



Meeting Minutes

EASTERN WYOMING COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING November 12, 2019 Dolores Kaufman Boardroom MINUTES

The Eastern Wyoming College Board of Trustees met at 4:00pm, on November 12, 2019, in the Dolores Kaufman Boardroom.

Those members present were John Patrick, Randy Adams, Robert Baumgartner, Mike Varney, Judith Bartmann, and Tom John McCreery (Colby Ochsner was present at meeting @ 5:45pm)

WORK SESSION

During the work session, Ms. Donna White, Community Education and Workforce Development Associate Director and Dr. Heidi Edmunds, VP for Academic Services presented information on the Wyoming Works CDL Consortium.

Work session ended at 4:50pm, and the Board proceeded to dinner.

The Open meeting began at 5:45pm.

INTRODUCTIONS

EWC Golf Coach Zach Smith introducing the EWC Golf team and their accolades for a fantastic season this year. The team finished the fall season winning 5 out of 6 tournaments.

EWC Volleyball Coach Dante Geoffrey introduced the Volleyball team and updated the board on their tremendous season this year and awards made to individual team members. The Lady Lancers are 21-11 overall and 7-3 in the Region IX North division.

Student Senate President, Josh Andreasen presented an update on the happenings in Student Senate this past month, which included hosting a Fall Carnival, assisting with the Farmer Strong event helping set-up, working and tear down of the stage. Mr. Andreasen also spoke about the Cosmetology Club and EWC Volleyball Club hosting Pink Night at the volleyball game on October 22. The Housing Council and Student Senate hosted a Halloween Dance and Costume Contest, Student Senate, Cosmetology Club, Housing Council, Gear-Up and Table Top Gaming joined forces with Torrington and participated in the Trunk or Treat activity on Halloween.

Student Senate also formed committees to give input on the proposed Student Grievance Procedure, to look at necessary changes to our Student Senate Constitution and to begin planning for club participation in Can Made Creations in November.

PERSONNEL INTRODUCTIONS:

Dr. Travers and Mr. Tyler Vasko introduced new employee, Mr. Cody McGrew, Network Systems Administrator. Dr. Travers also introduced Ms. Carlee Russell, College and Career Readiness Instructor.

Dr. Travers also recognized the participants in the Goshen Community Theatre's recent production of Agatha Christie's, The Mousetrap, which included the following participants from EWC employees and EWC students: Mr. Aaron Bahmer, Mr. Bob Creagar, Maggie Hughes, Lexie MacKenzie, Laura "Silver" Jenkins, Angel Barajas, Rachel Cunningham and Admarie McGuire.

No comments were received in the open forum.

ACTION: Motion was made by Mr. Bob Baumgartner to approve the agenda as presented, and Mr. Mike Varney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Dr. Travers gave a summary from the Listening sessions that she has attended throughout Wyoming so far. Some of the key points in the sessions were as follows:

1. Tours for high school teachers of the EWC campus to bring forward the information they need and are unaware of.
2. Some attendees felt that the Math and English prerequisites were too stringent and need to be examined more closely.
3. Work with schools around Goshen County and the outreach areas to coordinate the bell schedules so classes could be taken by zoom together; three hundred students verses only thirty. This would be a great avenue to explore and instigate with the high schools.
4. More classes in the trades area to get certificates. Information was shared about the instigation of BS degree programs at community colleges.
5. Give the Goshen County students first option to enroll and register first before it is open to the public.
6. An educational traveling trailer to go from school to school and conduct a class like woods, culinary, etc. The expense would be shared by multiple schools and provide more opportunities for kids to enroll in vocational trade classes.

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION: Mr. Varney made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Mr. McCreery seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The consent agenda included:

Minutes from the October 8, 2019, Board Meeting, the resignation of Ms. Kelly Joppa from the position of College and Career Readiness Instructor, and the resignation of Ms. Crystal Smith from the position of Human Resource Director

ACTION ITEMS:

ACTION: VP Wilkes presented the financial report. Dr. Bartmann made a motion to approve the financial report. Mr. Varney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Mr. McCreery made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Jim Willox to the EWC Board of Trustees as the Converse County Advisory Member to a term ending December 1, 2020. Mr. Ochsner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Mr. Varney made a motion to approve the appointment of Ms. Carlee Russell to the College and Career Readiness Instructor. Mr. Baumgartner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Brandon Wilson to Math Instructor. Mr. Wilson will start in the Spring 2020. Dr. Bartmann seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

Updates were provided by Douglas Campus, Institutional Development College Relations, Construction Projects and Major Maintenance Update, Student Services, Academic Services, Dean of Faculty/Student Services, and Human Resources

TRUSTEE TOPICS:

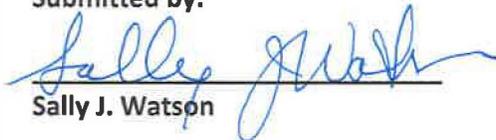
Dr. Bartmann informed the Board about the WACCT information and the direction that WACCT awards will be taking place. This year, WAACT will finish the award process as it has been done in the past with nominating staff, professional staff, Board members, etc. Next year however, the committee will be focusing on students and their achievements.

She also informed the board of the upcoming legislative topics that will be presented, such as the health insurance impact on employees and employee compensation. She wanted the board to think about what is vital and important to EWC and Goshen County and bring their ideas to the table to assist Erin Tayler and the legislature for the upcoming session.

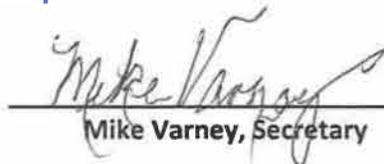
ACTION: At 6:55pm, Mr. Baumgartner made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Mr. Adams seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:


Sally J. Watson


John B. Patrick, Chairman


Mike Varney, Secretary