



**Minutes of Board of Education Meeting
February 16, 2022
Zoom**

Board of Education members in attendance

Kristin Adams (Chair), Jeannie Davis (Vice Chair), Dick Running, Tony Lapiz, Jim Merryman, John Sarna, Sherlyn Dahl, all via Zoom

Staff and Representatives in attendance

Ann Buchele, Jennifer Boehmer, Sheldon Flom, Karelia Stetz-Waters (Faculty), Edene Ehlers, (Classified), Hathai Sangsupan, (PTFA), Hannah Briggs (SLC), Lisa Avery, , Justin Smith, , and Amanda Kliever, all via Zoom

Guests in attendance

Elizabeth Droscher via Zoom

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 – Dr. Avery introduced LBCC’s new Executive Assistant to the President and Board of Education, Elizabeth Droscher.

BOARD CHAIR COMMENTS – No comments

STRATEGIC ACTIVITY

- 1) Board Representative Reports:
 - a) **OCCA** – Chair Adams reported that the OCCA conference will be held in April in Sunriver. If Board members wish to attend, please contact Elizabeth Droscher.
 - b) **ACCT** – Mr. Sarna reported that Build Back Better lost funding for community colleges.
 - c) **Foundation** – Ms. Davis reported the Foundation heard a presentation on the Vote Yes Campaign for the Agriculture Center vision. The Foundation welcomed new Board members.
- 2) Campus Representative Reports:
 - a) **Classified** – E. Ehlers shared a campus report on nurses and more communication. Board members expressed interest in visiting the Health Center in Lebanon. It was discussed that when COVID subsides that Board meetings will begin rotating to other locations again. Vice Chair Davis shared kudos on working virtual vs working on campus during the pandemic.

- b) **Faculty** – K. Stetz-Waters share no further additions. Ms. Dahl shared appreciation of the work done with the Boys and Girls Club and commented on the excellent partnership. Mr. Merryman commented on the Dental Department test scores were above the National average.
 - c) **PTFA** – H. Sangsupan reported an update on the COVID-19 surge and that while not completely gone, appears to be subsiding. Ms. Dahl inquired on how to gain additional access to technology and computers. The Board discussed potential partnerships with Oregon State University for surplus donations.
 - d) **SLC** – H. Briggs reported on a recent successful Bowling Bash event that saw sixty students get together. Some of the students took public transportation from Corvallis and Sweet Home to attend the event in Albany. It was noted that students are looking for more engagement in school. The Board discussed, in addition to engagement activities, mental health resources for students who may be experiencing COVID fatigue. Dr. Buchele shared that the college is actively recruiting for advisors with backgrounds in Mental Health/Behavioral health. Dr. Avery thanked H. Briggs for a great report.
- 3) **Presidential Equity Report** – Mr. Running inquired about what the college needs to work on and what is going well. A report will be given at the March meeting to address this further. Chair Adams requested district compositions for Linn and Benton counties. J. Smith gave estimates.

FIDUCIARY ACTIVITY

- 1) **Consent Agenda** – Mr. Sarna requested to correct the word exasperated on page 3 of the minutes to exacerbated. **Mr. Running moved to amend the minutes as noted and to approve the remainder of the Consent Agenda. Mr. Merryman seconded. Motion to accept the Consent Agenda with the minutes amendment was approved unanimously. (7,0)**
- 2) **RES 18-22 Parenting Education Expansion and RES-19-22 Veterans Resources Center** – Ms. Dahl requested some clarification on the Parenting Education Expansion. **Mr. Running moved to approve RES 18-22 Parenting Education Expansion and RES-19-22 Veterans Resources Center. Mr. Sarna seconded. Motion to approve RES 18-22 Parenting Education Expansion and RES-19-22 Veterans Resources Center was approved unanimously. (7,0)**
- 3) **RES 20-22 General Obligation Bond Authorization.** S. Flom presented the Bond Authorization framework. An in-depth Board and staff discussion followed that included enrollment, importance of programs, bond focus, and community support/response. **Mr. Lapiz moved to approve RES 20-22 General Obligation Bond Authorization as presented. Mr. Running seconded. Motion to approve RES 20-22 General Obligation Bond Authorization was approved unanimously. (7,0)**
- 4) **Introduction of 7000 Board Policies** – Dr. Buchele introduced the 7000 Board Policy series. The set will focus on Student Services and will be read over the next months. Please send any edits to Dr. Buchele.
- 5) **Administrative Reports**
 - a) **President’s Report** – President Avery had nothing to add to her report. She thanked the Board for the great discussion about the bond and for their support of the college.
 - b) **Academic & Student Affairs** – Dr. Buchele shared that applications for fall term have increased from last year.
 - c) **Institutional Advancement** – J. Boehmer did not have any additions. Mr. Sarna commented on the student success stories highlighted in the e-newsletters. Encouraged other graduated to participate and share their stories.

- d) **Finance and Operations** – S. Flom reported on a possible payroll tax credit program through the federal government. More information is still be researched and if a viable program, a presentation will be made at the March Board meeting.

BOARD COMMENTS

Vice-Chair Davis appreciated the student stories and will share the weblink to encourage others to submit their experiences with LBCC.

Mr. Running said goodbye to Amanda and welcomed Elizabeth Droscher.

Ms. Dahl had no additional comments.

Mr. Sarna would like more education about the bond and how the Board can help. He thanked Amanda and welcomed Elizabeth.

Mr. Merryman requested talking points from J. Boehmer in preparation of the Bond. He thinks a lot of work will have to go into educating voters on the bond. He’s still concerned about the future costs, but is excited about the opportunities it would bring as well as education out to the entire Board on what the college will look like.

Mr. Lapiz thanked everyone for a great meeting. He said goodbye to Amanda.

Chair Adams also wished Amanda all the best and welcomed Elizabeth.

Adjourned Regular Session at 7:47pm

Board Chair

Clerk of the Board