



Klamath Community College Board of Education
7390 South Sixth Street * Klamath Falls, Oregon 97603

Special Meeting – Thursday, August 25, 2022 6:00 PM

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair DeCrans called the special meeting of the Klamath Community College Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Kenneth DeCrans; Linda Dill, Jason Flowers, Kate Marquez; and Rhoda Keown. A quorum was confirmed.

Members Absent: Dave Jensen (excused) and Helen Petersen.

Staff Present: Dr. Roberto Gutierrez, President; Geoffrey LaHaie, Vice President; Jamie Jennings, Vice President; Gail Schull, Vice President; Joshua Guest, Executive Director; Kurt Liedtke, staff; and Shannon Childs, Secretary to the Board.

Guests: None.

Chair DeCrans introduced Dr. Gutierrez to give an update on the Child Care Center. The Commissioners deeded the college 3.3 acres for child care. KCC has met with Oregon Childhood Development Coalition (OCDC) to try to get child care available as soon as possible. In discussions with KCC and OCDC, a three-phase plan was made.

Phase 1 will be renting KCC's Building 1 to OCDC for \$4,700 per month on a one-year lease. This allows child care, possibly as soon as October. OCDC will be staffing and running the facilities, as well as taking care of any remodeling need, with the approval of the College. KCC will have a priority for some child care slots for employees and students. The number of slots is being discussed. If the KCC slots cannot be filled, they will be open for the public. Right now, the priority is students. This will also help with retention and completion for students, as well as employee retainability. The time on this phase is in the 2022-2023 school year.

Phase 2 will be starting with the new 3.3-acre property and getting grant acquisition for modulars at minimum of a half a million dollars. The modulars would then belong to KCC and could be leased to OCDC. This will start finalizing a relationship with OCDC and KCC.

Phase 3 will be new building(s) in the 2024-2025 school year. The modulars will be at the back of the property so that construction can be started. This lot already has water. OCDC is considering moving the Southern Oregon headquarters to Klamath Falls in this phase which adds around 50 jobs to the community.

Dr. Gutierrez shared that this is a unique partnership with the County, OCDC and KCC.

Trustee Keown inquired on what the age range of children will be. Dr. Gutierrez shared that discussion had not been held yet. This will be brought up in contract discussion.

Chair DeCrans clarified that this is a move from the 6 acres to the 3.3 acres for child care in consideration that it already has water. There was verified consensus from the Board, as shared was agreed on at the last meeting.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: To adopt the agenda.

Motion by: Jason Flowers

Second by: Rhoda Keown

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

Action: Motion passed.

III. RECESS REGULAR MEETING

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION (Pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(a))

Chair DeCrans called the meeting to Executive Session at 6:14 pm under ORS 192.660 (a) which allows the Board to consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent.

Kenneth DeCrans; Linda Dill; Jason Flowers; Kate Marquez; Rhoda Keown; Dr. Roberto Gutierrez; Geoffrey LaHaie; Jamie Jennings; Gail Schull; Joshua Guest; Kurt Liedtke, and Shannon Childs were present for Executive Session.

Chair DeCrans ended executive session at 6:45 pm.

V. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

Chair DeCrans reconvened the meeting at 6:45 pm.

VI. INFORMATIONAL AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Contract Approval – Action Item

Motion: To approve the contract with Dr. Camille Preus.

Motion by: Jason Flowers

Second by: Kate Marquez

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

Action: Motion passed. It was noted for record that Dave Jensen gave a yay proxy vote through Chair DeCrans.

Dr. Preus joined the meeting via zoom. Chair DeCrans thanked Dr. Preus for her willingness to work with the College and shared that it was a unanimous vote of those present to have her join.

VII. BOARD DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Board Discussion

i. Board Comment

- Trustee Flowers attended the Nursing pinning ceremony and shared it was a great ceremony.
- Chair DeCrans shared he will be giving college updates through the President's Office in upcoming months, respecting privacy.

B. Public Participation

- None.

VIII. NEXT MEETING

A. Scheduled Board of Education Meeting September 27, 2022, Founders Hall Boardroom.

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IX. ADJOURN

Chair DeCrans adjourned the meeting at 6:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Shannon Childs

Klamath Community College

Board of Education Secretary