

**Minutes of Board of Education Meeting
February 8, 2017 6:00 p.m.
Boardrooms**

Board of Education members in attendance

Jim Merryman (*Chair*), R. Keith Frome, Dick Running, Ron Mason, Randy Camp, Barry Broadbent

Staff and Representatives in attendance

Greg Hamann, Ann Buchele, Bruce Clemetsen, Dave Henderson, Kevin Mahoney (*Classified*), Joe Paris (*Faculty*), Eric Slyter (*Student Leadership*), Amanda Kliever

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm,

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA – None

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Chareane Wimbley-Gouveia, Learning Center Coordinator, came to the Board as a citizen. She wanted the Board of Education to be aware and to raise awareness in the community that on August 21, 2017, there will be a solar eclipse. The last one that happened here was in 1918. There are several activities happening around the state and she is hoping we can host some sort of event on the LBCC campus, and asked the Board for their support. She is offering to volunteer if someone wants to plan some sort of event.

Chair Merryman said if anyone would like to participate in this effort, contact Chareane.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – Eric Slyter

Student Leadership Council President, Eric Slyter, presented to the Board of Education, a United States flag that was flown at the Oregon Capitol building. This was given to him by Senator Ron Wyden at the town hall meeting held on campus last weekend. Senator Wyden asked that the flag be given to the Board to commemorate LBCC's 50th anniversary.

CHAIR COMMENTS – None

INTRODUCTIONS - President Hamann introduced John Wykoff, Deputy Director, Oregon Community College Association. John has a long standing interest in higher education in Oregon.

GENERATIVE ACTIVITY

2017 Oregon Legislative Session, John Wykoff

John offered some highlights of the 2017 Legislative session. He started off by reiterating that the state is working to fill an almost \$2B gap to keep current service levels for the entire state. The governor has proposed a budget of \$550M for community colleges while the co-chair's budget is slightly higher, about \$556M. OCCA's message to community colleges is to budget for \$550M. Some interesting differences between the two proposed budgets is the governor's budget carried forward the Oregon Promise at current service level funding,

\$40M, to keep the program running for the biennium. The co-chairs have only put \$20M in for the Oregon Promise, which means about half the size of our current cohorts. There have been calls to cancel the program due to the budget issues, but he'd be surprised if that happened.

There have been discussions about affordability, open educational resources, CTE alignment, transfer, and Nursing.

Affordability encompasses more than just tuition. It includes books, housing, lost wages due to not being able to work as many hours, and childcare for some students. They are looking at all of these aspects, working to make education feasible for more people.

Open Educational Resources are an important issue in regards to affordability. President Hamann said LBCC has done a great job in this area and we have concrete numbers that this has saved our students more than what the state reports. If OCCA wants to pursue this avenue, President Hamann suggested they contact the LBCC employees who have worked in this area.

CTE programs have been invigorated in the high schools and there has been a lot of effort to align those programs with the CTE programs offered in community colleges. There is a bill working on this issue.

Transfer issues still persist. Mr. Wykoff said that President Hamann has been working with Western Oregon University President, Rex Fuller, as well as others to get a good conversation going at the state level.

There is talk about whether or not community colleges can offer a BSN program. Nursing programs are in high demand and the universities are not able to keep up with the demand. It is a controversial issue at the university level. President Hamann added that LBCC is working with Samaritan Health Services to articulate the need.

Mr. Wykoff handed out a document that includes some current talking points around the budget and a list of policy issues for the Board. The categories looked at are: affordability, 40-40-20, Oregon Promise, Transitions and Guided Pathways, and Misc.

Questions from the Board:

Dr. Frome asked Mr. Wykoff what he felt the leadership would do in regards to the balance of cuts. What areas will receive cuts? Mr. Wykoff answered that while a flat budget is not great news, compared to what happened to other parts of the state budget, higher education did fairly well. There are big gaps right now, a \$200M shortfall for K-12 in the co-chairs framework, the Oregon Health Authority was cut in half. This is partly due to recreational marijuana oversight moving to OLCC, but this move doesn't represent a cut of half, so they will have significant issues. There is still a lot of work to be done.

Mr. Running asked if there was any speculation on how the administration change in Washington DC is going to affect us. Mr. Wykoff said they have no idea. There may be some walk back on the Cleary Act and Title XI. He doesn't feel like the Department of Education is as interested in higher education as they are in K-12. There may be a relaxing of the rules affecting the for-profit colleges which could have an effect on community colleges.

Mr. Mason thanked Mr. Wykoff for giving his OCCA report.

The Board thanked him for his presentation.

