

LANSING COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
June 22, 2020

Special Meeting
Adopted Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Abood, Buck, Hidalgo, Mathews, Meyers, Proctor, Vaive
Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Meyer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Proposal

Trustee Hidalgo made the following statement:

The Board of Trustees published formal notice in LSJ on June 15 through 20, 2020 of this public hearing on the budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, for which the College proposes to levy 3.7777 mills. The millage may be reduced by any required Headlee Rollback. This millage amount is referenced in the FY 2021 budget and approving this budget by the Board of Trustees will meet the truth in budgeting statute for levy of the proposed mills.

The Chair thanked everyone for their interest and opened to floor to Public Comment.

Public Comments

There were no Public Comments.

Public Hearing Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Buck and supported by Trustee Meyer for the Public Hearing on the Budget for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year be adjourned.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Abood, Buck, Hidalgo, Mathews, Meyer, Proctor, Vaive
Nays: None
Absent: None

The motion carried.

The public hearing adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Call to Order

The regular Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 5:38 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Abood, Buck, Hidalgo, Mathews, Meyers, Proctor, Vaive

Absent: None

Special Recognition

Trustee Proctor gave a special recognition and moment of silence for former Trustee Thomas Rasmusson.

Resolution

Trustee Hidalgo read the following resolution honoring for Dr. Brent Knight:

The *Board of Trustees of Lansing Community College* resolves as follows:

WHEREAS, Dr. Brent Knight became the sixth president of Lansing Community College in 2008 and, over the course of his 12 years as president, has provided unimaginable, dedicated, and exemplary service; and

WHEREAS, President Knight brought to Lansing Community College extensive managerial experience developed from his work in the post-secondary educational arena and the private sector; and

WHEREAS, his experience served to imbue him with a keen intellect, superior leadership skills, and a talent for innovation and creativity that led to a transformation of Lansing Community College so significant that the college has been recognized nationally on several occasions for the cutting-edge programs and state-of-the-art facilities he fostered; and

WHEREAS, President Knight has weathered the constant change of enrollment fluctuation, educational and training priorities, and political expectations with decorum and dignity, and has worked tirelessly to transform relationships and build trust with labor partners; and

WHEREAS, the Get a Skill Get a Job initiative, Military Medic to Paramedic program, Open Education Resources (OER), The Early College, Aviation Technology program, Guided Pathways, and the Center for Manufacturing Excellence are just a few highlights of his tenure; and

WHEREAS, President Knight has been one of the staunchest advocates for educational accessibility for all, affordable tuition, and student success, and a champion of diversity, equity and inclusion, and a mentor to underrepresented personnel in higher education; and

WHEREAS, President Knight even makes the walls of the college talk and teach through his concepts of ambient learning and placemaking; he has created a welcoming environment where students want to learn and gather; he has an extraordinary approach to creating unique and visually attractive spaces with public art; his creation of a cleaner, greener campus through the planting of more than 150 trees has created an Urban Forest in downtown Lansing, and his improvement of the grounds and facilities of LCC leaves a lasting legacy that contributes to Lansing's vibrancy and promising future; and

WHEREAS, President Knight has fostered an environment of diversity and inclusion through the installation of art portraying various cultures through dynamic, one-of-a-kind images and symbols; and

WHEREAS, President Knight leaves the college far better than he found it and installed enhancements both seen and unseen, from one end of the downtown campus to the other, to LCC West Campus, LCC East, to the Aviation Maintenance Technology Center, to Livingston County Center; and

WHEREAS, his impressive career as a community college president began when he was just 29 years old and has culminated in the advancement of many colleagues in their careers, being present at some 300 board of trustee meetings, and the development of campuses across the country; and

WHEREAS, his successful career in private business, coupled with his extensive experience in higher education shaped LCC into ***A College Like No Other***; and

WHEREAS, his innovation and excellence will leave a lasting impression on Lansing Community College and the greater Lansing community;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing Community College Board of Trustees extends its utmost appreciation to President Knight for his leadership and outstanding service to Lansing Community College and extends its sincere and heartfelt best wishes to him and his wife, Rise, in their retirement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lansing Community College Board of Trustees bestows the title of ***President Emeritus*** hence now and forevermore to Dr. Brent Knight in recognition of his stewardship of Lansing Community College.

