



Eastern Wyoming College

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES

November 8, 2022, 5:45 pm - Dolores Kaufman Board Room

The open meeting began at 5:45pm.

Members present: Bob Baumgartner, Randy Adams, John Patrick, Kurt Sittner, Judith Bartmann, and Tom John McCreery. (Jim Willox absent)

Others present: Jeff Hawes and Tim Bush, attorney

I. **Chairman Baumgartner called the meeting to order.**

II. **Introductions**

- A. Ms. Cindy Sheeley from the Torrington Telegram was introduced.
- B. Mr. Whit Peterson introduced the EWC Rodeo Team. Mr. Peterson also presented information regarding the upcoming Black Jeans and Gold Buckle Gala event to raise money for the rodeo team. It will be held November 18, 2022, at the Rendezvous Center.
- C. Chairman Baumgartner thanked Trustees Judith Bartmann, John Patrick, and Tom John McCreery for their years of service and dedication to the College.

III. **Public Comment**

No comments.

IV. **Student reports or presentations**

Student Senate Report: Ms. Michaela Keller, President of Student Senate, presented an update on the Senate activities including the Halloween Ellis Harvest Home fun day with 143 students attending, and the Trunk or Treat day. Upcoming events are movie night, grocery store food drive, and the Evening of Elegance. The Student Senate approved three new clubs; Veterans, Gaming and Vet Tech.

Dr. Hawes joined the last meeting, wherein they discussed intermural sports and better communication. Positive things the students feel about the College were the affordability, good teacher to student ratio, caring staff, clean atmosphere, and helpful financial aid.

Areas that need upgraded were improving the social media platforms like Tiktok and Snapchat. Needed improvement of the meal plan, menu options, and study lounge areas around campus, both indoor and outdoor with weekend availability. In addition, suggestions were made for the renovation of Eastern Hall and the expansion of Wi-Fi improvement around campus.

Veterans Report: Mr. Beau Murphy presented information about the Veteran's Club. He is trying to identify a space on campus to assist Veterans with mental health, classes and navigating through the VA System for education.

Barbering Report: Mr. Trace White, Vice President for the Barbering Club, presented information regarding an upcoming Premier Orlando conference. To raise funds for the event, they are selling enchiladas and working with the Foundation to fund the trip.

V. Approved Agenda

ACTION: Trustee Adams moved to approve the November 8, 2022, Agenda. Trustee Patrick seconded the motion. Motion passed.

VI. President's Report

Dr. Hawes presented information about the strategic plan process. A revised and modified version will be brought back to the Board for review. A Board Retreat will be conducted to review the Strategic Plan for 2020-2025. The current plan needs to be aligned to our mission.

Dr. Hawes advised the Board to examine the plan and be ready at the next meeting to discuss it in depth. Dr. Hawes will also be presenting a future process for 2026-2030. A PowerPoint presentation was presented with information regarding the mission statement, SWOT analysis.

VII. Approved Consent Agenda

ACTION: Trustee Patrick moved to approve Consent Agenda, which included the minutes from the October 11, 2022, meeting. Trustee Bartmann seconded the motion. Motion passed.

VIII. Consideration of Unfinished Business

ACTION: Trustee McCreery moved to approve the contract for Goshen County School District #1 to lease the old Cosmetology building for the FY23. Trustee Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Comment: This contract will be renegotiated in the next term. It is renewed annual with a one year commitment. The building is being used for education programs for gifted students and also students that my struggle in regular classrooms. These classes will provide an environment for advanced opportunities for students.

IX. Consideration of New Business

Mr. Wilkes presented the November 2022 Financial report.

ACTION: Trustee McCreery moved to approve the November, 2022 Financial Report. Trustee Patrick seconded the motion. Motion passed

CTEC Waterline: Mr. Keith Jarvis presented information on the water line break on the north side of the CTEC building. The building will be back up and running on Thursday morning.

ACTION: Trustee Bartmann moved to approve the MOU with the Torrington Police Department Trustee Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed.

ACTION: Trustee Sittner moved to approve the MOU with the University of Wyoming. Trustee McCreery seconded the motion. Motion passed.

ACTION: Trustee Patrick moved to approve a board management platform, not to exceed \$15,000 that the College administration will select. Trustee Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed.

ACTION: Trustee McCreery moved to approve an internet service provider to create redundancy, not to exceed \$20,000. Trustee Patrick seconded the motion. Motion passed.

ACTION: Trustee Bartmann moved to approve broadband internet for the student dorms, not to exceed \$60,000. Trustee McCreery seconded the motion. Motion passed.

ACTION: Trustee Patrick moved to approve the expansion of the IT infrastructure by replacing switches associated with the EWC network, not to exceed \$15,000. Trustee Bartmann seconded the motion. Motion passed.

ACTION: Trustee Bartmann moved to approve the maintenance for the existing network, not to exceed \$45,000, with a starting date of December 1, 2022, through February 28, 2023. Trustee Patrick seconded the motion. Motion passed.

X. Trustee Topics

Trustee Patrick, Trustee Bartmann, and Trustee McCreery thanked the Board for their many years of service. Trustee Bartmann stated she enjoyed working with WACCT.


XI. Adjournment

ACTION: Trustee Patrick moved to adjourn into Executive Session to consider personnel matters pursuant to W.S. 16-4-405 (a) (ii), and consider legal advice pursuant to W.S. 16-4-405 (a) (ix). Trustee Bartmann seconded the motion. Motion passed.

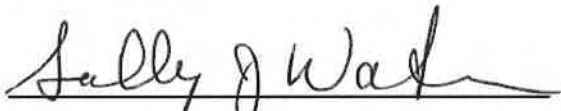
The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:51pm. No action will take place after Executive session.



Bob Baumgartner, Board Chair



Randy Adams, Secretary



Sally Watson, Executive Assistant