STRATEGIC ACTIVITY

1. OCCA – Nothing to report.
2. ACCT – Dr. Frome announced there is a Legislative Summit next month in Washington DC. Greg will be attending. President Hamann added that he, along with the AACC Board, will be attending a meeting with people from the Department of Education while he's there.
3. Foundation – Nothing to report
4. Revenue Innovations – Nothing to report

B) Campus Representative Reports:

1. Student Leadership Council, Mr. Slyter – Reported the budget presentation went well, but attendance was low. He thanked Dr. Clemetsen, Dave Henderson, and Jess Jacobs for leading and answering questions. There will be a mini-forum next week to try to get more students to attend. He also let the Board know he testified at the state on behalf of the Oregon Opportunity Grant.
2. Classified, Kevin Mahoney for Debby Zeller – Nothing further to report.
3. Faculty, Mr. Paris – Nothing to report.
4. Part-Time Faculty, Mr. Black was unable to attend, but Chair Merryman commented that Mr. Black's report was excellent. It hit all of the highlights the Board has wanted to see.

- C) Budget Development Update – The budget has been updated slightly since the January meeting. The updates were highlighted on the handout that was passed around. The updates are a result of work done since the January meeting. Most notable change is on the annual budget balance, they have managed to reduce the budget shortfall. The shortfall has been reduced largely because of some spending reductions on items that can wait for the future and on in-state enrollment increases due to reducing course bottlenecks by the addition of faculty in those areas. Other changes are in spending.

FICURIARY ACTIVITY

- A. Consent Agenda – **Mr. Broadbent moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Dr. Frome seconded. Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was approved unanimously. (6,0)**
- B. Board committee clarification letter from Karen Smith, OCCA.
Dr. Frome had a question on the wording of this letter, his questions were answered to his satisfaction.
- C. Second Read of 5000 Series Board Policies – Chair Merryman requested Board Policy 5095 be pulled. **Mr. Running motioned to approve Board Policies 5055, 5075 and 5080. Dr. Frome seconded. Motion to approve Board Policies 5055, 5075, and 5080 approved unanimously. (6,0)**
Dr. Frome handed out a new version of proposed changes to BP 5095 which included the requirement of armed security personnel. Dr. Frome feels the BP only talks about safety, not security, despite the title of "Safety and Security". He has talked to both his constituents and law enforcement officials who have backed his proposal of armed security on campus as long as funding is sufficient to include it. While he's not generally for a tuition increase, he would support an increase to provide armed security. Chair Merryman interprets the Board Policy as the Board doesn't mandate how security is provided, rather leaves the "how" to college administration.

Mr. Mason said he has given a lot of thought to this topic. Last summer, he was able to observe the college's active shooter training exercise with Incident Command and local law enforcement. He suggested President Hamann work with local law enforcement to research armed security on campuses vs no armed security to see what works best overall.

Mr. Broadbent feels that due to the fact that there is such a small chance of an incident happening, this would not be money well spent.

Dr. Frome suggested we should follow what the Lebanon and Albany school districts do, having an armed officer on campus for about 20 hours per week. He feels the cost wouldn't be monumental, just the cost to have our existing officers trained properly.

Mr. Camp has loved ones working on campus. He feels people who plan these events look for "soft targets", places they know nobody carries firearms. The element of not knowing if an armed officer is on campus would be a benefit, much like not knowing if an air marshal is on an airplane. From that standpoint, he thinks it would be nice to have something to deter someone from planning an event. He is concerned about the cost and covering multiple campuses, but says it is something we need to take a look at.

Mr. Running believes the Board's job is to set the direction of administration. He would like to leave implementation of safety and security on campus to the administration. He is not sure an armed security officer would deter someone, especially if they are on the opposite end of campus.

Dr. Frome said he would withdraw his motion to include armed security if President Hamann will investigate options and report back. He brought this to light in order to initiate a conversation about the topic. Opinions from county commissioners was that they didn't think this policy hasn't changed in many years and that Linn County and Benton County Sherriff's Departments have officers we could hire to patrol campus for periods of time.

Mr. Camp reiterated his feelings that it may deter someone if they knew they may run into someone who is armed. He doesn't want us to be known as a soft target.

Mr. Mason isn't sure someone who would have the capacity to carry out an attack is rational enough to care if someone on campus is armed.

Mr. Broadbent asked if the administration feels we need to beef up security personnel and have armed security on campus.

