



ACTION

MT. HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

DATE: *April 17, 2019*

ITEM TITLE: **4.1c**

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

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 20, 2019, Regular Board Session #978 Meeting Minutes

Session #978

A meeting of the Mt. Hood Community College District Board of Education was held on March 20, 2019 with a Faculty Tenure Reception at 6:00 pm in the Jazz Café, and the Regular Session at 6:30 pm in the Town and Gown Room at Mt. Hood Community College, 26000 S.E. Stark Street, Gresham, Oregon.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER / DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Members present: Diane McKeel, chair, Jim Zordich, vice chair, Annette Mattson, Kenney Polson, Tamie Arnold, and Teena Ainslie.

Additional Attendees: Dr. Lisa Skari, president, Jennifer DeMent, chief operations officer, Elise Huggins, Sara Rivara, Kay Lopez, Deborah Sipe, Doug Scribner, Sheryl Caddy, Janie Griffin, Josh Stratman.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm. A quorum was present.

1.1 Approval of the Agenda

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

1.2 Correspondence

Dr. Lisa Skari, president – there was no correspondence.

2.0 PUBLIC INPUT

Fifteen members of the public presented testimony regarding the KMHD radio station. Testimony was provided by Deborah DeMoss Smith, Marcia K. Hocker, George E. Hocker, Jr., Scott Moore, Tom D'Antoni, Luis Ocasio, Brett Anderson, Doug Parkhurst, Shawn Kirkeby, David Allen, Tim Cook, Art Abrams, Jim Cummings, Forrest Faubion, and Larry Holtz.

3.0 REPORTS

There was no special report.

4.0 BUSINESS/ACTION

4.1 Consent Agenda

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

- a) Minutes – Board Work Session #974, February 6, 2019
- b) Minutes – Board Regular Session #975, February 20, 2019
- c) Monthly Personnel Report
- d) Monthly Financial Report
- e) Monthly Head Start Report
- f) Head Start Final Self-Assessment
- g) Federal Head Start / Early Head Start Continuation Application Grant
- h) Acceptance and Expenditure of Projects Funded in Whole or Partially by Non-District Funds
- i) Selection of Vendor for the Rebuilding of College Stadium Bleachers

4.2 Faculty Tenure Recommendations

The following faculty were recommended by the president for 4th year tenure:

- Jessica Wittman, PhD – Chemistry/Science
- Steven Johnston – Applied Technologies/Automotive-MLR
- Ilya Babiy – Dental Hygiene/Health Professions
- Erika Ruhl – Computer Information Systems
- Eric Garvey – Automotive Technology, MCAP/IMPORT/Subaru U
- Jessica Scott – Social Science/Psychology
- Thomas Fuller – Literature & English Composition/Humanities
- Daniel Davey – Jazz Studies/Performing Arts
- Dale Gronso – Integrated Media
- Ellen Garcia – Nursing/Health Professions

McKeel called faculty members up for tenure to come forward along with their respective dean. The deans introduced faculty members and provided a brief summary of their support for tenure.

- Kay Lopez – introduced Eric Garvey, Steve Johnson, and Erika Ruhl
- Sara Rivara – introduced Jessica Scott and Thomas Fuller

- Deborah Sipe – introduced Dr. Jessica Wittman
- Janie Griffin – introduced Ellen Garcia
- Doug Scribner – introduced Ilya Babiya
- Elise Huggins – introduced Dale Gronso and Daniel Davey

Arnold motioned to grant tenure for Jessica Wittman, Steven Johnson, Ilya Babiya, Erika Ruhl, Eric Garvey, Jessica Scott, Thomas Fuller, Daniel Davey, Dale Gronso, and Ellen Garcia. Zordich seconded motion and the motioned passed unanimously.

