

Minutes of Board of Education Meeting
July 22, 2015 6:00 p.m. – Albany Campus

Board of Education members in attendance

R. Keith Frome (*Chair*), Shelly Garrett (Vice-Chair), Lyn Riverstone, Ron Mason, Dick Running, Jim Merryman, Barry Broadbent

Staff and Representatives in attendance

Greg Hamann, Ann Buchele, Dave Henderson, Bruce Clemetsen, Dale Stowell, Scott Rolen, Vickie Staffelbach

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Chair Frome) - No changes

- A. Swearing in of Board Members by Anne Schuster, Benton County Commissioner – Keith Frome, Barry Broadbent, Dick Running, and Shelly Garrett
- B. Election of Board Officers - Move to acclimation – Shelly Garrett, Chair – non-opposed and Jim Merryman, Vice-Chair – non-opposed. Chair Garrett recognized outgoing Chair, Keith Frome for his service and presented him with an engraved gavel.

CITIZEN COMMENTS (Chair Garrett)

Paola Gonzalez – Student SLC president. She read a written statement which included a history of SLC activities in political arena. She said March 5th Board promised that no tuition increase if \$550 million was received from the State. She mentioned Bond funds received and a previous citizen comment who was concerned about increase in community education classes. She gave a box containing 167 student comments collected this summer.

Lina – presented a handout of statewide student survey results and the minutes of the Board from March 5, 2015. Mentioned promise of tuition freeze and how not honoring it is bad business. The State honors students but LBCC does not.

Christy McDaniel – she mentioned support of zero percent tuition increase for students this year. Mentioned her personal financial and socio-economic barriers. She is a single parent with two young students.

Candalynn Johnson – 1st generation student from a family of six and works three part-time jobs. She maintains 15 credit hours per term. Physical stress due to working and school.

Nikki Aman – 3rd year student says hard to take out loans. She worked four part-time jobs to pay part of her education. Student support with elections helped to pass Bond. Student fees, Bond and increase funds from the State should not make LBCC needing a tuition increase.

Chelsey Mick – SLC member - \$2.51 per credit is not paltry. She quoted from survey that stated that work while learning and cost of education are barriers. Senior and Minority student, etc... Will be hurt the most. An increase would “damage Linn-Benton”.

Michaela- resident of Lebanon – single parent who worked full time but still needs to take maximum student loans. She equated the cost of increased tuition to the expense of diapers. She is looking at \$58,000 in debt by the time she finishes her bachelors.

**Recording stopped at 6 minutes in, lost 23 minutes (erased while I was in Exec session.)*

EXECUTIVE SESSION - 6:30 PM

The Board went into the Executive Session to discuss Classified Association Agreement. Chair Garrett read the statement and asked audience to stay.

Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 6:44 PM

STRATEGIC ACTIVITY DISCUSSION

Agenda changed moving discussion of D. Review and Possible Revision of tuition Increase – BP 7055.

President Hamann showed history of erratic tuition decisions. Some years we had to raise tuition twice because the State withdrew funding. Tuition policy, when revised was designed to look at tuition over time not just one year. He also showed another budget spreadsheet which showed how EFB (Ending Fund Balance) will be used in the next biennium – the college will need 3% each year to maintain. This is if the State continues to increase fund.

President Hamann explained the growth management model the State uses to distribute funds. A 10% increase by the State is not 10% directly to LBCC. LBCC gets 6.8% of the 550 million. Our percentage has decreased over time. We are hoping for a direct 10% increase from the State to LBCC. In the past the growth management model capped funds so that when enrollment was down schools weren't harmed exponentially. Our projections are not guaranteed. President Hamann re-explained the 5th payment from the State – (last payment of last biennium went into next biennium.) We now account for the four payments per year.

President Hamann explained that LBCC uses tuition to pay for 40% of the college budget. The State funds only account for 42%. No tuition increase is a loss of \$500,000. The budget slightly spends more than our resources.

