

**Waukesha County Technical College
District Board Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2023 - 5:00 PM
Richard T. Anderson Education Center, C051/057**

Present:

Courtney Bauer, Board Chairperson
Joe Garza, Board Vice Chairperson
Brian Baumgartner, Secretary/Treasurer
Ryan Clark, Board Member
Thomas Michalski, Board Member (virtual)
Stephanie Reisner, Board Member
Jamie Stahulak, Board Member
Lois Vasquez, Board Member
Jim Zaiser, Board Member

Absent

Also Present:

Richard Barnhouse

23 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 shared that SGA will be holding their Thankful Luncheon on November 15. Last year the event was quite popular and they are excited to be holding it again. SGA is enjoying their new space and are finding it to be a popular spot for students to gather in between classes. She shared that SGA's community service project this year is the WCTC Angel Tree. They are currently accepting applications from students on campus who have children under the age of 18 who need some financial assistance.

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

- Dr. Barnhouse welcomed everyone to the November WCTC District Board meeting.
- Board member Lois Vasquez shared that she is resigning from the Board, effective December 6, 2023. She noted that she has truly enjoyed being a part of the WCTC District Board. Ms. Vasquez will be missed, and we wish her the very best.
- Dr. Barnhouse recognized Board member Tom Michalski for receiving the Legislative Leadership Award from the District Board Association.
- Prior to today's meeting the WCTC District Board toured the Esports Lab. It was great to see the students in action with over 150 participating at various levels.
- WCTC held the 100th Anniversary Gala on November 9. Dr. Barnhouse thanked Andy Palen and his team along with facilities and IT for all of their hard work. The gala was the last of the 100th anniversary events and feedback has been outstanding.
- Mr. Michalski recently invited Dr. Barnhouse to speak at the Speakers Taskforce on AI in Green Bay. Dr. Barnhouse reported that it was interesting to listen to others about AI and he walked away feeling that WCTC is definitely boots on the ground and moving forward.
- As of last week, WCTC received approval of the AI associate degree. Not only is WCTC moving ahead with offering the degree, but the college is investigating using

AI internally with the Administrative Assistants group. A small, core administrative team has been put together to figure out how the campus can use AI operationally.

- The campus continues to discuss an AI Incubator Hub. The project will be overseen by Laura Krohn, Executive Director of the Corporate Training Center. Expect more to come.
- Dr. Barnhouse recently meet with Milwaukee Tool to discuss AI and machine learning programs.
- The campus is working with Habitat of Humanity-Waukesha, promoting future developments in Jefferson County. This type of expansion benefits our workforce and employers.
- Dr. Barnhouse recently met with the CEO of WMEP, Husco President and WCBA to discuss how we can help small and medium-sized businesses get automated. More to come on this.
- WCTC recently hosted the WCBA's Manufacturing Voices in the AJN.
- Dr. Barnhouse thanked Board member Jamie Stahulak for his work on power generation and what it will take to get generators on campus.
- Dr. Barnhouse met with the WCTC Foundation Advisory Council during their first meeting on campus.

IV. WCTC Foundation Update – Brian Baumgartner

- The Foundation Board met on October 17, 2023. The Board reviewed the annual Foundation audit report, provided by CLA, noting no material weakness or significant deficiencies. An update was provided on the Foundation's investments with Johnson Financial Group. The next Foundation Board meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2024.

V. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

- A. Minutes dated October 10, 2023 (Regular Board Meetings)
- B. Accounts Payable Summary for October 2023
- C. 38.14 Contract Report for October 2023
- D. Approval of International Travel
- E. Boards End Monitoring: 2022/23 Fourth Quarter Financials

Mr. Joe Garza motioned to approve the Consent Agenda Items, receiving a second from Mr. Ryan Clark. Approved; carried unanimously.

VI. Action Items

A. 5830AA Remodel Shop Areas I-Building w/Classrooms – Rich Haen

- Mr. Haen discussed the renovation of I-131, I-135, I-137 and I-141, creating the Gene Haas CNC Training Center to provide an instructional space and lab equipment for cutting edge CNC Machining Training. He then recommended approval of the renovations.

Mr. Jim Zaiser motioned to approve the 5830AA Remodel Shop Areas I-Building w/Classrooms request, receiving a second from Mr. Brian Baumgartner. Approved; carried unanimously.

B. 5830AC Renovate Four (4) Restrooms – RTA and C-1 Corridor – Rich Haen

- Mr. Haen discussed the request to renovate both restrooms near the RTA Center and the restrooms in the C-1 corridor. He then recommended approval of the renovations.

Mr. Garza motioned to approve the 5830AC Renovate Four (4) Restrooms – RTA and C-1 Corridor request, receiving a second from Mr. Clark. Approved; carried unanimously.

VII. Adjournment – Courtney Bauer

- Mr. Baumgartner motioned to adjourn the meeting, receiving a second from Mr. Garza. Meeting was adjourned at 5:47 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by
Kristan Gochenauer
Assistant to the Board

Signed: 
Brian Baumgartner, Board Secretary/Treasurer