4.3 Faculty Sabbatical Requests, 2019-2020

Josh Stratman provided a brief summary of the faculty sabbatical requests for the 2019-2020 academic year. The faculty requesting sabbatical are Mace Archer, Eden Isenstein, Julie Hutchin, Chris Jackson, JD Kiggins, Jerry Lyons, Antonia Robinson, Beth Sammons, and Shannon Valdivia

Polson motioned to approve the faculty sabbatical requests for Mace Archer, Eden Isenstein, Julie Hutchin, Chris Jackson, JD Kiggins, Jerry Lyons, Antonia Robinson, Beth Sammons, and Shannon Valdivia. Arnold seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4.4 Consideration of Tuition Adjustment

Jennifer DeMent provided an update on tuition increases as follows:

- An 8% increase in in-state tuition, bringing the rate to \$115 per credit hour
- An 8% increase in out-of-state tuition, bringing the rate to \$233 per credit hour
- A 3% increase in international tuition, bringing the rate to \$243 per credit hour

Mattson motioned to approve the tuition rate increases. Zordich seconded motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4.5 Consideration of Student Fee Adjustments

Jennifer Dement provided a description of student fee adjustments as follows:

- A \$0.25 increase to the Student Activity Fee
- A new I-20 Reissue Fee of \$50 for International Students
- Various Adjustments to assessment and testing fees to reflect increased costs (as outlined on a spreadsheet presented in the board packet)
- Aquatic Center fee increases and eliminations
- Course fee adjustments to cover the cost of unusual services, equipment, software and materials

Ainslie motioned to approve the student fee adjustments. Zordich seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

McKeel requested a brief five minute break. The meeting resumed at 7:57 p.m.

4.6 KMHD

Board Chair McKeel stated over the last several months the board received public input both at the board meetings and through emails urging the board to reconsider the decision to terminate the current contract with OPB for the operation of KMHD. The board also heard from the KMHD Committee last week and they provided answers to the board's questions about the return of the station to campus. In hearing the public input and receiving additional clarification and better understanding of the financial implications to the college, she asked if there was a motion to reconsider the board's prior action. Zordich read the following two motions:

Motion One

Zordich introduced the following motion: The Mt. Hood Community College Board of Education hereby rescinds its motion of January 16, 2019, to grant OPB (Oregon Public Broadcasting) a two-year contract extension accommodating its use of the college's radio station license identified as KMHD.

Mattson seconded the motion. There was a brief discussion about the motion and several comments were made regarding thinking of students first.

Board Vote

In favor of motion: Jim Zordich, Annette Mattson, Teena Ainslie, and Diane McKeel

Opposed to motion: Kenney Polson and Tamie Arnold

The motion passed.

Motion Two

Zordich stated giving due consideration to the data that has been assembled relative to the question of returning KIMHD to the Mt. Hood Community College campus, he would like to offer the following motion: The Mt. Hood Community College Board of Education instructs its president to negotiate a five-year contract extension with OPB (Oregon Public Broadcasting) allowing OPB to continue providing broadcast programming on KMHD, the non-commercial educational radio station licensed to Mt. Hood Community College by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on an assigned FM frequency of 89.1 MHz. The college will also retain its right to broadcast on the sub-frequency channel known as KMHD2.

Mattson seconded the motion. There was a brief discussion about the second motion and questions were raised about the details of the negotiation. Dr. Skari stated the work of the KMHD Committee would be carried forward. McKeel stated the board would share their concerns and thanked Bob Hansen and Melanie Roberts for their engagement in the process.

Board Vote

In favor of motion: Jim Zordich, Annette Mattson, Teena Ainslie, Diane McKeel, and Tamie Arnold

Opposed to motion: Kenney Polson

The motion passed.

5.0 CLOSING REPORTS

5.1 Board Member/Advisory Comments

Board Members

Ainslie – she was glad for the decision tonight and thanked those for contributing.

Mattson – she attended the East Portland Action Plan general meeting and the Oregon Community College Association Legislative Conference, and shared our students were outstanding in sharing their stories at the legislative conference. She continues to participate in weekly legislative calls with the Oregon Community College Association and the OCCA Executive Committee calls. She attended the Snow Cap Auction last Saturday night and the Chinese American Citizens Alliance Dinner that was rescheduled to St. Patrick's Day. She attended the Gresham Chamber Forum with Chair McKeel and will be touring the Gresham Women's Shelter today. The shelter serves about 90 women every day and they do outstanding work there. This morning she had a breakfast meeting with John Bier, principal at David Douglas High, to get caught up on activities at the high school and talk about a working relationship going forward.

Zordich – he mentioned the annual MHCC Foundation Auction next month on April 27 which supports student scholarships. He attended the Foundation board meeting this morning and mentioned they will soon be evaluating scholarship applications for awarding in June. He just finished his tenure as a member of the Outstanding Support Staff Review Committee reviewing the support staff applications. He shared he wished he could give support staff awards to every one of the support staff and commented that without them, this organization would not be the way it is. He talked about the Open Educational Resources (OER) week of seminars and presentations from a few weeks ago and shared that OER opportunities are often providing the relief from tuition increases that would otherwise make it more difficult for students to attend a community college.

