



NWCCD Mission

NWCCD welcomes all learners, empowers student success, and encourages and strengthens community development.

NORTHERN WYOMING COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT – BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes

Joint Meeting of the NWCCD Board of Trustees and the Sheridan College Foundation Board of Trustees

Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 11:30 a.m.

Sheridan College – Whitney Center for the Arts – Room 235 & 236

Board Members Present:

Deb Wendtland
Tracy Swanson
Elaine Henry
Bob Leibrich (12:03 p.m.)

Board Members Absent:

Gary Koltiska
Ward Cotton
Chuck Holloway

SCF Board Members Present:

Yvonne Gatley
Bob Berger
Susan Miller
Everett McGlothlin
Susan Clinch
Bill Rohrbaugh (12:07 p.m.)

Staff Present:

Dr. Walt Tribley
Jen Crouse
Craig Achord
Renee Wollenman
Dee Davis
Stephanie Ellis
Sarah Aksamit

Others Present:

Jake Schrickling (State of Wyoming State Construction Department)
Brandon Daigle (MOA Architecture)

Recorder:

Sarah Aksamit

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call** – The meeting was called to order at 11:38 a.m. At the time of roll call, there was no quorum for the Sheridan College Foundation (SCF) Board of Directors and no quorum for the Northern Wyoming Community College District (NWCCD) Board of Trustees. Trustee Bob Leibrich joined at 12:03 p.m., making a quorum for the NWCCD Board at that time. Bill Rohrbaugh joined at 12:07 PM, making a quorum for SCF Board at that time.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**

3. President's Report – Dr. Tribley welcomed and thanked both boards for serving the students. He introduced Jake Schrickling and Brandon Daigle.

- a. Legislative Updates** – Dr. Tribley updated the boards on five tax bills on the Governor's desk, specifically how the property tax relief would affect the College, yet to be determined.

Jake Schrickling updated the board about the Capital Construction bill that was killed in introduction. It was reintroduced a few times and failed, and then reintroduced in the budget session at a reduced rate. It passed in the House and failed in the Senate. It was taken to the Joint Committee. The Committee was looking at a much smaller bill but this does not include major maintenance for community colleges. This bill is waiting for the Governor to sign it. This shouldn't affect the community colleges too much.

Dr. Tribley informed the board members that the next building needing renovation is the Science Building. Athletic facilities are also in need of renovation. The athletic facilities will need community investment.

Jake Schrickling talked about requests for major maintenance as being \$3 million a year. All community colleges' requests combined equaled \$2.4 million, totaling about \$300-\$400 thousand for each community college.

Vice President Craig Achord spoke about the Wyoming Innovated Partnership (WIP) Phase III, being \$15 million for the whole state. Dr. Tribley also explained the Wyoming Tomorrow's Scholarship program is for all community college and University of Wyoming students. The scholarship applies to all students regardless of whether they are transfer students or CTE students.

Dr. Tribley spoke about the gun bill that would allow concealed carry on college campuses. Deb Wendtland and Dr. Tribley both have asked the Governor to veto it. The bill, as presented, has no provision for local control on how guns are stored in dormitories. The College would not want them stored in the dorms. This bill would make it a crime for the College to regulate where guns are stored. Residential students are mostly under 21 years of age, but there are some over 21 and would be eligible to carry concealed firearms. All community college presidents are in agreement against adoption of this bill.

- b. Advanced Manufacturing and Applied Sciences Update**

Dr. Tribley explained that the Advanced Manufacturing and Applied Science building has several functions including an advanced manufacturing program, a community manufacturing incubator, and a big space for Sheridan College Construction Tech (carpentry, HVAC, electrical, plumbing).

Brandon Daigle explained that construction will wrap up this summer in June to be ready for the Fall. The building will have a total of 40,240 square feet. Construction started in August 2022. Some programming exercises were conducted during the first design phase and faculty and staff were involved in it. There will be an addition to the building on the west end. Dr. Tribley stated Whitney Benefits purchased other land around this building with an interest in beautification of the land surrounding the property. The College no longer owns the land bordering Interstate-90. Brandon went through different iterations of the floorplan.

There was a competition for art for the building. The winner was Matthew Baral. The art will be installed in June. There is a student commons area and a second floor that is big and open to allow for storage and future build out.

Budget for this building was explained by Craig Achord. Equipment Budget is \$8.9 million using HEERF money (COVID money). The College is applying for an EDA grant as a partial match the College's \$3 million commitment.

General Funding= \$5,680,000 (given to the college from the State). Project Costs: Brick and Mortar: \$8,869,843, Soft Costs: \$1,341,778. Combined so far: \$10,211,621, which is under budget so far.

Jake Schrickling was asked to explain how funding requests work with the State. He explained that the College starts out doing a "Level 1" request, then it goes to the Wyoming Community College Commission (WCCC). The Commission then puts forward a request for "Level 2" funding. Dr. Tribley: In addition to going to the WCCC, the College also went to the Joint Appropriations Committee for this project. This project started years ago as a new construction project. For the same amount of money for new construction, the College would have gotten a smaller space as a new build. The College went back to the legislature and proposed a remodel instead. Jake Schrickling concluded that this is the second program of this kind and it will be the most advanced in the region.

c. **General Discussion** – There was none.

4. **Public Comments** – There were no public comments.

5. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Tracy Swanson
NWCCD Board of Trustees, Vice Chair



Debra Wendtland
NWCCD Board of Trustees, Chair

