



ACTION

MT. HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

DATE: *June 16, 2021*

ITEM TITLE: **4.1b**

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

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 19, 2021

Session 1033

A meeting of the Mt. Hood Community College District Board of Education was held on May 19, 2021, with a Regular Board Meeting at 6:30 pm, held via Zoom meeting.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER / DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Members present: Diane Noriega, board chair, Annette Mattson, board vice chair, Diane McKeel, Jim Zordich, Andrew Speer, LaVerne Lewis, Kenney Polson

Additional Attendees: Lisa Skari, president, Jennifer DeMent, chief operations officer, John Hamblin, executive dean of Student Development, Al McQuarters, vice president of Instruction, Al Sigala, executive director of Development and District Communications, Pam Greenough Corrie, executive director of Head Start, Josi Kisa, executive director of Child Development and Family Services, Cynthia Smith, associate director of Child Development and Family Services, Chris Cooper, associate director of Child Development and Family Services, Traci Simmons, director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Travis Brown, director of Human Resources, Rozina Lethe, Student Leadership and Engagement Coordinator, Kim Hyatt, dean of HPE, Athletics, Aquatics and Recreation, Nicole Johnson-Moses, ASG President, Jeanna Hunt, FTFA President, Graham Phillips, CEA Representative, Marilyn Pitts, PFTA President

Noriega called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and declared a quorum was present.

1.1 Approval of Agenda

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

2.0 PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.



3.0 REPORTS

3.1 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

3.2 ASG Report and Update

Johnson-Moses presented an update and review of the ASG Goals for 2020-2021. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached to the minutes.

Lethe provided a presentation on the ASG election process for 2021-2022. She shared the election timeline, an opportunity to meet the candidates, online voting from May 24-31, and a presidential announcement on June 1. Lethe introduced the two final candidates for ASG president and responded to a question about the election and voting platform. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached to the minutes.

3.3 Student Recognition

Lethe provided a presentation on the Student Life End of Year Report and shared an update of ASG and student efforts and recognition in the following areas: Multicultural Diversity Resource Center, KMHD-2, The Advocate, Perceptions, Rho Theta, ASG Book Scholarship, Imperfect Food Pilot Program, ASG Recycling Project, ASG Garden Project, Student Events, and Barney's Pantry. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached to the minutes.

Hyatt presented student awards for Athletics and recognized student recipients in the following categories: NWAC All-Academic Team, Academic Leadership Award, Academic Excellence Award, Scholar Athletes of the Year, Cross-Country, Basketball, Track & Field, Baseball, Softball, Volleyball, Sportsmanship Award, Perseverance Award, Heart of a Saint Award, and the Dutch Triebwasser Athletes of the Year. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached to the minutes.

3.4 Introduction of New Executive Director for Head Start

Corrie introduced Dr. Josi Kisa as the new executive director for Child Development and Family Services and welcomed her to MHCC. Kisa shared an overview of her education and work experience prior to starting her new role at MHCC.

3.5 Special Report: COVID Impact on Head Start / Culturally Specific Classroom for Native American Children

Kisa provided an overview of the Child Development and Family Support Programs, which included the Head Start program mission and a description of the program and the families and children it serves. Smith presented a summary of the Head Start/Early Head Start services provided this year during COVID-19, which included both in-person and virtual classrooms, and virtual home-based education services.

Cooper presented an overview of the Native American/Tribal information and services in the Portland-metro area. He stated the Portland-metro area is the 9th largest American Indian, Alaskan



Native population out of all urban populations, with just under 60,000. MHCC can support the Native/Tribal community by partnering with native community organizations to learn more about supporting the Native community, and establish a culturally specific preschool program within CDFS with input from our partner community members. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached to the minutes.

3.6 Head Start Annual Report

Corrie presented a summary of the Head Start Annual Report, and responded to a question about Preschool for All. A copy of the Head Start Annual Report is attached to the minutes.

3.7 Head Start Board Training

Corrie provided the required annual Head Start board training, and referenced a packet of documents sent to board members comprised of the 2019-2020 Annual Report, organizational chart of Head Start portion of Child Development and Family Services (CDFS), roles and responsibilities of board members, and eligibility determination requirements. She provided an overview of Policy Council, which is comprised of 35 parent members representing 22 sites. Corrie reviewed the federal, state and child care licensing regulations, including the Head Start Act, Head Start Program Performance Standards, and Oregon Department of Education Early Learning Division regulations. She provided a summary of the grant planning cycle, shared decision making, partnerships in services, and the Child Care Resource and Referral program that CDFS provides. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached to the minutes.

4.0 BUSINESS / ACTION

4.1 Consent Agenda: Approvals & Information

- a) Minutes – Budget Committee/Work Session 1030, April 7, 2021
- b) Minutes – Budget Committee/Regular Session 1031, April 21, 2021
- c) Monthly Personnel Report
- d) Monthly Financial Report
- e) Monthly Head Start Report
- f) COVID-19 Activity Report

Speer motioned to approve the consent agenda. Lewis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4.2 MHCC Equity Lens Tool

Simmons provided an overview of the final MHCC Equity Lens Tool. There was a brief discussion about the tool, and Simmons responded to several questions about the tool and process for this structure. There was a request for future discussion at a board work session on how it will be applied and how the board will use the tool.

Speer motioned to approve the MHCC Equity Lens Tool. Polson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.



4.3 Anti-Hate Statement

Simmons presented the Anti-Hate Statement to the board. There was a brief discussion about the statement, and a suggestion regarding a board policy on this issue.