President Hamann showed how the budget is impacted by 0% tuition increase. In 2019 we end up with less than \$1 million EFB if we eliminate one year of 3% tuition.

Dr. Frome proposed what if LBCC did away with the approved performance packages. President Hamann mentioned that the Board already approved some packages. Our performance packages may result in an increase enrollment. We have more that are not in the budget for the future.

Mr. Mason mentioned and President Hamann explained the \$34 million Bond cannot be asked to offset tuition – only to finish the projects the money was designed for.

2015-2016 budget will have an EFB but this will decrease over time. Even if we increase tuition 2016-2017 to 8% we will not reclaim what we lost in 2015-2016. A 3% now compounds. The budget increases approximately 4% each year if we do not spend more.

LBCC has a high penetration into our district through High School. Completion depends on the capacity to support student (i.e. - counseling)

The fact that we use full time faculty to teach means we have to spend more per student. PCC spends only 38% on full time so they can spend less. Chemeketa is not raising tuition but they get more funds from their foundation. Look at fee expenses when including tuition cost per student. LBCC does not charge extra fees to cover tuition.

Mr. Running explained history of funds decreasing by the State. He explained the \$550 million number is still putting LBCC behind from 8 years ago when we had asked. The State can pull the \$550 million at any time. This is why LBCC wants reserves. We need at least 8% of a reserve. If we do not get more money in the future we will have to increase tuition by more than 3%. When economy goes bad, enrollment goes up.

Mr. Mason would like more data used in projecting the future. Mr. Merryman pointed out the new programs may bring more students. Transfer students cost less to educate. Special programs do need more specialized equipment and they cost more per student. Mr. Mason said do we want to increase per our history in larger increments (double digits) or a steady low amount.

Note, State cannot mandate a tuition freeze. Tuition will be reviewed each year and projected into the future. We need to have hope for increases in the future. We cannot look at a decision for just one year.

Mr. Mason made a motion for 0% increase and let Legislature know that we hope they will support more. When new programs start is when we need the money. Put off the increase until we need it. Dr. Frome seconded it.

Discussion – Mr. Merryman asked is a 12% at one time increase better than 3%. Can you trust the State to increase funding? Mr. Mason believes the State is now showing more interest in funding contrary to history. A 10% increase puts this off to future. We need to have hope for increases in the future generations – that is contrary to the Board policy.

Ms. Riverstone agrees with Mr. Mason and thinks Legislature will help us – trust them for a year.

Mr. Running – don't balance the budget on the backs of students through tuition – better to use an index like the HEPI so that increases are smaller each year not hurting future students.

President Hamann tried 1.5% increase this year. Mr. Merryman pointed out this buys us time to revisit the topic without the 1.5% which is more conservative with less risk.

Dr. Frome suggested charging more tuition to international and out of state. He suggested increasing 10% instead of 5%. We currently increased tuition for International students we do not use any State resources to subsidize.

Mr. Broadbent – called “the question” – to close discussion. Group voted, those in favor – Chair Garrett, Mr. Broadbent, Mr. Running, Dr. Frome. Those abstaining – Ms. Riverstone and those opposed – Mr. Mason. Passed – no more discussion.

Motion was made to do zero tuition. Those in favor – Ms. Riverstone, Mr. Broadbent, Mr. Mason, Dr. Frome, Chair Garrett and those opposed – Mr. Running and Mr. Merryman. Motion passed to do zero tuition.

The Regular meeting reconvened at 7:52 PM

GENERATIVE ACTIVITY

Regional Achievement Collaborative with Christy Stevens, Education/Child & Family Studies

Christy Stevens and Regional collaborative – strategies to improve we are 1 or 13 collaborative. We have chosen a particular pathway. LBCC, ESDS, OSU and Lincoln County.

Improvement Science – as a type of research. Small things are researched.

