

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING of April 22, 2021

On April 22, 2021, the Board of Trustees of Community College District 507, in the Counties of Vermilion, Edgar, Iroquois, Champaign, and Ford in the State of Illinois, met in regular session in the Board Room, Vermilion Hall Room 302, at Danville Area Community College.

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dave Harby called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ITEM 2: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board and those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 3: ROLL CALL OF EXISTING BOARD

The roll was called. Trustees present: Tracy Cherry, Dave Harby, Terry Hill, and Greg Wolfe. Trustee absent: John Spezia.

Others present: President Dr. Stephen Nacco, Board Secretary Kerri Thurman, Tammy Betancourt, Jill Cranmore, Lara Conklin, Jerry Davis, Sandra Finch, Tony Finch, Dylan Haun, Jeff Haun, Rachel Haun, Logan Haun, Ashley Haun, Laura Duncan, Darren Duncan, and Natalie Duncan, were physically present. Dr. Natalie Page, Stacy Ehmen, and Kevin Heid were present via phone.

Media present: Ross Brown, WDAN-WDNL.

ITEM 4: BOARD CONSIDERATION OF DOCUMENTS OF APRIL 6, 2021 CONSOLIDATED ELECTION FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 507 TRUSTEES

A. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION DECLARING RESULTS OF ELECTION

Upon motion by Mr. Wolfe, and a second by Ms. Cherry, the Board adopted the resolution declaring the results of the election naming Sandra Finch and Dylan Haun as winners of the election. The motion passed by roll call vote: 4 yeas, 0 nays.

B. APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT OF VOTES

Upon motion by Mr. Wolfe, and a second by Mr. Hill, the Board approved the Abstract of Votes submitted by Cathy Jenkins, Vermilion County Clerk, showing vote totals of 4,241 for Sandra Finch, 3,357 for Dylan Haun, and 2,783 for Seth' Maruti. The motion passed by roll call vote: 4 yeas, 0 nays.

C. OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS

Mr. Harby administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Finch and Mr. Haun.

ITEM 5: ADJOURNMENT OF BOARD SINE DIE

Mr. Harby adjourned the Board sine die.

ITEM 6: ROLL CALL – REORGANIZED BOARD

Roll was called. Trustees present: Tracy Cherry, Sandra Finch, Dave Harby, Dylan Haun, Terry Hill, and Greg Wolfe. Trustee absent: John Spezia.

ITEM 7: APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON

Upon motion by Mr. Wolfe, and a second by Mr. Hill, Mr. Dave Harby was appointed as temporary chairperson. The motion passed by roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays.

ITEM 8: APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY SECRETARY

Upon motion by Mr. Wolfe, and a second by Ms. Cherry, Ms. Kerri Thurman was appointed as temporary secretary. The motion passed by roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays.

ITEM 9: ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND APPOINTMENTS

A. ELECTION OF CHAIR

A motion was made by Mr. Wolfe to nominate Mr. Harby as Chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hill and passed by roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays.

B. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

A motion was made by Mr. Hill to nominate Mr. Wolfe as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cherry and passed by roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays.

C. ELECTION OF SECRETARY

A motion was made by Mr. Wolfe to nominate Kerri Thurman as Board Secretary. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cherry and passed by roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays.

D. APPOINTMENT OF ICCTA REPRESENTATIVE

A motion was made by Mr. Hill to appoint Mr. Wolfe as the ICCTA Representative. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cherry and passed by roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays.

E. APPOINTMENT OF ICCTA ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE

A motion was made by Mr. Wolfe to appoint Mr. Haun as the ICCTA Alternate Representative. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Finch and passed by roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays.

F. APPOINTMENT OF BOARD ATTORNEYS

Upon motion by Mr. Wolfe, and a second by Mr. Hill, the Board appointed the law firm of Davis and Delanois to serve as legal counsel for the DACC Board of Trustees and the College. The motion passed by roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays.

G. APPOINTMENT OF COLLEGE TREASURER

Upon motion by Ms. Cherry, and a second by Mr. Hill, the Board appointed Tammy Betancourt as the College Treasurer until the next reorganizational meeting of the Board. The motion passed by roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays.

ITEM 10: BOARD CONSIDERATION OF SETTING DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF MEETINGS

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, and a second by Ms. Cherry, the Board approved the setting of the date, time and place of meetings until the next reorganizational meeting. The motion passed by roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Regular meetings will take place on the fourth Thursday of each month in Vermilion Hall Room 302 with the following exceptions which will be held on the third Thursday: August 19, 2021; November 18, 2021; December 16, 2021; July 21, 2022; August 18, 2022; November 17, 2022; and December 15, 2022; and March 16, 2023. Additionally, the meetings of November 18, 2021 and November 17, 2022 meetings will be held at the Hoopeston Higher Learning Center, 847 East Orange Street, Hoopeston, Illinois. Meetings will begin at 5:30 p.m.

