

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
March 28, 2022

Call to Order: Vice-Chair Duncan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and the following members answered roll call:

Bob Thompson (<i>remotely</i>)	Margaret Tyne
Lisa Wiersema	Kate Boyle
Sam Ramirez	

Excused: Danelle Burrs, Student Trustee Caitlin Cheatham

SVCC Staff: President, Dr. David Hellmich
Vice President of Business Services, Kent Sorenson
Human Resources Director, Kathryn Snow
Director of Facilities, Rich Groleau
Director of Research and Planning, Joe Strabala-Bright
Board Assistant, Peggy Eshleman
Director of Software and User Services, Kathy Dirks
Director of the SVC Foundation, Chris Pilling

Guests: Danny Langloss, Dixon City Manager
Andy Shaw, Administrator Lee-Ogle Enterprise Zone
Tom Houck, Vice President, Willett Hoffman Associates
Chris Silewski, Landscape Architect, Ayres Associates (*remotely*)

Consent Agenda: It was moved by Member Boyle and seconded by Member Wiersema that the Board approve the consent agenda. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

President's Report: Dr. Hellmich informed the Board of the College commencement on May 13, 2022. He introduced Kent Sorenson who gave a brief overview of the TIF (Tax Increment Financing) districts in the state, mentioning that TIFs are very important community and economic development tools that help improve Sauk localities. Dr. Hellmich introduced Danny Langloss, who gave information as to Dixon's Industrial Park and Fargo Creek TIF District, saying this industrial park will add much needed acreage to the existing TIFs. A TIF must be located within city limits; it is a means by which cities, towns, and villages may achieve a level of community and economic development far beyond current expectations. The taxing body freezes the property taxes currently being received and those monies are put in a TIF fund that is used only for properties in that particular TIF for very specific uses. Danny concluded his presentation and answered questions from Board members.

Dr. Hellmich introduced Andy Shaw, who spoke about the Lee-Ogle Enterprise Zone, explaining the different tiers of property tax abatements, stemming from a new project in Rochelle that asked for an additional ten years of abatement. Andy explained the amended resolution and the new tiers created therein, stating that the Dixon area would like to be comparable to the Rochelle area to be ready for development if it is presented. He answered questions from Board members.

Dr. Hellmich introduced Tom Houck and Chris Silewski, who presented their plan for the West Mall Plaza. Tom noted they are nearing the end of the preliminary design phase. Chris talked about the goals for the West Mall project of providing different seating options for students and visitors, study hubs and an outdoor classroom, an elevated deck or impromptu stage for speaking, and a river overlook. Lisa Wiersema wondered if it would be advantageous to make the elevated deck larger to accommodate more events. Margaret Tyne asked if any existing limestone from the old farmhouse could be reused; both Chris and Rich Groleau responded that limestone is soft material making it difficult to reuse. Bob Thompson commented that the outdoor classroom is inspiring and he hopes this element of the project will be kept when deciding on the final design. Tom Houck explained the location and design of the proposed coffee bar on the first floor just west of the bookstore.

Reports/Comments from Board Members:

Foundation Report: Chris Pilling informed the Board that the Foundation Days of Giving will be held on May 2 and 3; this event will help fill the gap of the Chocolate Rendezvous, which could not be held this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. Chris mentioned that she hoped everyone would get the word out that Foundation fall scholarships will be available beginning on May 1. There will be \$100,000 in scholarship money available for Fall 2022, merit-based as well as need-based. Chris thanked Title III for the funds they provided the Foundation this month.

Support for Dixon's Industrial Park and Fargo Creek TIF District:

It was moved by Member Ramirez and seconded by Member Boyle the Board support the City of Dixon's intent to create the Industrial Park and Fargo Creek TIF District as presented. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Resolution Amending Participation in the Lee Ogle Enterprise Zone:

It was moved by Member Tyne and seconded by Member Wiersema the Board approve participation in the updated Lee Ogle Enterprise Zone as presented and attached. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Resolution authorizing and providing for the issue of not to exceed \$4,600,000 of Debt Certificates of the District in order to renovate, repair and equip campus facilities and functions and complete site improvements of the District, providing for the security for and means of payment of the Certificates and providing for the sale of the Certificates to the purchaser thereof:

It was moved by Member Boyle and seconded by Member Ramirez the Board approve the resolution authorizing and providing for an Installment Purchase Agreement for the purpose of paying the cost of purchasing real or personal property, or both, in and for Community College District No. 506, Counties of Whiteside, Lee, Carroll, Ogle, Bureau and Henry and State of Illinois, and for the issue of not to exceed \$4,600,000 General Obligation Debt Certificates (Limited Tax), of said Community College District evidencing the rights to payment under said Agreement, providing for the security for and means of payment under said Agreement of said Certificates, and authorizing the sale of said Certificates to the purchaser thereof. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Fiscal Year 2021 Single Audit:

It was moved by Member Tyne and seconded by Member Wiersema the Board accept the College's fiscal year 2021 Single Audit. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Administrative Appointments:

It was moved by Member Boyle and seconded by Member Ramirez the Board approve the administrator appointments for the indicated periods. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Faculty Sabbatical:

It was moved by Member Wiersema and seconded by Member Tyne the Board approve the sabbatical request of Professor Tom Irish for the Spring 2023 semester. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Title III Transfer of Funds to Endowment:

It was moved by Member Ramirez and seconded by Member Boyle the Board approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$58,000 as required by the Title III grant. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

IncludEd Course Material Fee Recommendation:

It was moved by Member Tyne and seconded by Member Boyle the Board approve course material fees as presented for the summer and fall semesters. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Video Studio Projector
and Lighting Equipment:

It was moved by Member Boyle and seconded by Member Wiersema the Board approve the purchase of a projector and lighting equipment from B&H Photo for \$31,011.51 to be paid from federal HEERF and restricted use bond proceeds. In response to a question from a board member, Kathy Dirks responded that the new items will be used in place of a green screen; and that she had obtained multiple quotes. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Since the scheduled business was completed, it was moved by Member Boyle and seconded by Member Ramirez that the Board adjourn. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting of the Board will be at 6:00 p.m., on Monday, April 25, 2022, in the Riverview Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Tyne, Secretary