AND BE IT THUS RECORDED THIS 22nd DAY OF JUNE, 2020.

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Hidalgo and supported by Trustee Proctor that the resolution Honoring President Brent Knight be approved.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Abood, Buck, Hidalgo, Mathews, Meyer, Proctor, Vaive

Nays: None

Absent: None

The motion carried

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Trustee Buck asked for Closed Session before Limited Public Comment Regarding Agenda Items.

Closed Session

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Buck and supported by Trustee Vaive that the Board go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Abood, Mathews, Meyer, Hidalgo, Proctor, Buck, Vaive

Nays: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

The Board entered into closed session at 6:03 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 6:24 p.m.

Roll call:

Present: Abood, Buck, Hidalgo, Mathews, Meyer, Proctor, Vaive

Absent: None

Limited Public Comment Regarding Agenda Items

Berl Schwartz: Berl Schwartz addressed the board regarding the radio station and exploring plans to keep the stations.

Eva Menefee: Eva Menefee, President of MAHE, addressed the board regarding Dr. Knight retirement.

Jeff Wilson: Jeff Wilson, President of the PTCTU, addressed the board regarding the FY 2021 Budget Proposal.

Haley Dean: Haley Dean addressed the Board regarding the FY 2021 Budget Proposal and the developmental education classes.

James Robinson: James Robinson, retired Pastor and Head Cross Country Coach, congratulated and thanked Dr. Knight. He addressed the Board regarding the colleges decision to cut athletics in the fall.

Melinda Hernandez: Melinda Hernandez addressed the Board regarding the FY 2021 Budget Proposal.

Consent Agenda

The following items were presented under the consent agenda:

- A. Cooperative Purchase
 - 1. HP Laptops
 - 2. Lecture Capture Classrooms

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Mathews and supported by Trustee Abood to approve the Consent Agenda.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Proctor, Buck, Mathews, Meyer, Abood, Vaive, Hidalgo

Nays: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

Action Item

Action Item – Fiscal year 2021 Budget Proposal

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Abood and supported by Trustee Proctor that the Fiscal year 2021 Budget Proposal be approved.

Trustee Vaive stated that she supports the budget understanding that the college is doing creative problem solving to save the radio station. She thanked everyone working on this.

Trustee Abood stated that although the budget contains a developmental education portion, he would put a time limit on it, that within the next 90 days if the college can't pass 50 percent of the student enrolled in developmental education within one year of this academic year, starting in the fall and ending in the spring, he would end it. He said that he would allow any student enrolled in a developmental education course who does not do well to retake the class for free. He stated he would also require students who sign up for developmental education course to sign an acknowledgement they are not earning college credit and may be using their financial aid. Trustee Abood stated that what the college is doing with developmental education is not the college's overall mission and goals regarding college students.

Trustee Vaive stated that she would agree with Trustee Abood's points and suggestions.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Vaive, Meyer, Proctor, Abood, Hidalgo, Mathews, Buck

Nays: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

Public Comment

Mark Kelland: Mark Kelland, Professor to Psychology and Accreditation Liaison Officer, thanked the Board for their due diligence and attention to their duty to exercise fiscal responsibility. He also thanked the Board of supporting open education resources. He wished Dr. Knight well and stated he look forward to working with a new President.

Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Mathews and supported by Trustee Buck that the meeting be adjourned.

Ayes: Abood, Buck, Hidalgo, Mathews, Meyer, Proctor, Vaive
Nays: None
Absent: None

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Submitted,


Executive Assistant & Liaison to the Board
Benita Duncan