

Waukesha County Technical College
District Board Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2024 - 5:00 PM
Richard T. Anderson Education Center, C051/057

Present:

Brian Baumgartner, Chairperson
Courtney Bauer, Vice Chairperson
Ryan Clark, Secretary/Treasurer
Rob Ewing, Board Member
Thomas Michalski, Board Member
Jim Zaiser, Board Member

Absent

Michael Cady, Board Member
Jamie Stahulak, Board Member
Stephanie Reisner, Board Member

Also Present:

Richard Barnhouse

14 guests

REGULAR MEETING

I. Call to Order – Brian Baumgartner 5:00 pm

II. Public/Staff Remarks*

A. None

III. Delegates to be Heard

A. Student Government Association – Pierson Barnes

- Mr. Barnes showcased the new Board Report layout for SGA as seen in the Board Packet.
- Let's Taco 'Bout cars event had about 65 participants. Trophies were given in each category.
- SGA changed the Microevents to Meet and Greets instead. This gives students a chance to meet with their SGA representative.
- The next SGA event is Energy Hour happening tonight. SGA is handing out energy drinks to students as this is finals week.
- Halloween Spirit Week is coming up 10/21/24 – 10/25/24 including Halloween movie night and opportunity to wear a costume.

B. WCTC Foundation Board Report – Andy Palen for Robyn Ludtke and Jamie Stahulak

- The Foundation welcomes new employee Haley Weickardt, as the Foundation Support Assistant.
- Kickoff of the Applied AI Lab Capital Campaign, including the official announcement of the Quadracci Family's leading gift of \$1 million.
- Foundation Dinner on September 16 brought together Board members, Legacy Council members, and PEC members to celebrate the Foundation
- Awarded the inaugural Phillips Leadership Award to Thomas Dalum.
- Generac awards WCTC with funds to support EMS training on campus. Celebrating with ribbon cutting on November 7, 2024.
- Eaton partnered with WCTC Mental Health Counseling Services for the Suicide Prevention Walk on September 4, 2024.

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

- A. Dr. Barnhouse welcomed everyone to the October WCTC District Board meeting.
- B. Dr. Barnhouse shared that this is the last week of Fall term 1.

- C. Last night October 7 was a Chef Spotlight Series in the Classic Room from Bartolotta Restaurants. 3 of the 4 featured chefs were former students.
- D. UWM Center on campus is moving forward.
- E. WCTC is working with the Milwaukee Tech Hub and Milwaukee School of Engineering to write a grant to get additional AI faculty. Getting AI faculty is expensive and difficult due to shortage of qualified faculty and competition with private sector.
- F. Dr. Barnhouse is leading initiative to create WTCS system wide legislative training. The goal is to educate executive teams from each of the 16 technical colleges on budget process and working with legislators.
- G. Dr. Barnhouse attended a meeting of the Chancellors and Presidents of MSOE, Medical College of Wisconsin, Marquette University, and UW-Milwaukee. Topics included AI, Automation, and Cybersecurity. The group discussed what these colleges can accomplish together to positively impact our region.
- H. Dr. Barnhouse enjoyed the Foundation Dinner on September 16 that brought together Board members, Legacy Council members, and PEC members to celebrate the Foundation. He is looking forward to watching this continue and grow.
- I. Dr. Barnhouse and Mike Shiels toured Sussex IM and experienced the automation of their systems. This aligns with automation, AI and Robotics at WCTC.
- J. Dr. Barnhouse attended the IBAW Manufacturing Summit on September 20. Conversation on the need for staff who are skilled and educated in specific manufacturing areas.
- K. Dr. Barnhouse attended the BizTimes Manufacturing Summit on September 30. WCTC taught a breakout sessions on AI in Manufacturing.
- L. As a member of the Leadership Advisory Council of La Casa de Esperanza, Dr. Barnhouse attended a meeting on October 3.

V. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

- A. Minutes dated September 10, 2024
- B. Accounts Payable Summary September 2024
- C. 38.14 Contract Report September 2024
- D. Annual Security Report and Biennial Review
- E. Resolution of Technical College Annual Board Officials Subject to State Code of Ethics
- F. 2023/24 Vendor Volume Report
- G. International Travel Report

Mr. Michalski motioned to approve the Consent Agenda Items, receiving a second from Ms. Bauer. Approved, carried unanimously.

VI. Action Items

- A. Resolution to Approve 2024/2025 Tax Levy – Kristine Golz
 - Ms. Golz shared that WCTC has received the equalized valuation information from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue and discussed how this affects the mill rate.
 - The mill rate increased 2.7% from 2023/24. The taxpayer will pay \$2.17 more on a \$325,000 home in 2024/25 compared to 2023/24.

Mr. Michalski motioned to approve and adopt the FY25 tax levy, receiving a second from Mr. Ewing. Approved, carried unanimously.

B. Resolution to Modify the 2024/2025 Budget – Kristine Golz

- Ms. Golz discussed the need to modify the 2024/2025 budget due to modification of tax levy and expenditures, modification of capital tax levy and expenditures, and modification of personal property tax relief aid. She then recommended approval of the resolution to approve the budget modifications.

Mr. Ewing motioned to approve the budget modification, receiving a second from Mr. Clark.
Approved, carried unanimously.

C. Petition to Approve Petition and Submission to Detach Property from the City of Pewaukee to the Village of Pewaukee – Jane Kittel

- Dr. Kittel discussed detachment of .962 acres on the north end of campus to facilitate the long-term ground lease and construction of the YMCA facility on the Pewaukee Campus. She then recommended approval of the petition and submission.

Mr. Clark motioned to approve the Petition and Submission to the City of Pewaukee and the Village of Pewaukee for review and approval, receiving a second from Mr. Michalski. **Approved, carried unanimously.**

D. Presentation and Approval of C Building Hub Stage Remodel by SGA – Rich Haen

- Mr. Haen discussed the renovation of the Hub Stage Area in the C building by the Student Government Association to create a space for student to gather, socialize, and engage.
- Mr. Haen discussed that this project will need to be amended to WCTC's Five Year Capital plan for the 2024-25 budget. He then recommended approval of the resolution and submission to the WTCS System Board for review and approval.

Mr. Zaiser motioned to approve the resolution and submission to the Wisconsin Technical College System Board for review and approval and amend the Five Year Plan, receiving a second from Ms. Bauer. **Approved, carried unanimously.**


VII. Mr. Clark motioned to convene into Closed Session pursuant to Sec. 19.85 (1)(c) Wisconsin State Statutes at 5:36 pm:

- Ms. Bauer seconded the motion
- **Unanimous roll call vote**
- Discussion was held regarding Employee Compensation.
- Mr. Baumgartner motioned to reconvene in open session, receiving a second from Mr. Michalski.
- **Unanimous roll call vote**
- The open meeting reconvened at 6:01pm.
- Mr. Clark motioned to approve Employee Compensation as presented, receiving a second from Ms. Bauer. **Roll call vote was taken. Approved; carried unanimously.**

VIII. Adjournment – Brian Baumgartner

- A.** Mr. Michalski motioned to adjourn the meeting, receiving a second from Mr. Ewing. Meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by
Jennifer Hagen
Sr. Executive Assistant to the Board

Signed: 

Ryan Clark, Board Secretary/Treasurer