

GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Regular Meeting, March 18, 2021

The Gateway Technical College District Board met virtually on Thursday, March 18, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Scott Pierce, Chairperson.

I. Call to Order

A. Open Meeting Compliance

- K. Bartlett confirmed the meeting was duly noticed in accordance with state statutes for open meeting compliance.

II. Roll Call

Jesse Adams	Present
Megan Bahr	Present
Ram Bhatia	Present
William Duncan	Present
Zaida Hernandez-Irisson	Present
Rebecca Matoska-Mentink	Present
Bethany Ormseth	Present
Roger Zacharias	Excused
Pamela Zenner-Richards	Present
Scott Pierce	Present

Also in attendance were Bryan Albrecht, Kelly Bartlett, Mary Harpe and 43 citizens/reporters. Roger Zacharias joined at 8:01 am.

III. Approval of Agenda

A. It was moved by W. Duncan and seconded by R. Bhatia and carried to approve the agenda.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. It was moved by R. Zacharias and seconded by P. Zenner-Richards and carried to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2021 Regular Meeting.

V. Citizen Comments

There were no 3 citizens comments. The 3 comments were from: Jay Johnson, Jason Gerber, and Dan Lyons. All of the citizens comments were related to compensation.

VI. Chairperson's Report

A. Dashboard Report items included updates on:

- CRRSAA funds \$6.3M
- State Tuition Rates
- State Grant Awards

B. Board Evaluation Summary

- 4 of 7 Attending Trustees Responded to the Survey: Good session. Appreciate the College continually reviewing finances and ReFI debt to achieve lower interest rates. A savings for the college!

C. WTCS Update

- Layla Merrifield, Executive Director, Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association, gave an update to the Trustees. She spoke about many topics including: legislative decisions/plans, increases for technical colleges, and student financial aid. She also spoke about the upcoming Spring District Boards Association meeting on April 16, 2021.

VII. President's Report

A. Announcements

- Bryan Albrecht welcomed the following Journey member to the meeting: Dineshi Burchi
- Bryan announced that Megan Bahr was selected to present at the NCORE Conference.
- Bryan complimented Zaida on her Spectrum news feature on Women in STEM.
- Bryan congratulated Tammi Summers on her WOW Women of Worth award.
- Bryan announced that the Board Appointment Committee selected Jesse Adams and Scott Pierce for reappointment in July 2021 and Jason Tadlock as a new Trustee starting July 2021.

B. Elected Officials

- Zina Haywood announced the following individuals: Senator Wirch, Senator Loudenbeck and Senator Neubauer. The senators spoke on current legislative topics and answered questions from the Trustees.

VIII. Student Trustee Report

- A. Megan Bahr reported on student activities that have been taking place this past month.

IX. Operational Agenda

A. Action Agenda

1. Resolution No. F-2020-2021E.2 – Resolution Awarding the Sale of \$5,490,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2020-2021E

Administration is recommending approval of a resolution awarding the sale of General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series F-2020-2021E; in the principal amount of \$1,500,000 for the public purpose of financing building remodeling and improvement projects and in the amount of approximately \$3,990,000 for the public purpose of refunding obligations of the District, including interest on them.

Following discussion, it was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by R. Zacharias and carried by roll call vote to approve Resolution No. F-2020-2021E.2 – Resolution Awarding the Sale of \$5,490,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2020-2021E.

Aye: 8

Nay: 0

Abstaining: 0

Absent: 1

2. Resolution No. F-2020-2021F.1 – Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series F-2020-2021F, of Gateway Technical College District, Wisconsin

Administration is recommending approval to issue General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series F-2020-2021F; in the principal amount of \$1,500,000 for the public purpose of financing building remodeling and improvement projects on the Elkhorn and Kenosha Campuses and Burlington Center. This borrowing is included in the 2020-21 budget. Upon approval, appropriate legal notices will be published in the official district newspapers.

Following discussion, it was moved by R. Zacharias, seconded by P. Zenner-Richards and carried by roll call vote to approve Resolution No. F-2020-2021F.1 – Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series F-2020-2021F, of Gateway Technical College District, Wisconsin.

Aye: 8
Nay: 0
Abstaining: 0
Absent: 1

3. Approval of WTCS Request for Proposal (RFP) #21003 External Audit Services

Gateway Technical College participated in RFP 21003 External Audit RFP services with 18 other WTCS colleges, foundations or consortium soliciting requests for proposals for auditing services. Proposals were received from six (6) firms.

