

Conflict of Interest

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

*Institutional Reports –
President's Update*

President George McNulty requested an amendment to the agenda to remove item 6.2.2 – Year-Round Use Feasibility Study for the Porcupine Mountains. Due to COVID-19, Vice President Guenard explained that the state is expected to experience a revenue shortfall. President McNulty explained this funding would be redirected to cover other operational expenses.

Moved by Mr. Burchell and supported by Mr. Fitting, to eliminate item 6.2.2 - Year-Round Use Feasibility Study for the Porcupine Mountains from the agenda. Roll call vote: Beals – Yes; Brown – Yes; Burchell – Yes; Fitting – Yes; Kolesar – Yes; Lupino – Yes; Malloy – Absent. *Motion carried* – 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

The virtual graduation ceremony was recorded last week. Dr. McNulty thanked everyone for the ideas shared and implemented to help make virtual graduation a success. In particular, he thanked Student Services, the IT Department, Dr. Maria Sokol for the Commencement Address, and Rachael Hendges and Kristina Kendall for singing the National Anthem.

The College has received the first half of the CARES Act funding. Dr. McNulty thanked Financial Aid Director, Marc Madigan for creating the model of distribution of funds to students. Funds will be administered to students in phases over a 12 month timeframe. The funding portion allotted for the College to cover other COVID 19 related expenses and lost revenue is forthcoming.

Mr. Kolesar inquired what qualifies a student to receive the funds. Dr. McNulty explained most students eligible to receive federal financial aid will receive funds, however there are some restrictions in the distribution of funds. The College will follow applicable rules and guidelines set forth by the federal government.

Dr. McNulty will be participating in the virtual Town Hall meeting for Wakefield at 5:30pm on May 1, 2020.

Public Comment on Agenda

None

*New Business - Financial
Reports*

Vice President of Business Services Mr. Erik Guenard presented March 2020 financial statements. He explained finances are tracking well between this year and last year. Expenditures are moving in a predictable manner and the balance sheet finances are

correlating well compared to the previous year. Billing was late this year due to COVID-19, and the College is expecting the balance to increase within the next week.

The Foundation investments have gone down considerably due to the market down-turn, but is expected to rebound.

Mr. Guenard spoke to the position of the Auxiliary funds. The bookstore is fairing well, however the snack bar took a large hit as a result of having to close the doors due to COVID-19. The LSCC and Mt. Zion both did well from prior years, and the Porkies numbers look decent.

Mr. Lupino inquired about the status of summer school enrollment. Vice President Graham explained enrollment is down 25%, and contributes this to the uncertainty created by COVID-19. Summer school starts on June 1, 2020.

Mr. Guenard informed the Board there will be a good source of income over the summer due to a SAM group scheduled to come to campus.

Motion made by Mr. Brown and supported by Mrs. Beals to accept the March 2020 financial statements and to pay the attached invoices. Roll call vote: Beals – Yes; Brown – Yes; Burchell – Yes; Fitting – Yes; Kolesar – Yes; Lupino – Yes; Malloy – Absent. *Motion carried* – 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

*New Business – Consent
Agenda Items – GCC Nordic
Ski Team*

Dr. McNulty reported the College is working to advance snow sports. A Nordic Ski Team had been at the College previously, however there are new opportunities to be a member of the Midwest Collegiate Ski and Snowboard Conference and scholarships will be offered. Cooperation with both ABR Trails and Wolverine Trails has been secured, and Dr. McNulty expressed the natural fit for a ski team for our area. He reported there are also people outside the area who have expressed an interest to support the College in this effort. The coaching salary and scholarships have both been budgeted for.

Motion made by Mr. Kolesar and supported by Mr. Brown to reinstate the Nordic Ski Team at GCC. 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 – Nurse Aid Trainer*

Motion made by Mr. Kolesar and supported by Mr. Brown to appoint Tammy Carroll as the Nurse Aid Trainer at the recommended salary. 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 – Career Counselor*

Ms. Graham announced the College was happy to recommend Marly Torres for the Career Counselor position. This position has been vacant for a year, and Ms. Torres' wide range of experience is welcomed.

Motion made by Mrs. Beals and supported by Mr. Burchell to appoint Ms. Marly Torres as the Career Counselor at the recommended salary. 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 Women's
Basketball Coach*

Ms. Graham informed the Board that Sara Trudgeon is a current student of GCC and this position would be used to attract more players and students to the College.

Motion made by Mr. Kolesar and supported by Mr. Brown to appoint Ms. Sarah Trudgeon as the Assistant Women's Basketball Coach for a one-year appointment at the recommended salary. 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 Men’s
Basketball Coach*

Ms. Graham informed the Board that Randy Clark, a former Samson, is recommended by administration for the Assistant Men’s Basketball Coach position.

Motion made by Mr. Kolesar and supported by Mrs. Beals to appoint Mr. Randy Clark as the Assistant Men’s Basketball Coach at the recommended salary. 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 – Nursing Instructor*

Vice President David Darrow informed the Board that Robert Dionne is currently an adjunct for the College and stood out in the pool of applicants with his experience and during the interview process.

Motion made by Mr. Brown and supported by Mr. Burchell to appoint Mr. Robert Dionne as the Nursing Instructor at the recommended salary. Roll call vote: Beals – Yes; Brown – Yes; Burchell – Yes; Fitting – Yes; Kolesar – Yes; Lupino – Yes; Malloy – Yes. *Motion carried – 7 Yes, 0 No.*

*Approval of 2020 Graduate
List*

Motion made by Mr. Burchell and supported by Mr. Fitting to approve the list of candidates for graduation pending satisfactory completion of their degree and graduation requirements. 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*

Dr. McNulty informed the Board the Strategic Planning Committee is continuing to move forward and is still on pace to present the Strategic Plan to the Board by August. The committee is currently working on the creation of strategies to achieve objectives. Planning software is necessary at this phase of the process and will be brought to the Board for approval. Dr. McNulty mentioned the Committee has done a great job of getting back on board with working meetings and the motivation of the collective group is evident.

*Public Comment on Topics
Relating to GCC*

None

Other Business

Mr. Lupino opened discussion regarding the Board Regular May meeting platform. He expressed his preference for meeting on campus and suggested the use of the LSCC space to allow for social distancing. The meeting location will be determined by the state directive at the time of the meeting.

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 – Yes; Lupino – Yes; Malloy – Yes. *Motion carried – 7 Yes, 0 No.* The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 pm.

John J. Lupino, Chairman

Susan Beals, Secretary

*Next GCC Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting*

Tuesday, May 26, 2020
4:30 pm – Location to be Determined