



ACTION

MT. HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

DATE: *June 19, 2019*

ITEM TITLE: 4.1b

CONTACT PERSON: *Laurie Popp, Executive Assistant to the Board of Education*

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 15, 2019, Board Regular Session #982 Meeting Minutes

Session #982

A meeting of the Mt. Hood Community College District Board of Education was held on May 15, 2019, with a Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room at Mt. Hood Community College, 26000 S.E. Stark St., Gresham, OR 97030.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER / DECLARATION OF A QUORUM / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members present: Diane McKeel, board chair, Jim Zordich, board vice chair, Annette Mattson, Tamie Arnold, Teena Ainslie

Additional Attendees: Dr. Lisa Skari, president, Jennifer DeMent, chief operations officer, John Hamblin, Travis Brown, Linda Vigesaa.

Diane McKeel, board chair, called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. A quorum was present.

1.1 Approval of Agenda

Zordich moved to approve the agenda. Arnold seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

McKeel thanked the full-time faculty association for the reception/dinner they provided in appreciation to the board this evening and thanked them for the ceramic artwork made by students.

2.0 PUBLIC INPUT

There was one public speaker, Leilani Margret, who spoke to the board about a Head Start matter and provided documentation to Dr. Skari.



3.0 REPORTS

3.1 Correspondence

Dr. Skari stated the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care sent a letter regarding the College's Respiratory Care program's ongoing compliance with accreditation standards, accreditation policies and procedures, and added that the program has met or exceeded all current thresholds for success.

3.2 Special Report: Advocate Awards

Daniel Ernst and Howard Buck distributed a copy of the Advocate newspaper to board members and thanked the board for their support of student life groups and activities. Buck introduced two students from the Advocate, Cassie Wilson and Megan Phelps, as representatives of the Advocate, a student-led publication reporting on stories about campus and community matters. The many topics the Advocate reported on this year included the KMHD radio station, accessibility, Welding program, Nursing program, Cosmetology program, profiling MHCC staff and students, and breaking news topics. Buck invited board members to attend the 2019 Venture Launch Party on May 23. Venture magazine is produced once a year by students and consists of compelling and thought provoking stories of our community. This year the Advocate received 24 awards, which is the most awards the Advocate has ever received. The awards included 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in the editorial category, and 2nd place in general excellence. Wilson and Phelps shared their experience and appreciation for their involvement with the Advocate and how it connected them to campus in a meaningful way.

The board expressed their congratulations to the Advocate for the awards they received and appreciation for their commitment to excellence.

4.0 BUSINESS / ACTION

4.1 Consent Agenda: Approvals & Information

Arnold motioned to approve the consent agenda. Mattson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- a) Minutes – Board Work Session #979, April 3, 2019
- b) Minutes – Board Regular Session #980, April 17, 2019
- c) Monthly Personnel Report
- d) Monthly Financial Report
- e) Monthly Head Start Report
- f) Early Head Start Child Care Non-Partnership Grant Application for 2019-2020

4.2 Board Calendar – 2019 Meeting Dates

Zordich motioned to approve the board calendar dates for 2019. Mattson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.



5.0 CLOSING REPORTS

5.1 Board Members

Diane McKeel shared that she and Jim Zordich attended a rally held on campus on May 8 and acknowledged appreciation to Nicki Belknap who led the rally and engaged the crowd. She thanked the many others involved for their advocacy for state support for our college and students, which included Cheryl Johnson, Bob Hansen, Glenn Wright, Mark Seleen, Kimberly Applin, Becky Johnson, Donna Harrison, Felisha Brewer, Vickie Stom, Danner Kymon Robbs, Brian Gonzalez, Sue Sanders, Shelly Franks, Matt Luce, Luis Rodriguez, Linda Yang, Kim Sharer, Lindsay Mansfield, Holly Wheeler, Tina Williams, Garie Zordich, Amy Sievert, Kami Luna-Bieker, James Bowness, Roy Holmes, Frank Garner, Ian Miller, Eric Leighton, Oscar Navarro, and James Barker.

Tamie Arnold – no report

Teena Ainslie – no report

Annette Mattson – she shared many people commented the foundation auction was a great event and they enjoyed wearing tennis shoes while getting all dressed up. She attended the Pathways to Opportunity Conference in Portland with Sara Goldrick-Rab as the keynote speaker. It was well attended by MHCC staff and they were very engaged. She attended the East Portland Chamber of Commerce Government & Economic Affairs meetings and other East Portland Chamber meetings. She and Dr. Skari spoke at the Oregon Trail Democrats meeting on April 23, and she is happy to report that they emailed legislators for more support for community colleges. She plans to attend the OCCA board meeting in Salem on May 17, and participates in the weekly OCCA legislative session conference calls. She attended the town hall at Portland Community College with Representatives Hernandez, Bynum, Reardon, and Senator Fagan. She encouraged people to keep up the pressure on the Ways and Means Committee regarding funding for community colleges.

Jim Zordich – he distributed a copy of the HECC Report reflecting the summary page for MHCC that is included as part of the OCCA Digest. The report includes an interactive page that connects you to each community college. He shared there is statistical data that is of value to the board in terms of understanding enrollment, affordability, and outcomes for our college system in 2018.

