

**Waukesha County Technical College
District Board Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2022 - 5:00 PM
Richard T. Anderson Education Center, C051/057**

Present:

Courtney Bauer, Chairperson
Joe Garza, Board Vice Chairperson
Brian Baumgartner, Board Member
Ryan Clark, Board Member
Thomas Michalski, Board Member
Lois Vasquez, Board Member

Absent

Stephanie Borowski, Board Member
Michael Wiebe, Secretary/Treasurer

Also Present:

Richard Barnhouse

28 Guests

I. Call to Order – Courtney Bauer 5:00 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Public/Staff Remarks*

A. None

III. Delegates to be Heard

A. Student Government Association – Gabby Karaban

- Ms. Karaban shared that she is excited to be President of SGA and introduced SGA Vice President Molly Herzog. This year’s SGA focus is critical life skills, which includes critical thinking, problem solving, relationships and self-management. One problem that SGA has noted is connecting with nights students. Programs are being created to make all students feel important and that they have a voice.

IV. President’s Report – Dr. Richard G. Barnhouse

- Dr. Barnhouse welcomed everyone to the meeting. He noted that campus is starting to buzz as more and more students are starting to return to campus.
- This evening the Board will hear more about expanding Cosmetology. The area of expansion is where the current fitness center is located. Lockers and shower space will continue to be available, but we are looking at other fitness center options. Academics is the core of what we do and the current space is critical for growth of the Cosmetology program.
- A Coil winding program was developed for Eaton Corporation due to a high demand for this skill. We are excited that we had our first graduating class. In addition, we received a \$25,000 donation from Eaton last week.
- Our WCTC Carpentry students will be building a house in Waukesha with the Habitat for Humanity. Dr. Barnhouse had the pleasure of speaking at the recent ground breaking.
- Recently served as a panelist for Milwaukee Business Journal CEO Roundtable that focused on future workforce needs. Discussion included making better use of technology moving forward.
- Applications for AA and AAS programs are starting to come in. This is the official kick-off to the next new things happening at WCTC.
- Rhonda Howard, Assistant Director-Facilities, is retiring. She has been the glue that holds the campus together and will certainly be missed.
- Chef Jack Beran was named the Top Chef Educator of the Year. Congratulations to him.

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

- A. Minutes dated August 9, 2022 (Regular Board Meetings)
- B. Accounts Payable Summaries for August 4, 11, 18, 25 and 30, 2022
- C. 38.14 Contract Report for August 2022
- D. Approval of Hire Term Report

Mr. Thomas Michalski motioned to approve the Consent Agenda Items; receiving a second from Mr. Brian Baumgartner. Approved; carried unanimously.

V. Action Items

A. Initial Approval to Consider eSports Lab Renovation and Requesting Approval by the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCSB) – Rich Haen

- Mr. Haen reviewed the request and recommended approval.

Mr. Joe Garza motioned to approve the Initial Approval to Consider eSports Lab Renovation and Requesting Approval by the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCSB); receiving a second from Ms. Lois Vasquez. Approved; carried unanimously.

B. Initial Approval to Consider Student Life Renovation and Requesting Approval by the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCSB) – Rich Haen

- Mr. Haen reviewed the request and recommended approval of the Student Life Renovation.

Mr. Baumgartner motioned to approve the Initial Approval to Consider Student Life Renovation and Requesting Approval by the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCSB); receiving a second from Mr. Ryan Clark. Approved; carried unanimously.

C. Resolution to Approve Program Development Concept Review: Substance Use Disorder Counseling Associate of Applied Science – Joan Hader and Dawn Voigt

- Dr. Hader presented on the resolution to approve the program development concept review. Need for this program has increased over the past five years with statistics showing that many facilities are now relying on counselors with Associate degrees.

Mr. Michalski motioned to approve the Resolution to Approve Program Development Concept Review: Substance Use Disorder Counseling Associate of Applied Science; receiving a second from Ms. Vasquez. Approved; carried unanimously.

VI. Presentation/Discussion

A. Expanding Cosmetology – Rich Haen and Timothy Holloway

- Mr. Haen and Mr. Holloway presented on expanding Cosmetology in the space just adjacent to where it is currently located. This proposed expansion would provide the College the ability to double the current number of students in the program, which is in line with increased demand and enrollment trends. The expected total construction cost to expand is \$455,000.

B. Fire Training Site Development – Rich Haen

- Mr. Haen reviewed the Fire Training Site Development project, which was discussed at the August District Board meeting. He noted that based upon recommendations by the State, the project will be funded over a two-year period with an estimated FY23 budget of \$516,650 and an estimated FY24 budget of \$432,850.

C. DBA: 2022 Board Member of the Year Award Nomination – Board

- Ms. Bauer reviewed the criteria for the 2022 Board Member of the Year Award, noting that no Board members were nominated last year. Because there are no current members who meeting the criteria, the Board will not put forth a nomination for 2022.

VII. Adjournment – Courtney Bauer

- Mr. Garza motioned to adjourn the meeting, receiving a second from Mr. Baumgartner. Meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Kristan Gochenauer
Assistant to the Board

Signed: 
Michael Wiebe, Board Secretary/Treasurer