

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, February 25, 2020, in the Upper Level of the Lindquist Student Conference Center, on the campus of Gogebic Community College, Ironwood, Michigan.

*Call to Order, Roll Call*

Chairman Lupino called the meeting to order at 4:30 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, Kim Zeckovich, Stacy Brey, Tom Laventure, and Kari Klemme.

*Report of Secretary*

Moved by Mr. Malloy, supported by Mr. Brown, and carried, to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

*Conflict of Interest*

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

*Institutional Reports –  
President's Update*

President George McNulty reported Governor Whitmer has proposed an increase in funding for all Michigan community colleges. The increase would be an average of 2.5%, with Gogebic Community College at 2.9%. He expressed his appreciation to the Governor for this proposal.

Dr. McNulty thanked the Board members who were able to attend the Skilled Trades Building Grand Opening Ceremony, and thought the event went well. He is excited for the opportunities this will provide for GCC students.

Dr. McNulty reported that Student Services hosted a student ski party as a result of the recommendation of Board Member Eric Fitting. Approximately forty students attended the event, many skiing or snowboarding for the first time. He thanked Student Services for their efforts in putting this together.

Dennis Mackey coordinated an Alumni basketball game over the previous weekend that was a success. Dr. McNulty explained this type of event showcases the high level of support and commitment of alumni and coach Mackey's ability to sustain relationships with GCC alum.

Signe Buerger, of Ironwood, and GCC Student is the 2020 Junior World Champion Snow Shoe Racer in a competition held in Myoko, Japan. Dr. McNulty and the Board congratulated Ms. Buerger on her significant accomplishment.

Mrs. Beals inquired about the Michigan Reconnect Program to see if there was preparation that could be done by the Board and the College in the event it is approved.

*Public Comment on Agenda*

None

*New Business - Financial  
Reports*

Vice President of Business Services Mr. Erik Guenard presented January 2020 financial statements. He explained the College is tracking the same as the prior year. The spring semester will be booked in the February statements, which will result in gaining ground.

The changes in fund balance are correlating well to the previous year. Spending is more than last year, the bookstore is doing well, and the decline in credits has been budgeted for.

Mr. Guenard met with the Porcupine Mountains group which led to conversations of the future role of GCC at the Porkies. The balance from the previous year has been paid. Since the College has been working with the Porkies, consistency has been established and user sales have increased dramatically. The goal for this partnership was to create economic development, but not run the hill long-term.

Mr. Guenard informed the Board that Mt. Zion would be closing the second weekend in March, but the closing date is ultimately dependent on the weather.

Moved by Mr. Malloy, supported by Mr. Brown, and carried, to accept the January 2020 financial statements as presented.

*New Business – Consent  
Agenda Items – LSCC  
Scoreboards*

The scoreboards currently in the LSCC are original to the building. Bids were sent out by the GCC Athletic Director and administration believes the Daktronics scoreboard is a long-term solution. This bid includes electrical set up and installation, offers multiple features, and support after the sale, while the others did not.

Motion made by Mrs. Beals, supported by Mr. Kolesar, and carried, to accept administration recommendation to accept the proposal for the Daktronics scoreboard for the LSCC.

*New Business – Consent  
Agenda Items – Softball Team  
Transportation Bids*

Vice President of Student Services, Ms. Jeanne Graham, presented the bids received from two companies for transportation of the GCC Softball team. She explained there are five away games, with the end of season tournament taking place in Montana.

Motion made by Mr. Kolesar, supported by Mrs. Beals, and carried, to accept the recommendation of LCS, Cloquet, MN for transportation of the Softball Team.

*New Business – Consent  
Agenda Items – Mid-Year  
Budget Adjustments*

Mr. Guenard reported the budget was decreased to account for the reduction of credits. There are positions that have not been filled to assist in adding back to the fund balance.

Motion made by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Malloy, and carried, to accept the mid-year budget adjustments as presented.

*New Business – Consent  
Agenda Items - Selection of  
Capital Campaign Project*

Dr. McNulty informed the Board the College is looking to determine the next major capital campaign. The last one was conducted in 1993. The College is in communication with the GCC Foundation who approved funding to support a wealth management and fundraising capacity screening.

Two major areas identified as priorities are Mt. Zion and the LSCC. Administration feels that the LSCC would be the area that would have the greatest reach to students and the community.

