

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING  
DISTRICT NO. 537  
RICHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**January 21, 2020**

**CONVENING OF THE MEETING**

Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 21, 2020, in the Board Room of Richland Community College by Chairman Coopriider. Chairman Coopriider also recited the College Vision, Mission, and Core Values.

Roll Call

Trustees Present: Tom Ritter, Dr. David Coopriider, Dale Colee, Bishop Wayne Dunning, Vicki Carr, Bruce Campbell, and Michaila Long

Trustees Absent: None

Also present: Dr. Cris Valdez and other staff members

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 17, 2019 had been distributed to the Board prior to this meeting.

**Prince moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 17, 2019. Carr seconded. Voice vote being all ayes, Chairman Coopriider declared the motion carried.**

**APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Dr. Valdez and the Board of Trustees welcomed Janilyn Kocher, President of the Richland Community College Federation of Teachers Local 4262.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Personnel Update

New Employees

- April Ingram, Workforce Equity Transition Coordinator, effective December 11, 2019
- David Shiley, Outreach Coordinator Ag Programs, effective December 16, 2019
- Jessica Penny, Custodian MCLETC, effective December 30, 2019
- Susan Love, Literacy Specialist, effective January 6, 2020

- Jose Montines, Purchasing Coordinator, effective January 6, 2020

#### Retirements, Resignations, and Terminations

- Pixie Fennessey, Psychology Faculty, effective December 31, 2019

#### College Activities Report

- Richland Trivia Night – January 25, 2020 5:30 p.m. – Shilling Education Center
- Sweet Diezel Jenkins (Free Concert) – February 7, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.- Shilling Auditorium
- Macon County Spelling Bee – February 18, 2020 – 9:00 a.m. – Shilling Auditorium
- Board of Trustees Meeting – Board Room, February 18, 2020
- Other activities listed in the Board Book

### **SPECIAL REPORTS**

#### **REPORT OF ICCTA**

None

#### **MONITORING REPORT**

Tad Williams presented the MCLETC report

#### **FACULTY REPORT**

None

#### **AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS SIGNED BY DR. VALDEZ**

Dr. Valdez signed the Clinical Affiliation Agreement between the Carle Foundation and Richland Community College.

Dr. Valdez signed the Affiliation Agreement between Logan County Paramedics Association and Richland Community College.

#### **REPORT OF STUDENT TRUSTEE**

Student Trustee Michaila Long presented the Student Leadership Council Report.

#### **FOUNDATION REPORT**

Julie Melton reported to the Board of Trustees that the Richland Foundation is having a good fiscal year. Fundraising is down by about \$25,000.00, but anticipates that this will bounce

back. The Culinary Dinner will be held on March 21, 2020 and the Leadership Giving Society will hold a dinner on February 19, 2020. Trustees will be receiving invitations to both events.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

A recommendation was made to the Board of Trustees to approve the Consent Agenda including Authorization in Compliance with 5 Illinois Compiled Statutes 120/2.06, as presented.

**Carr moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Prince seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairman Coopriders declared the motion carried.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **APPROVAL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS LAB UPGRADE**

A recommendation was made to the Board of Trustees to purchase computer equipment from CDW-G of Vernon Hills, Illinois in the amount of \$18,856.19, as presented.

**Prince moved to approve the purchase of computer equipment from CDW-G of Vernon Hills, Illinois in the amount of \$18,856.19, as presented. Bishop Dunning seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairman Coopriders declared the motion carried.**

### **RICHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE 2020-2022 STRATEGIC PLAN**

Teena Zindel-McWilliams presented the 2020-2022 Strategic Plan and Environmental Scan for approval.

**Colee moved to approve the 2020-2022 Strategic Plan, as presented. Prince seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairman Coopriders declared the motion carried.**

### **AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE FUNDING BONDS**

A recommendation was made that the Board of Trustees approve Resolution No. 20-5 authorizing the sale of \$15,135,000.00 of Funding Bonds, as presented.

**Bishop Dunning moved to approve Resolution No. 20-5 authorizing the sale of \$15,135,000.00 of Funding Bonds, as presented. Campbell second. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairman Coopriders declared the motion carried.**

### **APPROVAL OF SERVICE ENHANCEMENTS FOR THE ILLINOIS CENTURY NETWORK**

A recommendation was made that would allow the College to enter into an agreement with Bodine Electric of Decatur, Illinois to perform electrical improvements as requested by the Illinois Century Network for an amount not to exceed \$11,000.00 which will be reimbursed in full by the State of Illinois, as presented.

**Campbell moved to approve the request that would allow the College to enter into an agreement with Bodine Electric of Decatur, Illinois to perform electrical improvements as requested by the Illinois Century Network for an amount not to exceed \$11,000.00, which will be reimbursed in full by the State of Illinois, as presented. Bishop Dunning seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairman Coopriker declared the motion carried.**

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

### **BILLS AND TRAVEL EXPENDITURES PAYABLE**

The December 2019 Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement were presented to and discussed with the Board.

A list of bills paid in the amount of \$614,832.71 for December 2019 was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting.

**Prince moved to ratify the December bills and travel expenditures paid and approve the Financial Statement subject to audit. Bishop Dunning seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairman Coopriker declared the motion carried.**

## **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

- Dr. Valdez is happy to announce the James Jones has been selected for AACC Dale P. Parnell Faculty Distinction Recognition. James does fantastic work for Richland Community College and shows great leadership in statistic and data analysis.
- The Richland Community College Annual Report has been distributed. If you are interested in sharing the publication, please let us know and we will be happy to schedule at time to share.

## **ITEMS FROM THE BOARD**

- Randy Prince wanted to make sure the Recognition for James Jones will be shared throughout the community. Marketing will make sure a press release is sent out.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Prince moved to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing individual employments, as specified in Section 2 (c) (1); for the purpose of discussing collective negation matters, as specified in Section 2 (c) (2); for discussion of purchase or lease of real property, as specified in Section 2 (c) (5); for discussion of pending or probable litigation, as specified in Section 2 (c) (11); and for self-evaluation as specified in Section 2 (c) (16) of the Open Meetings Act. Bishop Dunning seconded. Voice vote being all ayes, Chairman Coopriker declared the motion carried.**

Meeting convened into closed session at 6:48 p.m.

Meeting reconvened into open session at 7:48 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Prince moved and Bishop Dunning seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.**

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Randy Prince, Secretary