



**Minutes of Board of Education Meeting
October 25, 2023
Chinook Hall
31 NW Reiman Ave. Corvallis, OR**

Board of Education members in attendance

Kristin Adams (Chair), Stacie Wyss-Schoenborn (Vice Chair), Dick Running, Dr. John Sarna, Sherlyn Dahl, Jeff Davis, and Ron Edwards

Staff and Representatives in attendance

Lisa Avery, Ann Buchele, Sheldon Flom, Jason Dorsette, Claire Burke (Faculty), Kimberly Kopplein (Classified), Bill Whitley (PTFA), Steven Broncheau (Advancement), Rachel Biscoe (SLC), and Amber Vore

Guests in attendance

Jeff Flesch, Director Corvallis Campus & Extended Learning

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00pm

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA – Chair Adams noted no changes to the agenda.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – Chair Adams noted no citizen comments were submitted for this meeting.

INTRODUCTIONS – Chair Adams introduced Amber Vore, Executive Assistant to the Vice President of Academic & Student Affairs. President Avery welcomed Bill Whitley, President PFTA, to the Board meeting.

BOARD CHAIR COMMENTS - Chair Adams did not have any comments.

GENERATIVE ACTIVITY – Mr. Flesch shared a presentation on the Corvallis Campus and Extended Learning.

Ms. Wyss-Schoenborn joined the meeting at 6:02pm

Mr. Running joined the meeting at 6:07pm

Mr. Flesch reviewed the LBCC mission and the vision of the Corvallis Campus and Extended Learning. Mr. Flesch shared a history of the Corvallis Campus including Chinook Hall and Benton Center. He reviewed current projects which included the Beaver Bus; Learning and Testing Center project; Degree Partnership Program (DPP); Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Events; OSU College of Education multiyear contract; Food Trucks; and discussed challenges and solutions.

Mr. Flesch presented an academic year overview of credit and noncredit classes including enrollment projections. The Board inquired on programs and capacity. Mr. Flesch will review and report back with more information when available.

Mr. Flesch reviewed the Extended Learning programs. Extended Learning is not only focused in Corvallis but also serves all of the Linn-Benton community. The Board inquired on programs and Mr. Flesch answered to satisfaction. Dr. Sarna shared that he hears from community members who may be interested in offering a class and he refers them to Mr. Flesch.

The Board thanked Mr. Flesch for his presentation.

STRATEGIC ACTIVITY

1) Board Representative Reports:

- a. **OCCA** – Chair Adams reported that the OCCA Conference will be held the first week of November. All of the Board members will be attending with the exception of Mr. Edwards.
- b. **ACCT** – Dr. Sarna reported on the 2023 election results. President Avery reminded the Board of the free training that LBCC will receive from ACCT. The scheduling of this is in process and the Board will be updated as information is available.
- c. **Foundation** – Mr. Davis shared a review of the recent Foundation Board meeting. Mr. Davis also shared that there will be future events for the Board of Education to participate in.

2) Campus Representative Reports:

- a. **Classified** – Ms. Koppelin did not have any additions to the report. Chair Adams thanked Ms. Koppelin for inviting herself and Board member Mr. Davis to their recent Classified Association meeting. Ms. Dahl inquired about the Leadership Program with the Rural Development Initiatives and would like to learn more about it.
- b. **Faculty** – Ms. Burke read a prepared statement on behalf of the Faculty Association highlighting the degradation of the relationship between the Full Time Faculty and College Leadership and the future goal of shared governance. Ms. Burke shared that on October 6, the Full Time Faculty Association voted no confidence for President Lisa Avery, Vice President Ann Buchele, and Vice President Sheldon Flom. Chair Adams shared a prepared statement on behalf of the Board in support of the college leadership and ensuring students remain at the forefront of critical decisions. Ms. Wyss-Schoenborn asked that if there are concerns or desired outcomes that those be included in the monthly report to the Board. Dr. Sarna echoed the request and asked for detailed requests in the report. Mr. Edwards also requested additional information. Chair Adams inquired on how many of the association members voted and what were the results. Ms. Burke stated that part of the vote was to share the results of the vote with the Board of Education and that is why the statement was read at tonight's meeting. Mr. Running noted on the success of the nursing Board exams.
- c. **PTFA** – Mr. Whitley shared that the PTFA is gathering a team for negotiations which will begin in November 2024.
- d. **SLC** – Miss Biscoe shared information about a recent taco feed night. 106 people attended the event. Ms. Wyss-Schoenborn inquired on the tuition increase section of the report – how many total calls were made for retention. Miss Biscoe shared approximately 2,000 calls. Ms. Dahl asked about student needs and plans to address these needs. Miss Biscoe reported on the current funding sources and noted that at the rate of need the resources will be depleted by the end of the term. Miss Biscoe shared

she will be reaching out to the Foundation for additional support. Mr. Broncheau shared that the Foundation team is working on fundraisers and grants to help meet this need. Mr. Davis asked if the SLC has worked with Linn-Benton Food Share? Miss Biscoe will follow up on this.