Mrs. Beals inquired about using and tweaking previous plans or if a new project plan would be developed, and if the College has money set aside to assess the cost of this plan. Dr. McNulty advised there would be a fundraising initiative that will be happening simultaneously with the plan to develop the area.

Motion made by Mr. Brown, supported by Mrs. Beals, and carried, to accept the recommendation of the next major capital campaign priority to be the LSCC.

*New Business – Consent  
Agenda Items - Houghton  
Construction Technology  
Instructor Position*

Mr. David Darrow, Vice President of Academic Services, referred to the 2018 and 2019 feasibility studies included in the Board packet to prove this position would be well-received in the Houghton area. Programmatic marketing in Ironwood would be necessary to promote the program, along with attending trade shows to recruit and market to the west and south of the College. Mr. Darrow informed the Board of the high demand from employers and high school student interest in this program in the Houghton area.

There was discussion of infrastructure needed in Houghton to house this program. Mr. Guenard explained there would be a need for classroom and office space, but a lab would not be mandatory, as there is a large amount of support from area contractors. Program equipment would be needed, which could be built in a mobile trailer that could be transported from site to site.

Ms. Stacy Brey, Director of Off-Campus Operation, reported that multiple area high schools have a high number of students in this program. They have previously built sheds, but are planning to build a house in the upcoming year.

Dr. McNulty informed the Board there would be a substantial cost associated with the Houghton facilities, which would preferably be in the mall space that currently houses the Copper Country Center.

Moved by Mrs. Beals, supported by Mr. Brown, and carried, to accept the Construction Technology Instructor position as presented and to post the position.

*New Business – Consent  
Agenda Items - Position  
Description Change for  
Marketing/Recruiting*

Ms. Graham reminded the Board that the marketing support position had been moved to be assisting the financial aid office full time and the consultant hired for marketing had resigned in December of 2019. The proposed position would assist with student recruiting and social and print media for the College. Ms. Graham explained this position was not new, just revamped.

Motion made by Mrs. Beals, supported by Mr. Brown, and carried, to accept the recommendation to update the marketing and recruiting position and post for the position immediately.

*New Business – Personnel  
Items - Administrative  
Assistant to the Vice  
President of Academic  
Services – Tentative  
Recommendation*

Mr. Darrow explained that Rachael Hedges is currently the Assistant to the Allied Health Director and has proven to be a commodity to the College. Her skills and work ethic would be an asset to the Academic Services office.

Motion made by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Malloy, and carried, to accept administration's recommendation to hire Rachael Hedges as the Administrative Assistant to the Vice President of Academic Services and post the position to replace her as the Assistant to the Allied Health Director.

*Discussion of Strategic  
Planning*

Dr. McNulty informed the Board the Strategic Planning Committee is working on finalizing objectives activities and organizing for the operational phase of the Plan. The committee, which meets weekly, is ~~still~~ on pace to have a final plan to present to the Board in July or August.

Mrs. Beals reminded Board members they all have access to the progress of this committee through the Moodle accounts set up for each of them.

*Public Comment on Topics  
Relating to GCC*

None

*Other Business*

Mr. Lupino reported there is an ACCT conference in Chicago September 30 - October 3, 2020 which would be an opportunity for Board members to receive training at a lower cost due to the location of the conference.

Discussion ensued regarding the College contingency plan for the Coronavirus, which presents an opportunity for the health department to hold an educational session at the College for students and the community.

Mr. Guenard announced the new robotics welding machine arrived today and he would send pictures to all Board members.

*Executive Session*

At 5:37 pm, it was moved by Mr. Malloy, supported by Mr. Brown, that the Board move into Executive Session to discuss matters exempt from disclosure. Action anticipated upon return to Regular Session. Roll call vote: Beals – Yes; Brown – Yes; Burchell – Yes; Fitting – Yes; Kolesar – Yes; Lupino – Yes; Malloy – Yes. *Motion carried* – 7 Yes, 0 No.

*Regular Session*

At 6:34 pm, it was moved by Mrs. Beals, supported by Mr. Malloy, and carried, to returned to Regular Session.

*Sale of College Property*

Moved by Mr. Brown, supported by Mrs. Beals, and carried, the College begin the process for the sale of College property, when and if appropriate.

*Adjournment*

Moved by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Malloy, and carried, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

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*John J. Lupino, Chairman*

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*Susan Beals, Secretary*

*Next GCC Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting*

Tuesday, March 24, 2020  
4:30 pm – Room B22, Jacob Solin Center for Business Education