

MINUTES **REGULAR** **MEETING**
HELD **June 23** **2009**

The regular meeting of the Hocking College Board of Trustees was held Tuesday, June 23, 2009, in the Community Room, Davidson Hall, Hocking College.

Board members present were: Mr. Van Cardaras, Dr. Jack Cline, Dr. Alan Geiger, Mr. J. Thomas Hill, Mr. Frank Newlon, and Mr. Larry Willard.

Administrators attending were: Dr. John Light, president; Dr. Ron Erickson, president in waiting; Dr. Larry Dukes, interim executive administrator; Dr. J. William Hill, senior vice president; George Hinkle, chief technology officer; Jerry Hutton, dean alternative energy institute; Laura Kreider, director human resources; Dr. Roy Palmer, senior vice president; Judy Sinnott, public information director; Dr. Molly Weiland, dean school of nursing; and Cindy Baden, board secretary.

Also attending was Steve Cox, admissions coach; Linda Deeds, staff development coordinator; Kim Forbes-Powell, Access Center coordinator; Sally Lozada, assistant to the provost; Jane Lyons, The Learning Connection coordinator; and Mark Yancko, faculty member and HCEA representative.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Willard, board chair, called the meeting to order.

MINUTES OF MEETING

Dr. Geiger moved, seconded by Dr. Cline, that the minutes of the May Board meeting be approved as presented,

Voting Yes: Mr. Cardaras, Dr. Cline, Dr. Geiger, Mr. Hill, and Mr. Newlon.

Voting No: None.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

A revision to the At-Will Employee resolution has been recommended. Dr. Dukes noted the intent was that all non-bargaining unit employees would be at will employees. A revised resolution will be brought to the Board at the next meeting.

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Willard noted the committee met and discussed the new format of budget reports. The Sanborn vending contract was discussed. The decision was to continue with contract, with a caveat for non-performance. The contract has been signed.

Spa operation – The committee felt that, at this time, the expenses outlined to provide for a for-profit operation is not something the college wants to spend. Other opportunities will be discussed including having an independent operator operate the spa. Myriah Short is to provide additional information to Dr. Hill.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Light noted that he would provide the board with continuity reports on the hospitality board, field station board, and the energy board. The hospitality board met last week. They would like to move the Inn from a three to a four star hotel and the culinary program from a four star to five star program.

INTERIM EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Quarter to Semester Conversion

Dr. Dukes recommended that the Board formally approve that the college convert from a quarter to semester calendar by the fall 2012. A plan is being developed. Any costs, etc, will be forthcoming to the Board.

Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mr. Hill, that the college convert from a quarter to semester calendar by the Fall Quarter 2012.

Voting Yes: Mr. Cardaras, Dr. Cline, Dr. Geiger, Mr. Hill, and Mr. Newlon.

Voting No: None.

RESOLUTION 2009-25

WHEREAS, the Hocking College Board of Trustees fees that it is in the best interest of the college and students to convert from a quarter to a semester calendar; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents is encouraging all colleges and universities to convert to a semester calendar;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Hocking College Board of Trustees, that the college calendar will be converted from a quarter to semester calendar by Fall 2012.

Nepotism policy

The Board had asked Dr. Dukes to develop a nepotism policy. A draft of the policy has been sent to Nelson Cary of VORYS for his review and should be available for the Board's review before the next meeting.

Dr. Dukes noted the Board had asked for a general assessment of the state of the college. Communication, financial, HC Foundation, collaboration, planning, etc. were areas that were reviewed. He thanked the Board for their help. Mr. Willard thanked Dr. Dukes for his service.

MONTHLY BUDGET

Dr. Hill noted nothing unusual in his monthly report for May. He noted the college should complete the year within budget and in the black. Auxiliaries, with the exception of the motel, will have a net profit. Dr. Hill is working on a revised three year budget. He is waiting on additional information from the State. He noted that the college would need to step up their savings and efficiencies in order to have a balanced three year budget.

Dr. Hill said he is also working on a cell phone policy for the college. A monthly allowance will be provided for those individuals who use their phone for college use. Allowances will be tax deductible. This is to be in compliance with the IRS.

Mr. Newlon moved, seconded by Dr. Geiger to approve the financial report for May as presented.

Voting Yes: Mr. Cardaras, Dr. Cline, Dr. Geiger, Mr. Hill, and Mr. Newlon.

Voting No: None.

MEETINGS AND DATES

Mrs. Baden noted there would be no Board meeting in July. The next Board meeting will be held August 25.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Dr. Palmer personally thanked the Board for his opportunity to work with Dr. John Light. Palmer noted the spa is complete. He also noted that walkways for the outside of the student housing are being completed.

Mr. Hutton said the biodiesel lab is being completed at the Logan Campus. Work is on schedule for a groundbreaking for the new advanced energy institute building in early October.

Mr. Hinton indicated that students in the carpentry program have been doing renovations in Holl and Shaw labs as part of their course work.

Dr. Short said she is working on variations of business model for the spa and will have information to Dr. Erickson later this week.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Recognition of Dr. Light

Mr. Willard noted that on behalf of the Board of Trustees and management team, faculty, and students, and all the communities Hocking College serves, the Board thanks Dr. Light for his 42+ years of service and for a job well done. Dr. Light responded, "It's been a good ride."

Introduction of Dr. Erickson

Mr. Willard introduced Dr. Ron Erickson, incoming president of Hocking College. Dr. Erickson said he is looking forward to a new era, and noted he will have very big shoes to fill. Dr. Erickson noted his gratitude to Dr. Light and Dr. Dukes for their mentorship. He said he is very blessed to have everyone's support and noted it was a pleasure to be at the college.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dr. Geiger moved the Board of Trustees adjourn into executive session to discuss each of the following matters:

- to consider the employment of a public employee; and
- conference with attorneys for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body where litigation is reasonably anticipated.

Geiger further asked that Nelson Cary, attorney for Hocking College, Dr. Larry Dukes, and Dr. Ron Erickson adjourn with the board into executive session.

Roll call vote:

Voting Yes: Mr. Cardaras, Dr. Cline, Dr. Geiger, Mr. Hill, Mr. Newlon, and Mr. Willard.

Voting No: None.

At 5:46 p.m. the Board adjourned to executive session.

REGULAR SESSION

At 7:04 p.m. Mr., Newlon moved, seconded by Mr. Hill that the Board return to regular session.

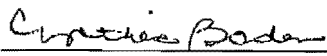
Roll call vote:

Voting Yes: Mr. Cardaras, Dr. Cline, Dr. Geiger, Mr. Hill, Mr. Newlon, and Mr. Willard.

Voting No: None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Willard adjourned the meeting.



Cynthia Baden
Board Secretary



Larry Willard
Board Chair