President Hamann said he wouldn't assume we are a soft target. We do frequent reviews on how best to provide safety and security. He feels it's a misrepresentation to say we don't ever look at this topic. As of now, we don't feel we need armed security, but that's not to say that won't change in the future. He also said he is happy to provide the Board with a presentation to show how we provide security and risk assessment and how we work in cooperation with local law enforcement.

Mr. Camp clarified he doesn't think we are a soft target, but feels that perception may be out there. It is a known fact there are armed officers at the local high schools, so they may not be a target for someone.

Mr. Broadbent believes the K-12 resource officers are paid through the local law enforcements community policing programs. Dr. Frome is under the impression that the school district pays for at least half of the resource officers.

Dr. Frome motioned to rename Board Policy 5095 to Safety and drop the proposed language and pass it as written with the idea that administration will come with a future policy on Security. Mr. Camp seconded.

Discussion continued. **Motion to rename Board Policy 5095 to Safety and come forward with a separate policy on Security in the future was denied. (2,4) Yea votes: Frome and Camp. Nay votes: Merryman, Mason, Broadbent, and Running**

Mr. Mason moved to accept Board Policy 5095 as submitted. Mr. Running seconded. Motion to approve Board Policy 5095 was approved. (4,2) Yea votes, Merryman, Mason, Broadbent, and Running. Nay votes: Frome and Camp.

President Hamann will come back to the Board of Education with a presentation on Safety and Security at LBCC.

D. Administrative Reports

President's Report - President Hamann apologized for his report not making the original posting date, he was writing it on the airplane.

Advancement – Mr. Mason requested a report on scholarship funds be included in Mr. Stowell's report. Mr. Stowell has agreed to include that information in a future report.

Academic Affairs and Workforce Development – Dr. Buchele updated the Board on the latest Guided Pathways Institute. The focus was on Student Learning and it helped them think of new ways to help our students in the classroom. They came back, as always, energized! Chair Merryman asked for clarification on the objectives, there are 14 of them. Are these high level objectives that others roll into? Dr. Buchele said no, all 14 objectives will be tracked, but they will be broken down to yearly goals to help make tracking easier. The innovation councils across campus are responsible for some of them to make it more manageable.

Student Affairs – Dr. Clemetsen had nothing further to report.

Finance and Operations – Mr. Henderson stated Mr. Mason was correct in his earlier question about fall enrollments numbers, it should have been stated winter enrollment numbers. They will get that corrected.

Chair Merryman asked for clarification on the color codes on his report. Mr. Henderson clarified that an arbitrary figure of 3% had been chosen for monitoring. For revenue, green means we're more than 3% of projections, yellow means we are within 3% (up or down), and the red means we are lower than 3%

of projections. On the expense side, green means we're down 3%, yellow is within 3%, and red means we're over 3%.

Mr. Henderson answered all of the Board members additional questions to their satisfaction.

BOARD COMMENTS (Chair Merryman)

Chair Merryman – this Friday, John McArdle, President Hamann, Eric Slyter and he will be at the Senate testifying, giving an update on things that are happening at LBCC and funding. He thought tonight's discussion was good and a healthy thing for the Board to do. He doesn't want them to just go through the motions, he wants these good discussions on tough topics.

Mr. Running – President Hamann came to speak at the Albany Rotary Club to talk about what's going on at LBCC. He talked about Guided Pathways and Pipeline, and completion rates. The club enjoyed his presentation, it went great!

Mr. Camp – this has been a good meeting. He is glad we are doing something with the solar eclipse. Thinks we really need to push to get the community involved in things we are doing at LBCC.

Mr. Broadbent – Said he enjoyed the Generative Discussion from John, but every time he talks about money and our legislature, it's depressing. Feels like the state is coming out of the recession, we have low unemployment and for the most part, our economy is running on all cylinders and somehow we still have money problems. These money problems are because of past poor decisions. Frustrated that we are still affected by those decisions in a time we should be focused on improving and enhancing, we are back to talking about cuts. Feels the state should have a good amount of income, but many programs like PERS and Oregon Health Plan continue to drain us. Decisions from two decades ago are still affecting us.

Dr. Frome – Thanked everyone for their presentations. He is looking forward to the Health Occupations Center opening and appreciates all the hard work everyone does for our students. He likes getting together every month. The reason he brings up security issue is for the safety of our staff and students, minutes count. He also really appreciates Mr. Mason, he is very pragmatic and thinks things through from all sides. He can always count on him to bring his point of view. Looks forward to more good discussions on this topic.

Mr. Mason – Week 5 of the term, mid-terms are coming! He also stated that everyone is concerned with our students. After spring break, spring term is a long time until a day off school!

Adjourned Regular Session at 7:42