McKeel – she attended the Gresham Chamber meeting with Annette Mattson, where Gresham Mayor Bemis spoke. She also attended the East Metro Economic Alliance (EMEA) Legislative Committee meeting and the EMEA Membership Committee meeting. She plans to attend the legislature's Ways and Means Committee meeting tomorrow night at Portland Community College Cascade Campus to advocate for community college funding. She also attended a presentation by the Gresham police chief about what is happening around Gresham and the things they are focusing on with the legislature.

Polson – he was impressed with talent at Mt. Hood Community College. In regards to the vote on KMHD, he is here for the college.

Arnold – No report.

Associated Student Government (ASG) Representative

Bob Hansen, ASG President – he shared the food drive would end on March 30 and encouraged people to still donate food. He shared the students watched the film “Hidden Figures” and discussed pay gap issues during Women’s History Month. They had the Open Education Week and discussed the Open Education Resources (OER) which helps students in textbook costs. They had a new event called “Pizza with the Presidents” and he and Dr. Skari asked students to say one thing they liked or disliked about the college to get a slice of pizza. A lot of students attended the event and it was a huge success. They had 10 students volunteer to pack food boxes at the Oregon Food Bank. They did an excellent job and he gave a shout out to the team. They will be volunteering again at the Oregon Food Bank and invited the board members to come down to pack food boxes with them. ASG plans to attend the Legislative Town Hall meeting at Portland Community College to have student voices be heard. They have been working with the Student HUB department and were provided with an opportunity to voice their input in the architectural design. He shared they support the board with all the decisions they make and understand that KMHD was a hard decision. He distributed a copy of “The Call of Nature News” to board members to highlight upcoming events in April.

Advisory Representatives

Cheryl Johnson, Full-Time Faculty Association – she thanked the board for their support of the faculty candidates for tenure and the faculty requests for sabbaticals. She wanted to make a comment on our music department in reference to a comment made during the public comment portion of the board meeting. She shared that the music faculty are doing amazing things and our music program is alive and thriving. The music program is very well respected with faculty and students here at the college.

Kim Sharer, Classified Employee Association – she shared how amazing all the new music faculty are and that they have given a renewed excitement and a love of music to the students. She thanked Jim Zordich for recognizing that the college would not be the same without the classified staff. She shared that the financial aid advisors have been working hard on the financial aid awards processed during the last three weeks and that each adviser was responsible for between two and 3000 students each. Since October, the financial aid office has attended 19 outreach events, with most of them off-campus, and they have more than doubled the college's presence in the community from last year. She thanked the financial aid advisors and staff for doing a fantastic job serving our students. She shared there will be a “Take Your Kids to Work Day” event on campus on April 25. The committee is looking for volunteers to serve ice cream and assist in escorting children to different sessions that day and invited board members to assist if they were available.

Marilyn Pitts, Part-Time Faculty and Tutor Association – did not attend the meeting.

5.2 President's Report

Dr. Skari shared the president's March report with the board.

The March board meeting will be one of my favorites of the year, as it is the time we grant tenure. The impact on tenure on an institution is deep. These are some of the most important decisions the college can make, as they chart the course of the college into the future. I value the commitment the faculty and college make to each other, to the shared commitment to student success. Each faculty member here tonight will leave the legacy of academic excellence, service to our community, and regard for the profession. That makes me proud.

As we look forward, we have several important events to highlight:

- April 8 is our joint board meeting with the Centennial, David Douglas, Gresham Barlow, Parkrose and Reynolds schools districts. A special thanks to Director Arnold for envisioning this convening, and her work to make it happen.*
- The next event, April 9, is the community conversation on the challenges and opportunities for attracting and retaining jobs in East County. Co-hosted by the college, City Club of Portland, and Portland Business Alliance, we appreciate the opportunity to raise the visibility of the issues we face in our community, while identifying partners in this work.*

A special thanks – again – to the Board for their continued dedication to our students, and the work you do to ensure academic excellence in our community.

McKeel thanked everyone that attended the board meeting and congratulated the faculty who received tenure. She shared her appreciation to all of them on behalf of the board.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

Zordich motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mattson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Clerk

Board Chair

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