

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

**March 15, 2022**

**CONVENING OF THE MEETING**

Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, 2022, in the Board Room of Richland Community College by Chairman Dunning. Chairman Dunning also recited the College Vision, Mission, and Core Values.

Roll Call

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

Trustees Absent: Rhiannon Hartman

Also present: Dr. Cris Valdez and other staff members

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 15, 2022 had been distributed to the Board prior to this meeting.

**Ritter moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 12, 2022. Dr. Coopriider seconded. Voice vote being all ayes, Chairman Dunning declared the motion carried.**

**APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Dr. Valdez and the Board of Trustees welcomed Valerie Wells of the Herald and Review.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Personnel Update

New Employees

- Samantha Baker, Surgical Tech Lab Facilitator/Part time, effective January 25, 2022
- Rebekah Zuniga, Director, EnRich Healthcare Program, effective February 7, 2022
- Dierre Guyse, Navigator/Recruiter, EnRich Healthcare Program, effective February 7, 2022

- La Sonya Johnson, Financial Aid Specialist, effective February 7, 2022
- Katie Raisner, Retention Coordinator, effective February 21, 2022
- Amy Snow, HR Specialist, effective February 28, 2022
- William Ditty II, Skilled Trades Training Coordinator, effective February 28, 2022
- Ashley Hall, Career and Completion Coach, effective February 28, 2022

#### Changes

- Alisha Thomas, Navigator/Recruiter, Enrich Healthcare program, effective February 21, 2022

#### Retirements, Resignations, and Terminations

- Kelley Schoonover, Enrollment Coach, effective February 15, 2022

### **SPECIAL REPORTS**

#### **REPORT OF ICCTA**

Vicki Carr gave an update of topics covered at the meeting on March 11-12, 2022 in Peoria. Highlights included enrollment and retention, security, employment fatigue and financials. In addition, an anti-racism statement was adopted. The next meeting will be held on April 29, 2022 in Springfield.

#### **MONITORING REPORT**

Robin Bollhorst and Tiffany Nichols presented the monitoring report – Staff Profile

#### **FACULTY REPORT**

Janilyn Kocher answered questions of the Trustees.

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

Dr. Isaac Zuniga presented the Student Leadership Council Report.

#### **INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT REPORT**

A report was provided to the Board of Trustees

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A recommendation was made to the Board of Trustees to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **RECOMMENDATION FOR PROFESSOR EMERITUS**

A recommendation was made to the Board of Trustees to grant Professor Emeritus status to Robert Grindy, retired faculty member, as specified in Board Policy 3.9.1, as presented.

**Dr. Coopriider moved to approve the recommendation to grant Professor Emeritus status to Robert Grindy, retired faculty member, as specified in Board Policy 3.9.1, as presented. Campbell seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes.**

### **RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE TUITION RATES FOR FY23**

A recommendation was made to the Board of Trustees set the Academic Year 2022-2023 tuition per credit hour for the standard in-district tuition rate at \$143.00, the in-State out-of-district tuition rate at \$346.00, the out-of-State tuition rate at \$555.00, the Chargeback rate at \$300.00, the online tuition rate at \$179.00, the variable tuition rate for designated Health Professions classes at \$172.00, the standard fee at \$14.00 per credit hour, and reauthorize the practice of charging in-district tuition to students who live out of district and are attending an in-district educational institution, as presented.

**Colee moved to freeze the 2022 tuition per credit hour rates for FY23: standard in-district tuition rate at \$139.00, on-line tuition rate at \$175.00, and Health Professions rate at \$167.00. Out of district rate would increase to \$346.00, Out of state would increase to \$555.00, and chargeback would be \$300.00. Carr seconded. Roll call vote being one nay and six ayes. Chairman Dunning declared the motion carried.**

### **APPROVAL OF JED FOUNDATION AGREEMENT**

A recommendation as made to the Board of Trustees that would allow the College enter into a four-year partnership service agreement with JED Foundation for a total cost of \$23,000, as presented.

**Carr moved to approve the recommendation that would allow the College enter into a four-year partnership service agreement with JED Foundation for a total cost of \$23,000, as presented. Colee seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairman Dunning declared the motion carried.**

### **RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF GENERAL AND COURSE FEES FOR FY23**

A recommendation was made to the Board of Trustees to approve the fee schedule to be applied starting with the Summer 2022 semester, as presented.

**Carr moved to approve the fee schedule to be applied starting with the Summer 2022 semester, as presented. Colee seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairman Dunning declared the motion carried.**

### **APPROVAL OF TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT LIMITS**

A recommendation was made to the Board of Trustees to adopt the rates for the period of March 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 as presented for all travel, meal, and lodging expenses of officers and employees.

**Carr moved to adopt the rates for the period of March 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 as presented for all travel, meal, and lodging expenses of officers and employees. Dr. Coopriider seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairman Dunning declared the motion carried.**

### **APPROVAL TO PURCHASE FOOD TRUCK**

A recommendation was made to the Board of Trustees that would allow the College Administration to purchase a used Food Truck / Trailer for our Culinary Program, not to exceed \$70,000, as presented.

**Carr moved to approve College Administration to purchase a used Food Truck / Trailer for our Culinary Program, not to exceed \$70,000, as presented. Campbell seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairman Dunning declared to the motion carried.**

### **APPROVAL OF CLINTON POWER PLANT TAX SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

A recommendation was made to the Board of Trustees that would approve the resolution and authorize the CLINTON POWER STATION REAL PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT and the INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT REGARDING CONSTELLATION SETTLEMENT FOR TAX YEARS 2021-2027, as presented.

**Dr. Coopriider approved the resolution and authorize the CLINTON POWER STATION REAL PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT and the INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT REGARDING CONSTELLATION SETTLEMENT FOR TAX YEARS 2021-2027, as presented. Carr seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairman Dunning declared the motion carried.**

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

The February 2022 Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement were presented to and discussed with the Board.

A list of bills paid in the amount of \$1,200,666.85 for February 2022 was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting.

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

## **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

- President Valdez reported to the Board of Trustees that the recruitment process for the VP of Finance and Administration has begun. If all goes as planned, we would like to have the offer made by May 1. If necessary, Robin Bollhorst will serve as interim once Greg Florian retires on April 29, 2022.
- The Summer Board retreat will be held on July 14, 2022.

## **ITEMS FROM THE BOARD**

- Dale Colee congratulated Jim Getz as the Commander of MCLETC. Jim will keep moving things in the right direction.
- Chairman Dunning reiterated Dale's comments and thanked Mr. Getz for making such a positive impact on our community.
- Chairman Dunning thanked Vicki Carr for her all of her work with ICCTA. He also shared that he is running for Secretary of the ICCTA and would like a recommendation from the Board of Trustees.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Carr 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 negotiation 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. Colee seconded. Voice vote being all ayes, Chairman Dunning declared the motion carried.**

Meeting convened into closed session at 7:25 p.m.

Meeting reconvened into open session at 7:50 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Campbell moved and Dr. Coopriider seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m.**

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Dale Colee, Secretary