Network Improvement Community funded by Carnegie – Training is happening to bring the NIC to the community to help with mathematics.

Christy to send link to video done by MCMCP – MCMCP has been meeting for 10 years – so RAC was easy to assemble. Christy encouraged Board to complement our superintendents on their work.

Small research projects will be happening in math. Christy asked for help from Ms. Riverstone to assess Math at OSU. Any questions? Research is on math formats and individual schools. Teachers are wanted in the research. The RAC will be working to change perception of math and business.

STRATEGIC ACTIVITY

A. Board Representative Reports:

ACCT – upcoming in San Diego – President Hamann, Jim Merryman and Ann Buchele are presenting which is a first for LBCC.

OCCA – no meeting since last Board meeting per Mr. Mason

OSBA – nothing to report

Foundation – haven't met since last Board. 9/11 – Annual golf tournament Mallard Creek (date reminder) per Ms. Riverstone

B. Campus Representative Reports

1. Student Leadership – Paola apologized for student group – she explained more about her history. She started her education at PSU. She mentioned the student advocacy she listed in her report. She suggested that the students are working to find other funding issues. She also presented the issues that she hadn't been able to present during the tuition discussion by the Board.

2. Faculty – Rob – handed out the commuter – New year and new students. Planning and priorities. Mentioned Pacific Crest Trail expedition he did. Advising and how this assists student success is a topic on faculty retreat agenda. Faculty Association is showing new hires on the “LB way”. New roles for current faculty and working on upcoming expansion of campus.

3. Classified - Debby – membership is happy with contract. LBCC Relay for Life – which is comprised of mostly classified raised \$2600.

C. Revised Curriculum Report

D. Review and Possible Revision of Tuition Increase – BP 7055 – See discussion above

E. Introduction of 2000's series Board Policies – over next 4 months – please review as the September Agenda will have first reading with changes. Send comments/revisions to Scott Rolen.

F. Res 06-16 Approve Annual Board Calendar (Action) -

Dr. Frome moved to approve the new Board Calendar as presented. Mr. Running seconded the motion. Everyone voted and the motion was approved unanimously. (7-0)

G. Resolution 08-16 Ratification of Classified Association Agreement (Action)

Mr. Broadbent moved to accept Resolution 08-16 Ratification of Classified Association Agreement. Mr. Running seconded the motion. Everyone voted and the motion was approved unanimously. (7-0)

FIDUCIARY ACTIVITY

A. Consent Agenda

Mr. Running moved to accept the consent agenda. Mr. Broadbent moved to second the motion. Everyone voted and the motion was approved unanimously.

B. Administrative Reports

President's Report - AACC and PASI – President Hamann attended in Austin. President Hamann asked people to read the summer planning process prior to the Board retreat. Free tuition – explained that not all students will get tuition for free. The HECC will decide. Only \$10 million is available. Eligibility will not be uniform across the state. If you get calls – only 10% may be eligible and won't happen until next year.

Institutional Advancement - Nothing to add – mention ATTC 1.5 million received. 8/6 - Rededication of Madrone Hall. 8/25 – HOC ground breaking in Lebanon, 9/16 – next phase of ATTC. NC 3 is also visiting that day.

Academic Affairs – welcome to Ann Buchele

Student Affairs – performance review from last year's SLC. SLC is certified for next year based on last year.

Finance & Operations, Monthly Budget Report, Comparator Chart and EFB Graph - Nothing to add –

Capital Projects Report – presented by Lou Tarnay - Lou handed out a chart and a report. He reviewed his report and asked for questions. Shelly asked how often Board wants to hear from Lou. During design phase every 3 months. But every 2 months during construction. Lou encouraged people to look at the webpage. Written monthly and quarterly visit.

BOARD COMMENTS (Chair Garrett)

IMPORTANT DATES (Chair Garrett)

ADJOURNMENT (Chair Garrett)

Meeting Adjourned at 9:02 PM