

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 17, 2023

On August 17, 2023, 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

Vice Chairman Wolfe 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

The roll was called. Trustees present: Tracy Cherry, Sandra Finch, Dylan Haun, Terry Hill, Maruti Seth, Greg Wolfe, and Student Trustee Decarlo Flagg. Trustee absent: Dave Harby.

Others present: President Dr. Stephen Nacco, Board Secretary Kerri Thurman, Jill Cranmore, Dr. Carl Bridges, Tammy Betancourt, Stacy Ehmen, Lara Conklin, and Jerry Davis.

Media present: Steve Brandy, WDAN-WDNL.

ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Wolfe asked there were any changes requested to the agenda. With no changes requested, upon motion by Mr. Hill, and a second by Ms. Cherry, the agenda was approved as presented. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays.

ITEM 5: RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Dr. Nacco introduced the following: Dr. Carl Bridges, Vice President, Academic Affairs; Jill Cranmore, Vice President, Human Resources and Labor Relations; Tammy Betancourt, Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer; Stacy Ehmen, Vice President, Student Services; Lara Conklin, Executive Director, College Relations; and Jerry Davis, Jerry Davis Law.

ITEM 6: INSIDE THE COLLEGE: NISOD PRESENTATION

Dr. Nacco and Dr. Bridges presented Vice President of Student Services Stacy Ehmen with the NISOD Excellence Award for Administrators. This award allows member colleges an opportunity to recognize individuals doing extraordinary work on their campuses. Dr. Bridges also announced that faculty members Jamie Moreland and Rena Pate were awarded NISOD Excellence Awards for Faculty.

The Board and Dr. Nacco congratulated Ms. Ehmen and thanked her for her dedication and hard work over her many years at DACC. They also congratulated Ms. Moreland and Ms. Pate on their achievements.

ITEM 7: FINANCIAL UPDATE

The Financial Statement of Revenue and Expenditures ending July 31, 2023 was included in the Board agenda book.

ITEM 8: PRESIDENT’S REPORT

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

ITEM 9: PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ITEM 10: CONSENT AGENDA

- A. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JULY 18, 2023**
- B. FINANCIAL REPORT**
- C. CLERY SECURITY REPORT**
- D. POLICY REVISION- BOARD POLICY #6020 – REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAVEL AND FOOD/BEVERAGE EXPENSES**

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

ITEM 11: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEM 12: NEW BUSINESS

- A. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT**

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

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

- B. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION TO PLACE TENTATIVE FY2024 BUDGET ON DISPLAY AND SET DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2023 (FY2024 TENTATIVE BUDGET-EXTERNAL EXHIBIT)**

The proposed FY2024 budget is being submitted with a recommended operational budget of \$19,732,000. This is approximately 7.4% higher than the FY2023 Operating budget. With the adoption of a FY24 budget at the state level, which resulted in a 9% decrease in our operating and equalization grants, as well as continued increases in local property taxes as a result of an increasing Equalized Assessed Valuation, the College will be able to move forward by investing in Human Resources to maintain quality instruction and student service, provide training needed to meet the employment demands of the community, cover software increases, improve network infrastructure, maintain our Colleague SIS/ERP system in the Cloud, and cover estimated increases in health insurance premiums and utilities.

Depending on the fluctuation in the Equalized Assessed Valuation, the tax levy rate is anticipated to be approximately 60.37 cents. The current rate is 60.33 cents.

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, and a second by Ms. Finch, the Board approved establishing Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room, Vermilion Hall Room 302, at Danville Area Community College as the date, time, and place for the Public Hearing on the FY24 budget. The Board further approved making said budget available for public inspection with appropriate notification provided to the public with final approval anticipated at the September 28, 2023 Board meeting. The motion passed by roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays.

C. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF PERMANENT TRANSFER OF EARNED INTEREST MONIES FROM THE WORKING CASH FUND TO THE EDUCATION FUND

With an approved resolution by the Board of Trustees, the law allows for earned interest to be permanently transferred from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund for general operations.

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, and a second by Mr. Seth, the Board approved the Resolution for the permanent transfer of earned interest monies from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund. The motion passed by signature vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays.

ITEM 13: INFORMATION

A. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

- Mr. Hill congratulated Ms. Ehmen on her upcoming retirement and wished her the best.
- Mr. Flagg also congratulated Ms. Ehmen on her retirement.
- Ms. Cherry echoed congratulations. She also congratulated Dr. Bridges on becoming Provost.
- Mr. Seth noted Ms. Ehmen always goes above and beyond and will be missed.
- Ms. Finch thanked Ms. Ehmen for her dedication and wished her the best.
- Mr. Wolfe also thanked Ms. Ehmen for her dedication to students, particularly with him receiving his degree.

B. COMMUNICATIONS

ITEM 14: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Wolfe adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Secretary, Board of Trustees

Approved: _____