Following discussion, it was moved by R. Zacharias, seconded by W. Duncan and carried to approve the Approval of WTCS Request for Proposal (RFP) #21003 External Audit Services.

B. Consent Agenda

It was moved by Z. Hernandez-Irison, seconded by P. Zenner-Richards and carried that the following items in the consent agenda be approved with the removal of item 5 for discussion:

1. **Finance**
 - a) **Summary of Revenue and Expenditures:** Approved the summary of revenue and expenditures as of February 28, 2021.
 - b) **Cash and Investment Schedules:** Approved the monthly cash reconciliation, investment schedule and investment report.
2. **Personnel Report:** Approved the personnel report of three (3) employment approvals-casual, non-instructional; one (1) retirement; two (2) separations; and no employment approvals-adjunct faculty.
3. **BWS Contracts for Instructional Delivery:** Approved the contracts for instructional delivery report for March 2021.
High School Contracts for Instructional Delivery: Approved the contracts for instructional delivery report for March 2021.
4. **Advisory Committee Activity Report:** Approved the advisory committee 2020-2021 meeting schedule and new members as of March 1, 2021
6. **Bids for Approval:** Approved the following Bids: Bid No. 1606 Madigrano Conference Center Restroom and Breakroom Remodel Project, Kenosha Campus; Bid No. 1615 Fire Suppression Project, Racine Campus; Bid No. 1616 Parking Lot Repair Project, Elkhorn Campus; Bid No. 1617 Science Building Fire Suppression, Kenosha Campus.

After discussion it was moved by R. Zacharias, seconded by P. Zenner-Richards and carried that the following items in the consent agenda be approved:

5. **Program Approvals:** Approved the submission of the request for the new Associate of Arts program to the Wisconsin Technical College System for consideration.
Approved the submission of the request for the new Associate of Science program to the Wisconsin Technical College System for consideration.

X. Policy Governance Monitoring Reports

A. Ends Statement Monitoring

1. **College Ends Policy** – The tri-county community benefits from affordable higher education that allows residents to develop knowledge and skills for family-supporting careers that contribute to the growth and sustainability of the local economy at a cost commensurate with the value of services

provided. **#3 Taxpayers receive a positive return on investment from Gateway's impact on the local tax base, property values, and overall economic development as well as the contributions of graduates to the tri-county community.**

Zina Haywood presented during the President's Report along with the Elected Officials.

Following discussion, it was moved by W. Duncan, seconded by J. Adams and carried that this report is evidence that the college is making progress on Ends Policy #3.

2. Policy Governance Review – Ends Policy 4.1, Statement 3

Following discussion, it was moved by W. Duncan, seconded by Z. Hernandez-Irison and carried to approve the wording of Ends Policy 4.1, Statement 3.

B. Executive Limitations

1. 3.4 FY2021-22 Budget/Forecasting

Jason Nygard presented on 3.4 FY2021-22 Budget/Forecasting.

Following the discussion, it was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by R. Zenner-Richards and carried to approve 3.4 FY2021-22 Budget/Forecasting.

2. 3.8 Partnerships/Grants/Contracts

Anne Whynott presented on 3.8 Partnerships/Grants/Contracts.

Following the discussion, it was moved by R. Zacharias, seconded by W. Duncan and carried to approve 3.8 Partnerships/Grants/Contracts.

XI. Board Member Community Reports

- Zaida Hernandez-Irison spoke about her interview with Spectrum News.
- Scott Pierce spoke about the internal best practices meeting that he attended. He shared the documents with the Trustees.
- Ram Bhatia spoke about the policy meeting.

XII. Next Meeting Date and Adjourn

- A. Regular Meeting – Tuesday, April 20, 2021, 8:00 a.m., Virtual Meeting and In-Person Meeting
- B. At approximately 10:12 a.m. it was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by R. Zacharias and carried by roll call vote that the meeting was adjourned and the District Board move to executive session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) to discuss personnel issues and contract negotiations. The Board reserves the right to reconvene in open session to take action on items discussed in executive session.

Aye: 8

Nay: 0

Abstaining: 0

Absent: 1

XIII. Executive Session

The Board did not reconvene in open session.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Pamela Zenner-Richards". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P' and 'Z'.

Pamela Zenner-Richards
Secretary