



# ACTION

**MT. HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**DATE:** *December 18, 2019*

**ITEM TITLE:** **4.1a**

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

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**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 20, 2019**

**Session #993**

A meeting of the Mt. Hood Community College District Board of Education was held on November 20, 2019, with a Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room at Mt. Hood Community College, 26000 S.E. Stark St., Gresham, OR 97030.

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / DECLARATION OF A QUORUM**

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

Additional Attendees: Dr. Lisa Skari, president, Joshua Ray, veterans services specialist, Collin-Kazu Lewis, ASG president, Chelsea Alison, ASG vice president

Diane McKeel, board chair, called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

**1.1 Approval of Agenda**

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

**2.0 REPORTS**

**2.1 Special Report: Veterans Services**

Joshua Ray provided a special report on Veterans Services and answered questions from board members about the services available to veterans. Ray stated they have increased the website usage of people logging onto the website, and shared that over the past 3 terms, enrollment

has increased for back-to-back years. Ray responded to a question about recruitment efforts and shared that recruitment is difficult and the biggest impact is through community service work as they encounter veterans while they are out in the community. Ray responded to a question about what support is available to veterans that suffer from PTSD and shared that we have our own counselors on campus to assist with this. They will also refer veterans to community resources that can provide assistance. Ray responded to a question about tutoring services for veterans and stated we do have tutors available for veterans and the Department of Veterans Affairs does provide funds for tutoring services. There was a question on whether veterans are identified during the enrollment process and Ray responded it is self-identified. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached for additional details and information.

### 3.0 PUBLIC INPUT

There were 73 people who provided public testimony on the academic revitalization process to phase out seven programs. A list of the individuals and the program they provided testimony on is included as an attachment to the minutes. Written public comment was provided by Steve Johnston, Michael McAfee, Elizabeth Milliken, Lynn Snodgrass, and three anonymous comments were received.

### 4.0 BUSINESS / ACTION

#### 4.1 Consent Agenda: Approvals & Information

- a) Minutes – Board Regular Session #991, October 23, 2019
- b) Minutes – Board Special Session #992, October 30, 2019
- c) Monthly Personnel Report
- d) Monthly Financial Report
- e) Monthly Head Start Report
- f) Head Start Program Goals 2020 – 2024

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

#### 4.2 OSBA Elections

Annette Mattson provided a brief summary about the OSBA election process and stated a ballot was distributed to each board member to vote for a candidate for each position. The ballots were collected after the vote and the results were tabulated for a board vote as follows:

##### Position 17

Board of Directors – there was no election for Board of Directors position this year  
Legislative Policy Committee – John Lindenthal, Reynolds 7

##### Position 18

Board of Directors – Kris Howatt  
Legislative Policy Committee – Jessica Arzate, Multnomah ESD

## Position 19

Board of Directors – Sonja Mckenzie, Parkrose 3

Legislative Policy Committee – Rita Moore, Portland 1J

Speer motioned to approve the board vote. Lewis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The board secretary will enter the board vote on the OSBA website.

### 5.0 CLOSING REPORTS

#### 5.1

##### a) Board Members

LaVerne Lewis – she had the pleasure of touring the Applied Tech facility and focused on three main areas – automotive tech, machine tools, and welding tech. She met with faculty and staff and really enjoyed the visit. She is a member of the Audit Committee and recently attended a meeting with the main objective being the scope and timing for the audit. She presented to the board a copy of the auditing arrangement letter she received from Julie Fahey, partner at Talbot, Korvola & Warwick, which is our auditing firm. She met with Jenny Glass, Executive Director of The Rosewood Initiative, and had a good discussion on college advising and job coaching programs. She attended the OCCA Annual Conference and GISS Conference, which was highly informative. She enjoyed the conference sessions and speakers, and learned from one of the speakers that some community colleges in several states across the country are closing as they are being absorbed into the four-year university system. A highlight of the conference was seeing Representative Jeff Reardon receive the Howard Cherry Award.

Andrew Speer – he attended the MHCC women’s volleyball game on November 8. He met with Lavert Robertson, the new chief executive officer, of All Hands Raised. He also met with the new Multnomah County/Washington County liaison for Senator Merkley’s Office.

