

Board of Trustees
Special Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2021

Members present: Kurt Sitter, Randy Adams, Bob Baumgartner, Judith Bartmann, and Tom John McCreery. (Mike Varney and John Patrick absent). Guest: Erin Taylor

Ms. Taylor discussed the Legislative process and explained the need to spotlight Wyoming Community Colleges to legislators.

Erin stated that a statewide mil levy is an option or statewide sales tax to increase funding for community colleges. March 1st is the deadline for bills and if the Board agrees to the Resolution, it must be submitted by March 1st. Erin expressed the need to contact legislators and visit with them about EWC and the need for sustainable funding throughout the community colleges.

ACTION: Trustee Adams moved to approve the signing and submission of the Resolution as is. Trustee Bartmann seconded the motion. Four were in agreement. Trustee Sittner was not in favor of approving the Resolution as is. Motion passed, 4 to 1.

Comment: Trustee Sittner stated that it seems like a better recommendation to put a dollar amount on what we want to be approved instead of leaving it open-ended. Dr. Travers stated that last year, the community colleges requested \$30 M and it was not approved. This year the community colleges are attempting to try the Resolution for sustainable funding in hopes that the Legislature will agree to that.

Trustee Sittner stated that he has no objection to signing the Resolution, but hopes in the future he will have a better understanding of how the legislature works.

Meeting adjourned at 2:28 pm

Robert Baumgartner, Chair

Randy Adams, Secretary

Sally Watson, Executive Assistant