

Regular Meeting  
of the  
Blackhawk Technical College District Board

February 15, 2017

Minutes

The regular meeting of the Blackhawk Technical College Board was held on Wednesday, February 15, 2017, at the BTC Administrative Center, 6004 S. County Road G, Janesville, in the Board Room. The following members were present: Eric Thornton, Chairperson; Barbara Tillman, Vice Chairperson; Laverne Hays, Secretary; Rick Richard, Treasurer; Traci Davis; Mark Mayer; Dr. Karen Schulte; and Malik Surani. Board member absent: Tom Heeg. Staff present: Dr. Tracy Pierner; Dr. Diane Nyhammer; Renea Ranguette; Edward Robinson; Brian Gohlke; Jackie Pins; Dr. Gina McConoughey; Gary Kohn; Orinda Conway. Guests: Dr. John Delany, Giraffe, LLC.

Chairperson Thornton called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Chairperson Thornton called for Public Comment. There was none.

Chairperson Thornton called for Special Reports.

Student Government representative Roger Haecker provided a report on past and future student activities and events.

BTC retiree David Gile was recognized for 34½ years of service to the College.

Chairperson Thornton called for Information/Discussion items.

The January financial statement and quarterly update were reviewed.

Dr. Pierner presented the President's monthly report, which included local and state meetings attended. Meetings were held with the Rock River Tooling & Machining Association (increasing apprenticeship opportunities), the Janesville Gazette Editorial Board, United Alloy, the interim Principal of Beloit Memorial High School (future partnerships), Mid-States Concrete, and Jones Dairy leadership. The Culinary Arts Program's Gourmet Lunches have begun; a President's Table is sponsored at a number of the lunches throughout the semester. Several meetings have been held with Blackhawk Transport to discuss partnership opportunities for the new Truck Driver Training Program. BTC sponsored a table at the Forward Janesville Awards Luncheon. Dr. Pierner toured UW-Rock County. Their leadership talked about promotion of UW-Rock's bachelor degree completer program and also increasing interest in engineering pathways; also discussed was the possibility of sharing courses for UW-Rock and BTC students. Meetings were held with Rock Valley Conference High School Principals and Green County High School

Principals to discuss creating more dual credit pathways; Dr. Nyhammer has created various Academies which will be offered to the high schools. A potential of locating the Green County Economic Development incubator on the Monroe Campus is being explored. Discussion has been held with Rock University High School leadership regarding marketing, recruitment of students, and location to a different space at Central Campus. Conversation was also held with CCI and CareerTek on how BTC can work with the Beloit area to fill needs in the trades area. A brief legislative update was provided and new articles featuring BTC noted.

Chairperson Thornton called for the Consent Agenda. An inquiry was made regarding a statement in the January 18 meeting minutes about the possibility of offering an IT Security Certificate. In response to the inquiry, it was noted that security classes are included in the IT program sequence and also inter-woven in many of the program's other courses. As most IT security positions require a bachelor's or master's degree, a decision was made to not offer an IT Security Certificate.

It was moved by Mr. Hays and seconded by Mr. Richard to approve the consent agenda, which included the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 18, 2017; the minutes of the Special Meeting held on January 23, 2017; current bills from the month of January – Voucher #00239570 to and including #00239721 and direct deposit expense reimbursements in the total amount of \$400,357.03 (includes student related payments), a payroll total for the month of January of \$737,148.93, payroll tax wire transfers for the month of January of \$519,337.03, other wire transfers for the month of January of \$67,580.96, WRS wire transfers for the month of January of \$145,516.84, P-card disbursements for the month of January of \$196,295.24, a bond payment for the month of January of \$0, and a health insurance wire transfer for the month of January of \$291,879.80, for a grand total of \$2,358,115.83; and 17 training contracts negotiated since the last meeting totaling \$45,218.

Motion carried.

Chairperson Thornton called for Action Items.

It was moved by Mr. Mayer and seconded by Mr. Surani to approve revisions to Policies B-800 – Board Member Ethics and C-201 – Equal Opportunity Education and Employment, as presented.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Ms. Tillman and seconded by Dr. Schulte to approve the award of a contract for underground cable replacement to Westphal Electric at a cost of \$180,610.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Richard requested Administration to do everything possible to ensure the College receives more than a single bid for any request for proposal issued.

Chairperson Thornton called for Committee Reports.

Minutes from the January 18 Finance Committee meeting were reviewed.

Chairperson Thornton called for New Business. Chairperson Thornton stated a letter had been received from the District Boards Association soliciting interest in officer positions on its Board. Any member interested should contact Ms. Pins; March 17 is the deadline to submit the names of interested individuals.

Chairperson Thornton called for Other Business.

Initial information was shared on the District Boards Association Spring Meeting which will be held in Elkhart Lake on April 7-8.

Dr. John Delany, Giraffe, LLC, facilitated strategic planning discussion.

Chairperson Thornton called for Future Agenda Items. There was none.

Ms. Tillman thanked the College staff who stayed during the strategic planning discussion.

It was moved by Mr. Surani and seconded by Mr. Mayer to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

  
Laverne E. Hays  
Secretary