ITEM 11: BOARD CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING ALL EXISTING POLICIES

Upon motion by Mr. Wolfe, and a second by Mr. Hill, the Board adopted all existing policies. The motion passed by roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays.

ITEM 12: SEATING OF STUDENT TRUSTEE

A. ACCEPTANCE OF STUDENT TRUSTEE ELECTION REPORT

Ms. Laura Duncan was elected as Student Trustee effective April 15, 2021. Ms. Duncan is a current senior at Schlarman Academy while also being a full-time DACC student and is majoring in nursing.

Upon motion by Mr. Wolfe, and a second by Mr. Haun, the Board accepted the Student Trustee Election Report. The motion passed by roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays.

B. OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO NEWLY ELECTED STUDENT TRUSTEE

Mr. Harby administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Duncan. The Board congratulated Ms. Duncan and welcomed her as the new Student Trustee.

ITEM 13: ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Harby asked if there were any changes requested to the agenda. A request was made to remove Item 22C. Board Consideration of Resolution Setting Forth and Describing in Detail Claims Heretofore Authorized and Allowed for Proper Community College Purposes Which are Presently Outstanding and Unpaid, Declaring the Intention to Avail of the Provisions of Article 3A of the Public Community College Act of the State of Illinois, as Amended, and to Issue \$1,500,000 Funding Bonds for the Purpose of Paying Claims Against the District, and Directing that Notice of Such Intention be Published as Provided by Law. Upon motion by Mr. Hill, and a second by Mr. Wolfe, the agenda was approved as amended. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays.

ITEM 14: RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

The following were physically present: Tammy Betancourt, Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer; Jill Cranmore, Vice President, Human Resources and Labor Relations; Lara Conklin, Executive Director, College Relations; Jerry Davis, Davis and Delanois; Jeff Haun; Rachal Haun; Logan Haun; Ashley Haun; Darren Duncan; and Natalie Duncan. The following were present via phone: Stacy Ehmen, Vice President, Student Services; Dr. Natalie Page, Vice President, Academic Affairs; and Kevin Heid, Steifel and Associates.

Media present: Ross Brown, WDAN-WDNL.

ITEM 15: PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE INTENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO SELL \$1,500,000 FUNDING BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING CLAIMS AGAINST THE DISTRICT

The meeting was recessed to conduct a public hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Trustees to sell \$1,500,000 Funding Bonds for the purpose of paying claims against the district.

The meeting was reconvened at 6:13 p.m.

ITEM 16: INSIDE THE COLLEGE: BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY

A video was shown highlighting Mr. Braxton Wilson, Bismarck Henning-Rossville Alvin Cooperative High School student. Mr. Wilson shared his experience as a College Express welding student.

ITEM 17: FINANCIAL UPDATE

Vice President Betancourt provided a financial update to the Board. The Financial Statement of Revenue and Expenditures ending March 31, 2021 was included in the Board agenda book.

ITEM 18: PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Nacco shared the *DACC Flash* with the Board and highlighted the events from the last month.

ITEM 19: PUBLIC COMMENT

ITEM 20: CONSENT AGENDA

**A. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD
AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARCH 19, 2021 AND
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF MARCH
25, 2021**

B. FINANCIAL REPORT

C. CLERY SECURITY REPORT

Upon motion by Mr. Wolfe, and a second by Mr. Hill, the Board approved the items on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed by roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays.

ITEM 21: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEM 22: NEW BUSINESS

A. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF TRAVEL EXPENDITURES FOR TRUSTEES

Per Public Law 99-0604, known as the “Local Government Travel Expense Control Act,” travel expenses for members of the Board of Trustees must be approved at an open meeting of the Board.

A total of \$741.92 was expended for travel expenditures for trustees over the last month. The expenses were for the ICCTA meetings on March 12-13, 2021 in Schaumburg for Mr. Dave Harby (\$150.00) and Mr. Greg Wolfe (\$591.92).

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, and a second by Ms. Cherry, the Board approved the travel expenses as listed. The motion passed by roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays.

B. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

Recommendations of Employment are conditional upon all Human Resources processes being met.

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, and a second by Mrs. Finch, the Board approved the Human Resources Report. The motion passed by roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays.

D. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF DACC HONORARY DEGREE

DACC’s Graduation Committee requested nominations for an honorary Associate degree during the 2021 commencement ceremony. An honorary degree is bestowed to one individual who has exhibited exemplary achievement to DACC.

Upon motion by Mr. Wolfe, and a second by Mr. Haun, the Board approved and congratulated Mrs. Phyllis Rogers for being selected as the 2021 DACC Honorary Degree recipient. The motion passed by roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays.

ITEM 14: INFORMATION

A. COMMUNICATIONS

ITEM 15: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Harby adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Secretary, Board of Trustees

Approved: _____