

**Waukesha County Technical College
District Board Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2024 - 5:00 PM
Richard T. Anderson Education Center, C051/057**

Present:

Courtney Bauer, Board Chairperson
Brian Baumgartner, Secretary/Treasurer
Ryan Clark, Board Member
Thomas Michalski, Board Member (virtual)
Stephanie Reisner, Board Member
Jamie Stahulak, Board Member (virtual)

Absent

Joe Garza, Board Vice Chairperson
Jim Zaiser, Board Member

Also Present:

Richard Barnhouse

31 Guests

I. Call to Order – Courtney Bauer 5:00 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Public/Staff Remarks*

A. None

III. Delegates to be Heard

A. Student Government Association – Gabby Karaban

- Ms. Karaban reported that SGA recently held a mini-retreat and enjoyed their winter break. SGA has had executive Board changes including Vice President, Jaden Singsime; Event Planner, Tessa Kozlowski; and Secretary, Jake Esser. Some great events are planned for this spring including Valentine’s Day Donut Stress and the Diversity Beauty Showcase from 5 to 7 pm on March 1.

IV. President’s Report – Dr. Richard G. Barnhouse

- Dr. Barnhouse welcomed everyone to the February WCTC District Board meeting.
- He is seeing a focus and momentum shift towards the College secondary the great work our faculty and staff are doing. Other College Presidents and Chancellors are talking about WCTC. Thank you to everyone.
- WCTC signed a major transfer agreement with UWM. This agreement guarantees that all 60 credits students have taken will transfer.
- There has been a great deal of discussion about automation and the importance of businesses thinking about this as population decline continues with a predicted double dip in the 2030’s. Businesses are finding they can get financing for a machine, but not the installation and training of employees. Dr. Barnhouse recently met with the Senior VP of Associated Bank to try and build a pathway for small businesses to get automated. Associated Bank is developing a whole new portfolio for these options.
- Dr. Barnhouse recently met with the CEO of the WMEP (WI Manufacturing Extension Partnership) and provided a tour of the Pewaukee campus. WMEP shared how impressed they are with what we have to offer as the College continues to try and figure out how to get key partners together to get automated and drive the economy in Wisconsin.
- He spoke at the BizTimes 23rd Annual Economic Trends on automation, AI and the decline in population. Other panelists included Michael Knetter, President UW-Foundation and former senior staff economist for Presidents’ George H.W. Bush and

Bill Clinton and Aaron Jagdfeld, President & CEO, Generac. It was a great event and attendees were able to gather multiple perspectives.

- The College is doing a great deal behind the scenes in automation and is currently working on both a certificate and associate degree, similar to AI. The College has a responsibility to help businesses understand automation and believe the communities and businesses that automate will thrive.
- Dr. Barnhouse and Mike Shiels, Dean-Applied Technologies met with Joel Quadracci to discuss the repurposing of the Q-Building. The Q-Building will undergo renovations and become the WCTC Applied AI Lab.
- He attended the State of Waukesha County last week. Two or three times WCTC was highlighted for work being done in AI and other areas. It is extremely encouraging to hear positive things about the College.
- Dr. Barnhouse discussed future things happening on campus including a real performance space. He recently met with the CEO of the Performing Arts Fund to get perspective on what is happening in theaters throughout the state and Milwaukee. As the College looks to expand these ideas, we want to be a focal point for our community and southeast Wisconsin.
- At tonight's meeting, action items and presentations will be done a bit differently. Moving forward, we will be providing as much information up front with area experts, the Director of Facilities and the Chief Financial Officer. We want our Board members to have a good sense of what is being voted on and feel comfortable moving forward.
- Dr. Barnhouse met with Mark Mone, Chancellor of UWM to continue conversations on our relationship moving forward and the role we play in the region for higher education. As we move along, will share more with the Board.
- Recently had lunch with Amanda Payne, WCBA to discuss support of the College and how we can help support the WCBA.
- Attended a Greater Milwaukee Committee meeting. Discussions were focused on problems in higher education and how folks are struggling to meet the needs of institutions. Following conversations, Dr. Barnhouse realized that the College is in a great position secondary to all our hard work.

V. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

- A. Minutes dated January 9, 2024 (Regular Board Meeting)
 - B. Accounts Payable Summary January 2024
 - C. 38.14 Contract Report January 2024
 - D. Board Monitoring Data: 2023/2024 Second Quarter Financial Summary
- Mr. Ryan Clark motioned to approve the Consent Agenda Items, receiving a second from Mr. Brian Baumgartner. Approved; carried unanimously.

VI. Action Items

A. Request to Approve Submittal of a Program Implementation for a New 50-522-1 Teacher Apprenticeship Program to the Wisconsin Technical College System – Greg West, Dena Constantineau, David Schubot

- Ms. Constantineau shared that there is a significant teacher shortage across the State of Wisconsin. In response, the Department of Public Instruction and Department of Workforce Development, have rolled out the implementation of the Teacher Apprenticeship Program. This offering will provide a cost-effective avenue for workers within the WCTC district and the region. Dr. West then reviewed the program focus and employment potential and recommended approval of the resolution.

Mr. Baumgartner motioned to approve the Submittal of a Program Implementation for a New 50-522-1 Teacher Apprenticeship Program to the Wisconsin Technical College System, receiving a second from Mr. Clark. **Approved; carried unanimously.**

B. Approval of 5830AA Remodel Shop Areas I-Building w/Classrooms – Mike Shiels, Rich Haen, Kristine Golz

- Mr. Shiels discussed the project needs including space reconfiguration and classroom updates. Mr. Haen highlighted the floor plans for the proposed changes. Ms. Golz then reviewed the budget for the project and recommended approval of the remodel. Ms. Stephanie Reisner motioned to approve 5830AA Remodel Shop Areas I-Building w/Classrooms, receiving a second from Mr. Thomas Michalski. **Approved; carried unanimously.**

C. Approval of 5830AH Q-Building AI Innovation Lab Project – Laura Krohn, Rich Haen, Kristine Golz

- Ms. Krohn shared that this would be the first lab of its kind in Wisconsin and across the region. The project will create a space for business and entrepreneurs to access AI subject matter expertise and receive professional and student assistance with implementing or developing AI solutions. Mr. Haen reviewed the floor plan and overall proposed renovations. Ms. Golz then reviewed the overall budget and recommended approval of the project.

Mr. Michalski motioned to approve 5830AH Q-Building AI Innovation Lab Project, receiving a second from Mr. Baumgartner. **Approved; carried unanimously.**

D. Approval of FY24 Budget Amendment – Kristine Golz

- Ms. Golz reviewed the FY24 budget amendment request. She then recommended approval.

Mr. Clark motioned to approve FY24 Budget Amendment, receiving a second from Mr. Michalski. **Approved; carried unanimously.**

VII. Presentation/Discussion

A. Waukesha Campus Renovation – Michele Nelson, Greg West, Rich Haen, Kristine Golz

- The proposed renovations to the Waukesha Campus were presented including spaces for the CNA and HR programs as well as other areas along with a project timeline.

B. Esports – Jonathan Pedraza, Ian Sheeley

- Mr. Pedraza and Mr. Sheeley presented on the Esports program.

IV. Mr. Brian Baumgartner motioned to convene into Closed Session pursuant to Section §19.85(1)(b), (c) and (e) Wisconsin State Statutes at 6:20 pm:

- Mr. Clark seconded the motion
- **Unanimous roll call vote**
- Discussion was held regarding Consideration of Non-Renewal
- Discussion was held regarding Building Contract
- Mr. Baumgartner motioned to reconvene in open session, receiving a second from Mr. Jamie Stahulak.
- **Unanimous roll call vote**
- The open meeting reconvened at 7:19 pm.

VIII. Adjournment – Courtney Bauer

- Mr. Baumgartner motioned to adjourn the meeting, receiving a second from Ms. Reisner. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by
Kristan Gochenauer
Assistant to the Board

Signed:



Brian Baumgartner, Board Secretary/Treasurer