

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

April 20, 2021

CONVENING OF THE MEETING

Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, 2021, in the Board Room of Richland Community College by Chairman Coopridier. Chairman Coopridier also recited the College Vision, Mission, and Core Values.

Roll Call

Trustees Present: Tom Ritter, Dr. David Coopridier, Dale Colee, Randy Prince, Bishop Wayne Dunning, Vicki Carr, Bruce Campbell, and Virginia Book

Trustees Absent: None

Also present: Dr. Cris Valdez and other staff members

Trustee Prince and Trustee Book were recognized for their service to the Richland Community College Board of Trustees.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 16, 2021 had been distributed to the Board prior to this meeting.

Ritter moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 16, 2021. Campbell seconded. Voice vote being all ayes, Chairman Coopridier declared the motion carried.

APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Dr. Valdez and the Board of Trustees welcomed those in attendance.

REPORT FROM BOARD SECRETARY REGARDING SELECTION OF STUDENT TRUSTEE

Secretary Randy Prince reported to the Board of Trustees regarding the selection of the Student Trustee conducted March 1 through March 31, 2020, indicating Rhiannon Hartman was duly selected and qualified to fill the 2021-2021-2 term of office commencing on April 20, 2021.

SWEARING IN AND SEATING OF STUDENT TRUSTEE FOR 2021-2022 – RHIANNON HARTMAN

Chairman Coopriider administered the Oath of Office to Rhiannon Hartman, new student member of the Board of Trustees for 2021-2022, and formally seated her as a student trustee.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

College Activities Report

- April 19-24 Earth Week Celebration
Online and Social Media
- April 23 Highway Construction Training Program Graduation
1pm at Shilling Community Education Center
- April 26 Fall Registration Opens to Current Students and Veterans
Online and In-Person
- April 28 Administrative Professionals Day

May 2021

- May 3 Fall Registration Opens to New Students
- May 8 – 13 Final Exams for Spring 2021 Semester
- May 14 Nursing Pinning
5pm – Online and In-person for graduates in Shilling Auditorium
Graduation– Online and In-person for graduates
7pm – Online and In-person for graduates in Shilling Salons
Details at www.richland.edu/graduation

Upcoming Event – details forthcoming:

Women In Trades Event – Recruitment Event to promote CTE Careers to Women

Virtual Events at 3pm:

Week 1 (May 13) - Agriculture

Week 2 (May 20) - Welding

Week 3(May 27) - HVAC

Week 4 (June 3) - ENGT Technology

Week 5(June 9) - Automotive

Keynote Speaker, June 10 at 4pm

Media Coverage:

- Richland Community College gets over \$560k for renovations
- Graduation Plans
- Dual Credit Story
- No tuition increases
- Culinary Scholarship Bash in a Box
 - Special Board of Trustees Meeting – Board Room, April 27, 2021
 - Board of Trustees Meeting – Board Room, May 18, 2021
 - Other activities listed in the Board Book

Personnel Update

Changes

Carrie Barrick, Coordinator, Carrier Program Support, effective March 15, 2021

SPECIAL REPORTS

REPORT OF ICCTA

None

MONITORING REPORT

Joe Feinstein presented the monitoring report – Information Technology

REPORT OF AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS SIGNED BY PRESIDENT VALDEZ FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2021

Dr. Valdez signed the MOU between Richland Community College and the Macon County Health Department.

COLLEGE SPOTLIGHT

Jeff Davison presented Adult Education

REPORT OF STUDENT TRUSTEE

Student Trustee Rhiannon Hartman presented the Student Leadership Council Report.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Julie Melton reported on top accomplishment, projects in progress and new opportunities on the horizon.

CONSENT AGENDA

A recommendation was made to the Board of Trustees to approve the Consent Agenda including the appointment of Full-Time Tenure Track Psychology Associate Professor, Matt Wiediger and Authorization in Compliance with 5 Illinois Compiled Statutes 120/2.06, as presented.

