

**Waukesha County Technical College
District Board Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2025 - 5:00 PM
Richard T. Anderson Education Center, C051/C057**

Present:

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

Absent

Stephanie Reisner, Board Member
Jamie Stahulak, Board Member

Also Present:

Richard Barnhouse

20 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

- SGA participated in the Blessings in a Backpack event at WCTC on January 9 and helped to pack thousands of bags for meals for children in need.
- SGA will attend the Wisconsin Student Government Legislative Seminar in Madison next week. This event offers students a chance to network with other students and meet with elected representatives at the state capitol.
- SGA hosted a Mini Welcome Week to start the spring semester at the Pewaukee and Waukesha campuses.
- SGA hosted Taste of WCTC resource fair for students on February 5.
- SGA will host a Valentines Crafting event this week at the Pewaukee and Waukesha campuses.
- SGA is hosting a Blood Drive at WCTC on February 24.
- SGA will host a table at WCTC Open House on February 27.

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

- A. Dr. Barnhouse welcomed everyone to the February WCTC District Board meeting.
- B. Dr. Barnhouse thanked Mr. Barnes for his report. Dr. Barnhouse and Mr. Barnes met recently to discuss issues and updates with SGA.
- C. Dr. Barnhouse attended WCBA State of Waukesha County event several weeks ago. Dr. Barnhouse was able to present about happenings at the college and co-hosted Fireside Chat.
- D. Dr. Barnhouse discussed federal executive orders coming from the new Administration. Dr. Barnhouse reiterated WCTC will follow all laws.
- E. Dr. Barnhouse recently met with CEO of RAIC Labs in Delafield. There are plans to partner with them in the future in the applied AI Lab and curriculum.

- F. On January 16 Ms. Bauer, Mr. Baumgartner, Mr. Palen and Dr. Barnhouse attended the District Boards Association Legislative Seminar in Madison and met with legislators regarding the work of the college.
- G. WCTC has hired Dr. Phyllis King, formerly of UW-Milwaukee, as the Chief Strategist for AI Advancement.
- H. The first of 12 supercomputers have arrived in the AI Lab today, using Nvidia chips.
- I. Dr. Barnhouse recently presented to the MMAC Board.
- J. Dr. Barnhouse was interviewed by BizTimes regarding the future of high education.
- K. Dr. Barnhouse discussed the WTCS President Association new approach to discussion with WTCS Board regarding annual tuition increase.

V. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

- A. Minutes dated January 14, 2025
- B. Accounts Payable Summaries January 2025
- C. 38.14 Contract Report January 2025
- D. WCTC Foundation Memorandum of Understanding
- E. Boards End Monitoring: 2024/25 First Quarter Financial

Mr. Zaiser motioned to approve the Consent Agenda Items, receiving a second from Mr. Clark. Approved, carried unanimously.

VI. Action Items

- A. Resolution Awarding the Sale of \$2,600,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025A – Jane Kittel
 - Dr. Kittel requested the award of the sale for this fiscal year for building remodeling project and equipment.
 - Remodeling includes Waukesha Campus spaces and Pewaukee Campus C building restrooms.
 - Equipment includes movable capital equipment in academics and operations.
 - Jordan Masnica from Robert W Baird reported that there were 11 bids for the sale this morning with a winning interest rate with 2.88% from TD Securities.

Mr. Ewing motioned to approve the sale for the issuance of \$2,600,00 general obligation promissory notes, receiving a second from Mr. Zaiser. Approved, carried unanimously.

- B. Contribution Recognition – Executive Limitation 3.15 – Jane Kittel and Robyn Ludtke
 - Dr. Kittel and Ms. Ludtke requested the approval of Board Policy Contribution Recognition – Executive Limitation 3.15
 - The revised policy outlines the Board’s limitations or directions to the College President related to facility name rights related to donations.

Ms. Bauer motioned to approve the revised Executive Limitation 3.15 – Contribution Recognition, receiving a second from Mr. Clark. Approved, carried unanimously.

C. Presentation and Approval of S Building AJN Lobby Renovation

- Rich Haen discussed plans to renovate 6,200 square feet of underutilized space in the S building, including the lobby, kitchen, conference room, and storage room.

- The heightened demand for utilization of the AJN for internal and external events shows the necessity for support spaces to enhance the functionality of the conference center.
- Ms. Golz reported this will be funded with the reallocation of unused funds.

Mr. Ryan motioned to approve the attached resolution and submission to the Wisconsin Technical System Board for review and approval, receiving a second from Mr. Ewing. **Approved, carried unanimously.**

VII. Presentation/Discussion


A. Esports Update – Ian Sheeley

- WCTC Esports teams recently won championships and have become D1 State Collegiate Champions.
- The team plans to next compete in the national circuit to compete for national championships.

VIII. Adjournment – Brian Baumgartner

- A. Dr. Cady motioned to adjourn the meeting, receiving a second from Mr. Ewing. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.**

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

Signed: 

Ryan Clark, Board Secretary/Treasurer