

REVISED (Page 3) - Final Minutes
Northern Wyoming Community College District - Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 23, 2017
5:00 p.m.
Sheridan College in Johnson County Campus – Stage Gymnasium
Buffalo, WY

Trustees Present

Norleen Healy, Chair
Walter Wragge, Vice-Chair
Bob Leibrich, Treasurer
Jerry Iekel, Secretary
Bruce Hoffman, Trustee
Gary Koltiska, Trustee
Debra Wendtland, Trustee

Trustees Absent

Advisory Board Representatives Present

Jack Tarter, Chair – Johnson County Advisory Board

Advisory Board Representatives Absent

Tracy Wasserburger, Chair – Gillette College Advisory Board

Administration Present

President Paul Young
VP Rich Hall
VP Leah Barrett
VP Susan Bigelow
VP Cheryl Heath

Administration Absent

VP Mark Englert

Others Present

Derek Andrews, Director, Sheridan College in Johnson County
Wendy Smith, NWCCD Director, Marketing & PIO
Jennifer McArthur, NWCCD Director, Human Resources
Jen Crouse, Executive Director, Sheridan College Foundation
Edward Cain, SCJC Student
Chelsey Mulkey, SCJC Student

Cindy Kremers, JC Advisory Board
Amanda Kaufman, JCAB
Tom Spence, JCAB
Steve Rzasa, JCAB
Ashlea Bassett, Admin. Assistant - SCJC
Mark Wilson, Big Horn Mountain Radio

Recorder

Mary Jo Johnson

Call to Order and Roll Call

Board Chair Norleen Healy called the March 23, 2017 Regular Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Roll call was taken; there was a quorum.

Agenda Additions/Deletions

Chair Healy asked if there were any additions or deletions to the March 23, 2017 Board Agenda. Dr. Young asked to have added discussion and determination of the summer Regular Board Meeting schedule – New Business Item 8d.

Consent Agenda

Chair Healy asked if there were any changes to the Consent Agenda, which included the February, 2017 Financial Reports and the February 23, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes. There were no changes; the Consent Agenda was accepted.

President's Report – Dr. Paul R. Young

Dr. Young announced that Wyoming State Treasurer, Mark Gordon, will serve as the NWCCD Commencement Speaker on May 12th in Gillette and May 13th in Sheridan; Bids on the first package of work on the Tech Center Expansion/Remodel were opened yesterday and came in basically on budget. The budget for this work was right about \$2M and the best bids came in within \$50K of that. The contractor is vetting/qualifying the best bids and some of this work will commence possibly as soon as March 27th. The larger \$8M bid packet goes out April 3rd, will be opened April 27th. Border Wars was held March 7; Dr. Mark Englert has been named to the ATEA Board; Brittany Steele of SC was named Wyoming's New Century Scholar, and will receive a \$2,000 scholarship; she will attend the AACC Conference in April, where the national New Century Scholar will be announced. Dr. Young invited the Board to attend the Sheridan High School FFA Ag Issues presentation on April 3rd, as the students prepare for the state competition in Cheyenne; and employees were asked to provide input on ways the District can save money. Dr. Young will go over eleven choices at his spring All-Campus meetings, and ask employees to vote on their top three.

Gillette College Advisory Board (GCAB) – Dr. Young (for Chair Wasserburger and CEO Englert)

Gillette College continues to face the deficits challenge that has hit Campbell County, and Dr. Englert and Dr. Young have been meeting with City of Gillette and Campbell County entities; the Energy City Voices have proved to be great ambassadors and recruiters for the Gillette campus; the Pronghorns finished a successful basketball season, and made it to the NJCAA Tournament again, losing in a close game to Odessa; soccer coaches for the new Gillette program have been hired.

Johnson County Advisory Board – Jack Tarter, Chair

Chair Tarter welcomed the NWCCD Board to Buffalo, and introduced members of the JCAB who were in attendance. SCJC Director Derek Andrews introduced students Chelsea Mulkey and Edward Cain. Ms. Mulkey is a non-traditional student who said she wouldn't have been able to pursue a higher education degree in Business without SCJC. Mr. Cain, a former Marine, started at Sheridan College to get his GED in order to get into the Marines; after his service, he found SCJC to be an ideal location to continue his studies. Mr. Tarter said they are glad to have the Adult Basic Education back, with seven students enrolled in the program.

Dr. Young said that SCJC is a great model of how we address higher education needs in Wyoming.

Sheridan College Foundation Report – Jen Crouse, Executive Director

Ms. Crouse said they have streamlined their staffing in the SC Foundation office; they are focusing on improving their Alumni Relations program; they will be working with the Gillette College Foundation on educating people about Planned Giving; they are seeing continued Endowment growth; they are working with local foundations on the WYO Theater Hallmark Building project and the SC Tech Center project.

Organization Reports

There were no Organization Reports this month.

Public Comment

There were no Public Comments this month.

Old Business

There were no Old Business items this month.

New Business

8a. 2016-2017 Tenure Requests: Doug McGee, Ann Meyer, Jeff Jones, Sally Layher, Paul Plourde – Information, Action

Administration recommended that the Board approve tenure Requests for Faculty Doug McGee, Ann Meyer, Jeff Jones, Sally Layher, and Paul Plourde.

MOTION: Secretary Jerry Ikel moved and Vice-Chair Walt Wragge seconded the approval of these five Faculty Tenure Requests as recommended.

Dr. Young noted that the five are excellent and outstanding candidates.

Secretary Ikel said he is tremendously excited about these candidates and pleased they'll be moving into a Tenured position.

Hearing no further discussion, the **MOTION** carried, unanimously.

8b. Legislative Update - Information

Dr. Young reported that Wyoming's community colleges had a combined \$250,000 in budget cuts this year, which the Wyoming Community College Commission will absorb. There will be a \$400 Billion shortfall in K-12 by the next Biennium. NWCCD has received tremendous support from the Wyoming Association of Community College Trustees (WACCT), with Director Erin Taylor being a true asset; Vice-Chair Wragge is pleased that Governor Mead vetoed the Public Meeting Gun Carry bill that had passed out of both the House and Senate.

8c. BOCHES Report – Information

Treasurer Robert Leibrich updated the Board on the BOCHES meeting that took place at Sheridan College on March 2, 2017.

8d. Summer Board Meeting Calendar – Information

Dr. Young asked the Board if they would be willing to move the date of the April meeting from Thursday the 20th to Wednesday the 26th, to allow trustees to attend the 2017 Keystone Awards. He reminded them of their spring ½-Day Work Session scheduled for Friday, April 21st. He also went over the summer meeting schedule, and the dates are as follows:

05/18/17	Thursday	6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting
06/14/17	Wednesday	5:00 p.m. Budget Work Session (with supper) / 6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting
07/19/17	Wednesday	6:30 p.m. FY 2018 Budget Hearing / Regular Meeting
08/16/17	Wednesday	6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting
09/20/17	Wednesday	6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting

Dinner will be served for the Board prior to the June – September meetings.

Adjournment

Chair Healy asked if there was any other business for the good of the college. Vice-Chair (and WACCT President) Wragge reminded the Board of the WACCT meeting to be held in Powell on April 27th, and if anyone wanted to attend to let either him or Trustee (and WACCT representative) Deb Wendtland know. Mr. Wragge also noted that Early Bird Registration is now open for the ACCT Congress, to be held in Las Vegas September 25 – 28.

Hearing nothing further, Chair Healy adjourned the March 23, 2017 Regular Board Meeting at 6:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,


Jerry Ikel, Secretary


Norleen Healy, Chair