- 3) Presidential Equity Report – Mr. Dorsette did not have anything additional to add to the report. Ms. Dahl appreciated the action steps included in the report. Dr. Sarna noted some conflicting data regarding LatinX student retention rates. Dr. Sarna also noted the difference in gender percentages attending LBCC and inquired on potential plans to encourage more male students to attend. Mr. Dorsette answered to satisfaction on plans to recruit and retain students. Mr. Justin Smith, Manager, Institutional Research Grant Support, was in the audience and shared that different cohort definitions may lend to why some of the data is differing in the reports. President Avery echoed this and shared that the cohort data has some different informational sets so this may account for report variances.

FIDUCIARY ACTIVITY

- 1) Consent Agenda – **Ms. Wyss-Schoenborn moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Ms. Dahl seconded. Motion to accept the Consent Agenda was approved unanimously. (7,0)**
- 2) RES 09-24 Pursuit and Development of an Applied Bachelor’s Degree at Linn-Benton Community College – Dr. Buchele shared information on the resolution.
- 3) RES 10-24 Pursuit, Development, and Offering of Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Linn-Benton Community College. Dr. Buchele shared information on the resolution which specifically is to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. President Avery shared that this would need to be approved by accreditation before being offered to students. **Dr. Sarna moved to approve RES 09-24 Pursuit and Development of an Applied Bachelor’s Degree at Linn-Benton Community College and RES 10-24 Pursuit, Development, and Offering of Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Linn-Benton Community College. Ms. Dahl seconded.** Discussion: Mr. Running shared that he does not want to compete with other educational institutions and inquired on resolution language. Dr. Buchele answered to satisfaction. Chair Adams inquired on RES 10-24 with any conflicts with online partnerships with other colleges. Dr. Buchele answered to satisfaction and shared this is not a conflict. **Motion to approve RES 09-24 and 10-24 were approved unanimously. (7,0)**
- 4) **First Read of 2000 Series Board Policies (this set focuses on 2005-2070).** President Avery presented the 2000 Series Board Policies. BP 2015 and BP 2040 had proposed changes. BP 2005 The Board discussed the policies. Dr. Sarna inquired on BP 2040 and the timeline for public comment. Dr. Sarna supports community members to speak spontaneously at Board meetings. Mr. Edwards also provided feedback for BP 2040 and possible barriers for those who do not have access to computers, do not have emails, and may not be able to meet the current policy notice requirement. Additional Board discussion followed on how to ensure access for public comment. President Avery shared that these recommendations will be returned to College Council and BP 2040 will be returned for a second reading. **Mr. Running moved to approve all policies submitted with the exception of 2015 and 2040. Mr. Davis seconded.** Discussion: Mr. Edwards noted a spelling error in BP 2040. Ms. Wyss-Schoenborn noted a grammatical error in BP 2030. **Ms. Wyss-Schoenborn asked to amend Mr. Running’s motion, restating it as follows:**

to approve BP 2005- Principles of Governance, BP 2010 - Board Authority, BP 2020 - Board Evaluation, BP 2025 - Board of Education Code of Conduct, BOP 2025-A - Board Members Statement of Personal Conduct, BP 2030 - Board Organization (with grammatical correction), BP 2035 - Board Policy Development And Revision, BOP 2035-A - Board Policy Development and Revision, BOP 2040-A - Agenda Development, BOP 2040-B - Board Meeting Resource Person Selection, BP 2055 - Board Member Appointment, BP-2060 - Budget-Committee, BP 2065 - Emergency Presidential Succession, and BP 2070 - New Board Member Orientation. Mr. Edwards seconded. Mr. Running agreed to this amendment.

Motion to approve BP2005, BP2010, BP2020, BP2025, BP2025-A, BP2030 (with grammatical correction), BP2035, BOP2035-A, BOP2040-A, BP2040-B, BP2055, BP2060, BP2065, and BP2070 was approved unanimously (7,0) with BP 2015 and BP 2040 will be returned for a second reading at a future meeting.

5) Administrative Reports

- a. **President's Report** – President Avery thanked the Board members who attended the recent accreditation visit. President Avery shared a brief summary of the visit. President Avery also shared an update on the Aspen Presidential Fellowship.
- b. **Academic & Student Affairs** – Dr. Buchele shared an apology to the Board for the confusion on the student data as the year 6 report card was attached to the report instead of the year 7. This will be updated at next month's meeting. Dr. Buchele share an enrollment update which is currently up 8% for the fall term. Dr. Sarna commented on the decrease of student enrollment and inquired on why this may be. Dr. Buchele shared current efforts to address this.
- c. **Institutional Advancement** – Mr. Broncheau did not have anything to add to the report.
- d. **Finance and Operations** – Mr. Flom did not have anything to add to the report. President Avery inquired if the Childcare Center is still on track for a winter opening. Mr. Flom shared that there are still some projects pending but do not expect those to delay opening. Dr. Buchele shared that the Childcare Center Director has been hired.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Edwards requested that an item be added to the next Board agenda. Mr. Edwards has requested that the Pledge of Allegiance be added to Board meetings. This request will be referred to the next Executive Committee agenda.

Ms. Dahl commended everyone at LBCC for a successful accreditation visit.

Mr. Davis commented on the recent Taken Hall Elevator dedication.

Adjourned Regular Session at 7:35pm

Board Chair

Clerk of the Board