Diane McKeel – she shared that the Oregon Supreme Court was on the MHCC campus today and high school students from the Gresham-Barlow School District attended the court sessions. The students were able to sit in on actual Supreme Court hearings and had the opportunity to have lunch with the justices. Dr. Skari, McKeel and Zordich also attended the lunch and noted the students were engaged and interacting with the justices. It was a great opportunity for MHCC to hold the event on our campus. Dr. Skari shared

they have held the event at high schools and law schools in the past but have not held it at a community college. McKeel attended the foundation board meeting last month and also attended the foundation auction and thought it was a wonderful event. The foundation did an excellent job with the live auction and raised over \$300,000 for student scholarships. Board members are scheduled to attend the high school scholarship presentations over the next few weeks. McKeel attended the East Metro Economic Alliance Prosperity Forum with Dr. Skari and Annette Mattson. It was a great event and Dr. Skari was one of the facilitators for the Workforce and Education breakout session. McKeel attended a legislative coffee at Gresham City Hall with Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson and Representative Carla Piluso, and they asked her to speak about the community college funding issues.

ASG Representative

Bob Hansen – he shared they are having the “Free Cap & Gown” this year. They ask students to donate back their gowns for students to re-use and rent for next year. They also allocated \$2500 to purchase more caps & gowns which will help students who want to attend graduation. The student election outcomes are in and they had 1566 votes this year, which was close to the previous record of 1700 votes. They introduced Colin-Kazu Lewis, new ASG president, and Chelsea Allison, new ASG vice president. Hansen shared that John Hamblin and Doctor Abio Ayeliya had agreed to dye their hair pink and get a Mohawk haircut if the number of student votes reached 1500 votes. With 1566 votes received, they met the goal and partnered with the Cosmetology department for the hair services. Both Hamblin and Ayeliya attended the board meeting sporting their new pink Mohawk haircut. The swearing in ceremony for new ASG members will be held on May 21 at noon in the Student Union and board members are invited to attend. The Cinco de Mayo community event was well attended with over 200 people attending. They are planning a culture night called Asian Pacific Night and will be showing the movie “Crazy Rich Asians.” They are also planning to have the Barney Bash event on May 30. It will be an all-day party including a live band, food, and activities. The event starts at 10 a.m. and goes until midnight and board members are invited to attend. McKeel thanked Bob Hansen and Melanie Roberts for their service as ASG representatives to the board.

Advisory Representatives

Cheryl Johnson (FTFA) – she shared that spring term is very busy and faculty have been working with OEA on the community college funding. Johnson spoke at the May 8th rally and her speech included a lot of program stories. She thanked McKeel for attending the rally and offered to work with other programs to get more program stories for advocacy at the state level. Faculty members have been working with OEA on Senate Bill 3, which is the bill regarding the applied bachelor’s degree. It is scheduled for a vote tomorrow. Johnson offered a suggestion to the board to have programs come and address the board, especially when they have an accreditation cycle, to show the good work they are doing. She would like to work with Dr. Skari and McKeel to have this as a future agenda item.



McKeel thanked Johnson for sharing her remarks at the rally. The stories were meaningful to the legislators.

Kim Sharer (CEA) – did not attend.

Marilyn Pitts (PTFA) – she distributed the PFTA newsletter to board members.

5.2 President's Report

Dr. Skari thanked Jim Zordich for the HECC handout he distributed and pointed out a couple of interesting facts highlighted on the Oregon HECC Snapshot. She thanked everyone for their support at the foundation auction gala. She shared that Cheryl Johnson spoke at the rally about the machine tool program and about the equipment that was unsafe, and the next day the Foundation Finance Committee approved about \$100,000 in funding to replace 7 machine mills, which will provide 10 mills for students to work on. This is a great story about how the foundation money is going back into programs and supporting students.

Dr. Skari shared that you can never start recruitment too young, and two recent events showcase our efforts. On April 26, the college hosted a "Take Your Kids to Work Day." The kids were treated to activities on campus, and the college had a chance to show off some of our programs. This work was an initiative of the Peoples Strategies Council, and Dr. Skari would like to thank the action team members that organized and made it happen: Joe Stoehr, Kimberly Applin, Lisa Riegel, Rachel Evans, Eran Smith, Josh Stratman, Matt Tweedale, and Troy Builta. A few weeks later on May 10, we welcomed 65 fourth graders from Alder Elementary for their College Day. The visit was part of a nearly 10 year partnership where MHCC has sponsored the fourth grade classes annually. The effort is done in partnership with Greater Than. In the fall, the college visits Alder Elementary, and in the spring the kids come to MHCC campus. The day included interactive sessions including geology and chemistry lab experiments, campus tours, and at the end of the day, each student received a special diploma with a message from the college. Dr. Skari sent out special thanks to Danner Kymon Robbs and Jessica Ruiz for coordinating the event, the SOAR team, ASG, and the numerous faculty and staff for creating an amazing experience for these future MHCC students. She acknowledged John Hamblin for championing this work, and being one of the program's biggest advocates. We look forward to being a part of these kids' educational future.

Dr. Skari announced the new Vice President for Instruction (VPI) is Alfred McQuarters who will begin at MHCC on July 1. He is a champion for student success with a history of collaboration with internal and external stakeholders. He has developed new, innovative, and inclusive programs in response to community needs, and has a commitment to closing achievement gaps. With a strong academic background, both in the classroom and in leadership, he has worked in higher education for 20 years. His interests extend into the community, serving on several boards of directors, and is active in economic development



in the local community. Dr. Skari thanked the VPI Screening Committee for their great work. The committee was comprised of Linda Vigesaa, committee chair, David Arguello, Doctor Abio Ayeliya, Aylin Bunk, Allison deFreese, Fardwosa Duale, JD Kiggins, Susanne Rose, Lori Wamsley, and David Wright. She thanked the Advocate and students who came out for the VPI forums. The forums were well attended and it meant a lot to the candidates.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

Arnold motioned to adjourn. Mattson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Clerk

Board Chair

Minutes recorded by Laurie Popp, Executive Assistant to the Board of Education.