Prince moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Bishop Dunning seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairman Coopriker declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

REVISIONS TO BOARD POLICIES 4.6, 4.7.3, AND 4.18.1 – SECOND READING

Teena Zindel-McWilliams and Meredith Johnson-Palmer presented revisions to the following:

- Board Policy 4.6: Reorder sections of the Policy as students would encounter in their educational journey, update grading designations, change GPA standard to 2.0 for academic standing, define “drop” and “withdrawal,” and rename Semester Academic Honors.
- Board Policy 4.7.3: Clarify how transfer credits from other institutions will be incorporated into a student’s Richland transcript.
- Board Policy 4.18.1: Change Financial Aid GPA standard to 2.0 to mirror academic standing proposed GPA.

RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD POLICIES 4.15.3 AND 4.15.4 AND STUDENT GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE – SECOND READING

Dr. Denise Crews presented revisions to Board Policy 4.15.3 and 4.15.4, as presented

SOUTH WING EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

A recommendation was made to the Board of Trustees for the purchase of equipment be made from Today’s Classroom, LLC of Canton, OH, in the amount of \$14,408.10, as presented.

Prince moved to approve the purchase of equipment from Today’s Classroom, LLC of Canton, OH, in the amount of \$14,408.10, as presented. Bishop Dunning seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairman Coopriker declared the motion carried.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-6 – SURS DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

Robin Bollhorst presented information for the adoption of Resolution No. 21-6 that would allow the College to implement a 457 (b) deferred compensation plan, as presented.

Ritter moved to adopt Resolution No. 21-6, as presented. Campbell seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairman Coopriker declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TECHNICAL SERVICES COVID TECHNOLOGY

A recommendation was made to the Board of Trustees for the purchase of computer equipment be made from CDW-G of Vernon Hills, IL, in the amount of \$64,816.80, as presented.

Campbell moved to approve the purchase of computer equipment be made from CDW-G of Vernon Hills, IL, in the amount of \$64,816.80, as presented. Bishop Dunning seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairman Coopriker declared the motion carried.

PRESIDENTIAL EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT RESTATED

A recommendation was made to the Board of Trustees that the President's Employment contract be restated, effective July1, 2021, as presented.

Ritter moved to approve the President's Employment Contract, effective July 1, 2021, as presented. Bishop Dunning seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairman Coopriker declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A BUDGET MODIFICATION TO PHS PROJECT AND TAX LEVY

A recommendation was made to the Board of Trustees to approve the revised Resolution at the revised budget amount of authorizing a tax Protection, Health, and Safety tax levy of \$295,000 to fund this project, as presented.

Carr moved to adopt Resolution No. 21-7 at the revised budget amount of authorizing a tax Protection, Health, and Safety tax levy of \$295,000 to fund this project, as presented. Campbell seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairman Coopriker declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL TO AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR COOLING TOWER REPLACEMENT

A recommendation was made to the Board of Trustees that would authorize the College

Administration to contract with Burdick Plumbing Inc. of Decatur the above noted project at a cost of \$279,000, as presented.

Carr moved to approve the authorization of College Administration to contract with Burdick Plumbing Inc. of Decatur the above noted project at a cost of \$279,000, as presented. Bishop Dunning seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes. Chairman Coopridier declared the motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

BILLS AND TRAVEL EXPENDITURES PAYABLE

The March 2021 Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement were presented to and discussed with the Board.

A list of bills paid in the amount of \$1,997,927.17 for March 2021 was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting.

Prince moved to ratify the March bills and travel expenditures paid and approve the Financial Statement subject to audit. Campbell seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairman Coopridier declared the motion carried.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

- President Valdez thanked Randy Prince for his 20 years of service to the Board of Trustees at Richland Community College. Randy has been a great mentor and moved the College to new heights.
- President Valdez reported on the SHIELD testing that is happening on campus. Everyone is encouraged to participate. All is going well and there may be plans to expand this service to the community.
- Our HLC visit will take place on April 26 and 27. We are not anticipating any issues, just a follow up visit.
- President Valdez and Greg presented an opportunity for Richland that would provide the College with a new FBi building that could house our Ag Department. FBi has approached the College and after discussion, everyone agrees that we should move forward. Greg will contact FBi and work to bring this to the Board next month.
- A Special Board of Trustees meeting will be held on April 27, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room. This will allow the Board to seat new trustees re-organize the Board and make appointment.

ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

- Randy Prince thanked everyone at Richland and those he has serviced with over the years. As he has seen, many buildings go up on campus, it is the people that make this college and he is very proud to have been a part of it.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Prince moved and Bishop Dunning seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Dale Colee, Secretary