

Eastern Wyoming College Board of Trustees
September 19, 2014
Dolores Kaufman Boardroom

Special Board Meeting Minutes

The Eastern Wyoming College Board of Trustees met in a special session on September 19, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Dolores Kaufman Boardroom.

Those members attending were Angie Chavez, George Nash, Mike Varney, and Lowell Kautz. Mr. Patrick and Ms. Kilty participated by telephone. Also attending were Dr. Richard Patterson, interim president and David Evans, college attorney.

The special meeting was opened at 10:05 a.m. by Angie Chavez, acting president of the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Patterson was invited to ask questions of the Board. He stated he wished the Board to provide him with some clarity regarding his charge or direction. Mrs. Chavez stated Dr. Patterson had implemented the Board's directives and had met with everyone related to those directives. Dr. Patterson stated he had met with the Vet Tech faculty, staff, and students and everything seems calm right now. In addition, he has met with the USDA inspector. He noted he plans to continue meeting with the student groups in order to reassure them. In general, the Trustees indicated they wanted Dr. Patterson to get the veterinary technology program on the right course and gave Dr. Patterson full authority to go forward as he sees fit.

Mr. Evans stated the Board of Trustees could say, if asked, that Dr. Armstrong's leaving was related to the direction of the veterinary technology program and that none of the vice presidents' were selected for the interim because the Board wanted to bring in someone without any baggage and that could be objective.

Dr. Patterson stated that all of the vice presidents have been supportive, cooperative, and are committed to Eastern Wyoming College.

Mrs. Chavez asked the Trustees to let Holly know as soon as possible if they would be able to attend a meeting on October 6 at 2:00 p.m. with the Higher Learning Commission team and if they intended to attend the Wyoming Summit on Community Colleges October 8-9.

The Trustees reviewed budget information provided by Mr. Laher.

ACTION: Mr. Varney moved and Mr. Nash seconded the motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel at 10:35 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The special meeting was reconvened at 11:40 a.m.

ACTION: A motion was made by Mr. Nash to approve Dr. Patterson's contract as discussed in executive session; seconded by Mr. Kautz. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION: Mr. Kautz moved to approve the resignation of Trustee Gary Olson; second by Mr. Nash. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business the special meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Submitted by:

Holly L. Branham

Angie Chavez, Acting President

John B. Patrick, Secretary