Polson motioned to approve the Anti-Hate Statement. Speer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4.4 Debt Authorization Resolution for Pension Bond Obligations (POB)

DeMent presented an overview of the Debt Authorization Resolution for POB as outlined in the board packet.

Zordich motioned to approve the Debt Authorization Resolution for Pension Bond Obligations. Speer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4.5 Management/Confidential Salary Schedule

Brown presented the Management/Confidential Salary Schedule for board approval.

Speer motioned to approve the motion. Polson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

5.0 BOARD MEMBER & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board members shared their participation in community meetings and events since the last board meeting, and an update from the board committee they serve on. The Community Engagement spreadsheet will be updated to reflect the community activity.

6.0 CLOSING REPORTS

6.1 ASG Representative

Johnson-Moses presented the ASG events and activities over the past month, which included Take Back the Night, Coffee and Tea with ASG, Meet the Candidate sessions for ASG President, Spring Food Drive, Gardening Event, and an Open Student Forum for students to voice concerns about the transition to an online bookstore. She and a team member attended the NW Equity Summit and learned about increasing equity efforts across campus. They sent 30 offer letters to students to receive a food box, and are working with Buffalo Wild Wings to host a fundraiser to raise funds to continue the Imperfect Project for next year. They are working hard to prepare for the transition to new student leaders for next year.

6.2 Advisory Representatives

Jeanna Hunt (FTFA) – she congratulated the board members re-elected to serve on the board; she congratulated all the students who were recognized tonight, and thanked the faculty advisors and classified staff that work to help students be successful in those areas. The CTE programs are setting up new cohorts for next fall, and are interviewing students and holding information sessions. The Respiratory Therapy program just completed their interviews and it was a great experience. They completed the Article 17 CMC, and the student complaint process has been completely revamped. She thanked all those involved for their hard work and collaboration in that work.



Graham Phillips (CEA) – he provided the CEA report on behalf of Kim Sharer. He acknowledged Sharer for her tireless efforts to support the CEA membership, and his appreciation for her efforts serving as president. He shared the recent CEA election results: Christy Weigel, president; Janine Shockley, vice president; Sarah Aimone, director of Communications; Rozina Lethe, secretary; and Graham Phillips, treasurer. He acknowledged the hard work and effort of staff in Payroll, IT, and Human Resources for the vital role they play at the college. One of these important efforts is in maintaining accurate attendance records in our system. The CEA board approved a new line item, which will help support our students, and CEA is happy to provide another donation to the foundation directly to support Barney’s Pantry. The membership is grateful for the All-Staff updates to receive timely information. The CEA looks forward to negotiating with the college on a MOA regarding reopening.

Marilyn Pitts (PTFA) – she acknowledged the reports presented tonight and shared it was a powerful example of all the great work being done at MHCC. She was very impressed by the reports on ASG, student activities, student athletes, Head Start, and equity, and all the work to create a welcoming environment. These are challenging times and she is proud and thankful to be an employee at MHCC. She concluded with a book recommendation by Barack Obama.

6.3 Executive Leadership

Jennifer DeMent – shared highlights from the monthly division report for Administrative Services included in the board packet.

Al Sigala – shared highlights from the monthly division report for Development and District Communications included in the board packet.

Al McQuarters – shared highlights from the monthly division report for Instruction included in the board packet.

John Hamblin – shared highlights from the monthly division report for Student Development included in the board packet, and included an update on counseling and mental health services.

6.4 President’s Report

Lisa Skari provided her President’s Report to the board:

I want to start tonight by congratulating Annette, Diane and Jim on their successful re-elections. I look forward to working with you over your next term.

What a night for Mt. Hood Community College (MHCC). With the adoption of the equity lens and anti-hate statement, you have signaled to the community what we stand for as a college and where our values lie. This is significant work and I am so proud to be part of an organization that continues to step up and speak out for what is just. In addition, this is the last board meeting of spring term, and we get to hear from our students and celebrate their success. It was an additional bonus to hear



about the great things happening in our Head Start programs. I so appreciate all the faculty, teachers, and staff supporting these students, both young and old, on their educational journey.

In thinking about new students, Chair Noriega mentioned the wonderful Rotary Scholarship virtual ceremony held today, and every student talked about their educational dreams for the future, and they talked about it at MHCC, which signifies the impact that this college has on the community. And while we could not celebrate their achievements in person with their families, I was reminded that this reality is short-lived. The end of the pandemic restrictions is on the horizon.

Earlier this week, the Higher Education Coordinating Commission made mention that we are moving toward the end of the current executive order. What that means we do not know yet, but we do know that more change is coming. Like the new mask mandates, we are still working through, which does reinforce the benefits of vaccinations and hopefully encourages participation. As Jennifer mentioned earlier, we were able to promote the site on our campus to MHCC employees and students, and the site is now open to the public. Please help spread the word that the site is here as these efforts will help get us to herd immunity. But we have a way to go. Multnomah County looks good for the most part, but in looking at the west end of our district, we are seeing vaccinations rates at about 50%, while closer to the college we are hovering at about 43%. The communities of Rockwood and Sandy have the lowest rates in our district, coming in at about 40%. There is reason to be optimistic and encouraged, considering about a week ago these rates across the board for our district were 20-25 points lower. We will continue to work to support and encourage vaccinations, both on our campus and in our community.

As we look ahead to our first and hopefully only CARmencement, we can enjoy the new experiences knowing that our campus will actually look like a campus in the fall, full of students, aspirations, and community. And as for the board, we too will be back together soon, working together, physically together, for the betterment of our students, the college, and the community. Thank you all for everything you do every day.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

Zordich motioned to adjourn the meeting. Speer seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

Clerk

Board Chair

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