



District Board Meeting | MINUTES



BELOIT-JANESVILLE CAMPUS
District Board Room
6004 S Cty Rd G, Janesville, WI 53546



September 18, 2024



5-7 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

District Board Members Present: Eric Thornton, Chairperson; Barbara Barrington-Tillman, Vice-Chairperson; Rich Deprez, Secretary; Kathy Sukus, Treasurer; Rachel Andres; Rob Hendrickson; Mark Holzman (arrived 5:10 pm/left 6:07 pm); and Dave Marshick.

District Board Members Absent: Suzann Holland.

Staff: Julie Barreau, Kathy Broske, Tony Landowski, Jim Nemeth, Liz Paulsen, Dr. Tracy Pierner, Dr. Karen Schmitt, Dr. Jon Tysse.

Student Representative: Rebecca Barnett.

Guests: Jordan Masnica.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Thornton called the Blackhawk Technical College District Board meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and called for Public Comments. There were no comments.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Chairperson Thornton called for Special Reports.

- a. The Student Representative to the District Board, Rebecca Barnett, provided a report on student activities.
- b. Dr. Jon Tysse presented the Fall 2024 Enrollment Report to the District Board members.
- c. Dr. Jon Tysse reviewed the 2023-24 Outcomes-Based Bunding Report.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairperson Thornton called for the Consent Agenda. Ms. Barrington-Tillman moved, and Ms. Andres seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items a. – c. **Ayes: 8; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**

- a. Draft August 21, 2024, District Board Regular Meeting Minutes.
- b. Current Bills for the period ending August 31, 2024, include starting check #00301965 and ending check #00302155, totaling \$4,557,374.93 for the month.
- c. Training Contracts: The number served is 147 for an actual contract amount of \$93,198.
- d. It was moved by Ms. Andres and seconded by Ms. Barrington-Tillman to approve adopting the Resolution to Withdraw from the Wisconsin Public Employers' Group Health Insurance Program. **Ayes: 8; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**

ACTION ITEMS

Chairperson Thornton called for Action Items.



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- a. Jordan Masnica of Robert W. Baird reviewed the results from competitive bids from the sale of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2024D.

It was moved by Ms. Barrington-Tillman and seconded by Mr. Marshick to approve the Resolution Awarding the Sale of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2024D of Blackhawk Technical College District, Wisconsin, to Huntington Securities, Inc. at an interest rate of 3.0448%.

The roll was called. The following members voted: Ms. Andres, yes; Ms. Barrington-Tillman, yes; Mr. Deprez, yes; Mr. Hendrickson, yes; Mr. Marshick, yes; Ms. Sucus, yes; and Mr. Thornton, yes—**Ayes: 7; Opposed: 0. Motion Carried.**

- b. It was moved by Ms. Sucus and seconded by Ms. Andres to approve the EPD/Sheriff Substation Remodel and award of contract to JP Cullen for \$494,423 for construction bids and A&E fees. **Ayes: 8; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**
- c. It was moved by Mr. Deprez and seconded by Mr. Marshick to approve the I-MEC Exterior Remodels and award the contract to JP Cullen for the change order for \$297,951. **Ayes: 8; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**
- d. It was moved by Mr. Deprez and seconded by Mr. Marshick to approve modifications to the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget. **Ayes: 8; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**

The roll was called. The following members voted: Ms. Andres, yes; Ms. Barrington-Tillman, yes; Mr. Deprez, yes; Mr. Hendrickson, yes; Mr. Holzman, yes; Mr. Marshick, yes; Ms. Sucus, yes; and Mr. Thornton, yes—**Ayes: 8; Opposed: 0. Motion Carried.**

- e. It was moved by Ms. Andres and seconded by Ms. Barrington-Tillman to approve modifications to the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget. **Ayes: 8; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**

The roll was called. The following members voted: Ms. Andres, yes; Ms. Barrington-Tillman, yes; Mr. Deprez, yes; Mr. Hendrickson, yes; Mr. Holzman, yes; Mr. Marshick, yes; Ms. Sucus, yes; and Mr. Thornton, yes—**Ayes: 8; Opposed: 0. Motion Carried.**

POLICY REVIEW

Chairperson Thornton called for Policy Review.

Dr. Tracy Pierner reviewed policies B-240, B-250, and B-325.

- a. It was moved by Ms. Andres and seconded by Ms. Sucus to approve Policy B-240. **Ayes: 8; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**
- b. It was moved by Mr. Marshick and seconded by Ms. Andres to approve Policy B-250. **Ayes: 8; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**
- c. It was moved by Ms. Andres and seconded by Mr. Holzman to approve Policy B-325. **Ayes: 8; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**



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INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

- a. Jim Nemeth reviewed the August Financial Statement with the District Board members.
- b. Dr. Tracy Pierner presented his monthly report to the District Board members.
- c. The Finance Committee did not meet in September.
- d. The Personnel Committee did not meet in September.
- e. Staff Changes consisting of new hires, new positions, resignations, and retirements were reviewed.

WTCS CONSORTIUM UPDATES

Chairperson Thornton Called for WTCS Consortium updates.

- a. District Board Association – Ms. Barrington-Tillman stated that the DBA Annual meeting will be held on September 30, 2024, at Mid-State Technical College.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chairperson Thornton Called for Future Agenda items. There were none.0

CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Andres moved, and Mr. Deprez seconded the motion to adjourn to a closed session under Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1) (c) to conduct the President's Annual Review. The roll was called. The following members voted: Ms. Andres, yes; Ms. Barrington-Tillman, yes; Mr. Deprez, yes; Mr. Hendrickson, yes; Mr. Marshick, yes; Ms. Sukus, yes; and Mr. Thornton, yes—**Ayes: 7; Opposed: 0. Motion Carried.**

All staff were excused from the closed session. Dr. Tracy Pierner was asked to join the closed session, and after a discussion, Dr. Tracy Pierner was dismissed from the closed session. It was moved by Ms. Andres and seconded by Mr. Marshick to adjourn the closed session at 7:44 p.m. The roll was called. The following members voted: Ms. Andres, yes; Ms. Barrington-Tillman, yes; Mr. Deprez, yes; Mr. Hendrickson, yes; Mr. Marshick, yes; Ms. Sukus, yes; and Mr. Thornton, yes—**Ayes: 7; Opposed: 0. Motion Carried.**

Chairperson Thornton called the meeting to order an open session at 7:44 p.m. It was moved by Ms. Sukus and seconded by Mr. Deprez to approve Dr. Tracy Pierner's Amended Contract for FY 2024-25 with an annual salary increase of 3.25% and a contract through June 30, 2027. **Ayes: 7; Opposed: 0. Motion Carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Andres moved and was seconded by Mr. Marshick to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. **Ayes: 7; Opposed: 0. The motion was carried.**

Richard Deprez, Secretary