

LABETTE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Board of Trustees Minutes
February 8, 2024

The Board of Trustees met at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 8, 2024, at the Cardinal Event Center.

Members Present

Greg Chalker
Becky Dantic
Carl Hoskins
Rod Landrum (via conference call)
Montie Taylor
David Winchell

Others Present

Dr. Mark Watkins	Dr. Jason Sharp	Kelly Kirkpatrick	Theresa Hundley
Ross Harper	Haley Walker	Lindi Forbes	Janice Reese
Aaron Keal	Tyler Allen	Harrison Hall	Allie Kashka
Ray Nolting			

Adoption of Agenda (ACTION ITEM)

Chair Dantic asked for changes or additions to the meeting agenda. There were none. Trustee Hoskins moved to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Trustee Winchell seconded the motion and the motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Chair Dantic asked for corrections or additions to the January 11, 2024, regular meeting minutes. There were none. Trustee Winchell moved to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Taylor seconded the motion and the motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Special Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Chair Dantic asked for corrections or additions to the January 25, 2024, special meeting minutes. There were none. Trustee Taylor moved to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Chalker seconded the motion and the motion carried 6-0.

Reports and/or Board Discussion

Faculty Senate Report:

None

Student Government Report: Harrison Hall, Student Life Specialist, provided an update on current events and happenings.

Administrative Report:

Comparison of Expenditures to Budget – The January financial report was placed on the tables. At the end of January, we were 58% through the year. The general fund

was 55% expended and the technical education/vocational fund was 53% expended. Vice-President Sharp said questions could be directed to Vice-President Doherty when she returns.

Facility Report: None

President's Report:

Dr. Watkins discussed the issue of installing restroom facilities at the women's softball field. He requested direction from the Board as to whether to move forward with the project or not. The Board agreed to move forward in identifying where utility connections are located.

Dr. Watkins reported on new requirements that came out from a recent NJCAA meeting he and Athletic Director, Aaron Keal, attended.

Dr. Watkins reported on the 100-year birthday celebrations at area elementary schools.

Dr. Watkins reported the LCC Radiography program received a revised eight-year accreditation approval from JRCERT which is the maximum length of time.

New Business (ACTION, INFORMATION, OR DISCUSSION ITEMS)

Tuition and Fees for 2024-2025

Trustees were asked to review the Tuition and Fees for Academic Year 2024-2025. This will be presented during the March Board of Trustee meeting for approval.

Approval of Bills

Trustee Hoskins moved to approve the Claims Register. Trustee Winchell seconded the motion and the motion carried 6-0.

Executive Session

Trustee Chalker moved to go into executive session at 6:02 p.m. for 20 minutes for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for nonelected personnel and to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Trustee Hoskins seconded the motion and the motion carried 6-0.

The following were invited to participate in the executive session: Dr. Mark Watkins

Trustee Hoskins moved to extend the executive session for 5 minutes. Trustee Chalker seconded the motion and the motion carried 6-0.

The Board returned to an open meeting at 6:27 p.m.

Evaluation of the President

Trustee Winchell moved to approve a 5% salary increase for Dr. Mark Watkins to begin July 1, 2024. Trustee Landrum seconded the motion and the motion carried 6-0.

Public Comment

Trustee Winchell expressed his appreciation for the campus pantry.

Trustee Landrum encouraged everyone to help where they could with the upcoming auction or scholarships.

Next Board Meeting

Chair Dantic reminded everyone of the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees scheduled for March 21, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Cardinal Event Center.

Adjournment

Chair Dantic moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m. Trustee Chalker seconded the motion and the motion carried 6-0.

Heidi Flora, Clerk of the Board