Annette Mattson – she attended Powellhurst Gilbert Neighborhood Association meeting. The meeting focused on the controversial Portland neighborhood association code change, and their desire for help with outreach. She attended the Mayor’s Economic Advisory Council meeting. She also attended the OCCA Conference and GISS Conference. She thought the keynote speakers were fabulous, and what was impactful were the comments by Ben Cannon, executive director of Oregon’s Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC). She shared that with the funding increase we received at the last legislative session and after adjusting for inflation, we are now up to 1999 funding levels for community colleges. She encouraged people to advocate for more funding in Salem and mentioned the CTE Day in Salem next February.

Kenney Polson – he enjoyed attending the GISS Conference this year and looks forward to attending the ACCT National Legislative Conference next year.

Diane McKeel – she attended OCCA Conference and GISS Conference. She agreed with Mattson’s comments and stated we need more people going to Salem, talking with our legislators, and advocating for more funding for community colleges. She also attended the

East Metro Economic Alliance Luncheon. She stated the Portland Business Alliance finalized the priorities they are going to work with us on in East County.

b) ASG Representatives

Collin-Kazu Lewis, ASG president – he shared that two ASG members, Doctor Abio Ayeliya, and Rozina Lethe all attended the annual National Association for Campus Activities conference in California. The annual Trunk or Treat event was held on October 31 with 20 vehicles participating, and they had over 1000 community members attend the event. They held a “Know your Student Rights” forum with Nikki Barone, which provided students with an opportunity to learn about their rights while attending MHCC, and provide input on the Student Code of Conduct. They held a Hong Kong Protests Information Session on November 20 with Dr. Campbell and discussed the movement and global impact the protests are having. During the week before finals, they will be holding a free pancake feast, yoga de-stress event, and a dodgeball tournament for students to have the opportunity to unwind before finals. They will have a holiday photography event on December 2 from 5-7pm for community members, students, staff, and faculty to have their holiday picture taken and receive a free print.

c) Advisory Representatives

Cheryl Johnson (FTFA) – she thanked the board for their patience in listening to all the public testimony tonight. She shared it was important for people to have a voice and they appreciate the board listening. She expressed concerns that some board members have already made up their minds. Several board members disagreed with this sentiment and stated they would consider all information in the decision making process. Johnson wants to know how the proposed cuts will save our budget and does not feel it has been clearly communicated. She asked the board to present information on how they will make their decision. There was a brief discussion regarding the lobbying days.

Kim Sharer (CEA) – she shared that last year, Governor Kate Brown, and Secretary of State Dennis Richardson made a proclamation for the date of the Education Support Professionals Day Observance. Today is that day and she wanted to take a moment to thank the Classified Association members for all they do to support this institution. She also highlighted a few fun facts: 1) As of today, the 205 current classified employees have worked a total of 738,659 days for MHCC, or in other words, 2024 years; 2) 63% have worked at MHCC for 5 or more years, and 39% have worked here 10 or more years, not including those who have left and came back or began as part time employees; 3) 74% of CEA employees live in MHCC’s district. She shared one of the themes that was apparent in listening to our students speak tonight was our lack of marketing, branding, and a useful website. Our students have to work far too hard to find us and find what we have to offer. It is extremely important to get these fixed.

Marilyn Pitts (PTFA) – she appreciated everyone staying tonight to listen to people speak during public testimony. She shared a quote that “if we keep doing the same things we have been doing, we will get the same outcome.” She challenged everyone to try to keep that passion we heard tonight in mind and try to figure out some different ways to come up with solutions. We

cannot keep doing what we have been doing. She wants this to be a jumping off point and not let the energy we experienced tonight die.

## 5.2 President's Report

Dr. Skari shared that the holidays are approaching and she wanted to close the night with some gratitude. *The first, to all the individuals who provided public comment tonight – that takes courage, that takes a certain degree of passion, and it is our democracy at its' best, and so I thank all of them for coming forward tonight. To the students – for trusting us with your education and your dreams, we thank you. To the classified staff – you serve on the front lines, you are our first responders with students, and you keep things running – we thank you. To the faculty – you strive every day for educational excellence and academic success for every student – we thank you. To the management team – you walk a tight rope of financial realities while trying to move things forward – we thank you. To the board – in addition to your unwavering support of our students and our college, I have a special thank you. You gave me a gift of time that can never be replicated and I will never forget. My family and I are grateful for the support and I thank you. I thank you all and wish you a Happy Thanksgiving.*

## 6.0 ADJOURNMENT

Speer motioned to adjourn. Lewis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 p.m.

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Clerk

Board Chair

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