

Eastern Wyoming College Board of Trustees
January 9, 2018
Dolores Kaufman Boardroom

Work Session Minutes

The Eastern Wyoming College Board of Trustees met in a work session on January 9, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in the Dolores Kaufman Boardroom.

Those members attending were John Patrick, Marilyn Fisher, Bob Baumgartner, Dr. Judith Bartmann, Angie Chavez, George Nash and Mike Varney. Jim Willox was unable to attend.

Goshen County Commissioner Wally Wolski and GCEDC Executive Director Ashley Harpstreith were on hand to discuss the ENDOW initiative. The ENDOW initiative hopes to help the state diversify the economy.

Mr. Wolski and Ms. Harpstreith shared there may be dollars available for the community colleges for use with workforce development programs and/or training. Executive Director Harpstreith suggested the College needs to hire a full-time workforce position. She further suggested the College needs to make relationships and design workforce course for business and industry.

Following the ENDOW discussion, Mr. Humphrey presented information on the Higher Learning Commission and the process for accreditation. Additionally, Heidi Edmunds currently serving as the interim associate vice president for Academic Services presented on the Persistence and Completion Academy.

At 5:00 p.m., the work session closed and the Board proceeded to dinner.

Board Meeting Minutes

The Eastern Wyoming College Board of Trustees met in regular session on January 9, 2018 at 5:45 p.m. in the Dolores Kaufman Boardroom.

Those members attending were John Patrick, Marilyn Fisher, Bob Baumgartner, Dr. Judith Bartmann, Angie Chavez, George Nash and Mike Varney. Mr. Willox was unable to attend.

The meeting was opened at 5:45 p.m. by Board President Patrick.

Mr. Meyer introduced new employees Dr. Shane Stone, EWC criminal justice instructor and Rebekah Wells, residence life coordinator.

The Citizens Open Forum was held without any comments.

ACTION: The agenda was considered by the Board. Mr. Varney moved to approve the agenda as amended; second by Ms. Chavez. Motion carried unanimously.

In addition to her written update, Dr. Travers added the students are back on campus, there are games this weekend, and she has begun meeting with people on ATEC.

ACTION: Ms. Chavez moved to approve the consent agenda, which included the minutes from the December 14, 2017 meeting and executive session, ratified the personal services contract with Dr. Darrell Wilkes, and ratified the retirement notification by Dr. Cogdill. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

ACTION: Mr. Wilkes presented the financial report. A motion was made by Mr. Baumgartner and seconded by Mr. Nash to approve the financial report, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: The Board was requested to approve the reappointment of Roger Humphrey for the next fiscal year. Mr. Varney moved to approve the reappointment of Vice President Roger Humphrey for fiscal year 2019; Ms. Chavez seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Updates were provided by Staff Alliance, Student Services, Academic Services, Faculty Senate, Human Resources, Institutional Development as well as an update on construction projects.

ACTION: Mr. Wilkes requested the Board approve four room and board scholarships for the golf team. Mr. Varney moved to approve; second by Ms. Fisher. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION: At 6:40 p.m., Mr. Varney moved and Ms. Chavez seconded the motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel. Motion passed unanimously.

The executive session was closed and the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Submitted by:

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