



**Gila County Community College District
Governing Board Special Meeting
Gila Pueblo Campus
March 27, 2014
APPROVED**

A Special Meeting of the Gila County Community College District Governing Board was held via ITV on March 27, 2014 in Room 522 at the Gila Pueblo Campus and Room 209 at Payson Campus, Gila Community College, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02(B), notice having been duly given.

Governing Board Members Present:

Samuel I Moorhead, President
Armida Bittner, Member
Dr. Larry Stephenson, Member

Governing Board Members Absent:

John Zilisch, Member

Governing Board Vacancy:

Member

Staff Present:

B. Stephen Cullen, Senior Dean, Ron Carnahan, Project Coordinator – IT Gila County, Susan Gallo, Fiscal Coordinator, L.Q.Harris, Software Support Specialist, and Pam Moore, Administrative Assistant.

OTHER GUESTS: Bryan Chambers, Gila County Attorney's Office, Mike Pastor, Gila County Supervisor, Michele Nelson, Payson Round Up.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge and Acknowledge Guests

President Moorhead called the meeting to order at 10:06 am, he acknowledged the roll call, and the recognition of guests. President Moorhead led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Call to the Public

There was no response.

3. Reports/Information

A. President's Report

President Moorhead reviewed his packet report and stated that the new Board member, John Zilisch, is currently on a cruise but would like to have a social gathering to meet and greet when he returns. (Report attached and made a part of the official minutes.)

On March 31st, Gila County Supervisor Mike Pastor and he will visit the Governor's staff to discuss Workforce Development funds. Discussion followed.

Member Stephenson expressed his disappointment in the length of the process Dr. O'Dell took to appoint a member in District 1.

B. Gila Community College District Report/Information

Senior Dean Cullen stated that he had three new items to add to the report that was submitted. 1.) He met with Gila County Supervisor Tommie Martin regarding a proposed location for Payson Cosmetology and she requested they meet again for a look at a second location. A location will be identified after tomorrow's meeting.

2.) An Economic Impact study received from Dr. Stephenson is a powerful tool to be used to garner financial help throughout the county. He is currently working with Glen Snider on our economic study and will have it for Board review at the April meeting. (Report attached and made a part of the official minutes.)

3.) Arbor Day Celebration will be held on Saturday, March 29th at Gila Pueblo Campus. Celebration will include Ruin to Ruin 5K Run, art show, BBQ and the dedication of the administration building in the name of Robert Ashford. Payson Foundation's fundraiser brought in \$600. The foundation worked with the local movie theatre for the funds.

Member Stephenson questioned the concerns over the location for the Cosmetology building. Discussion followed.

C. Financial Reports/Information

Susan Gallo asked for questions on the financial report which was included in the Board packet. Questions regarding the property tax and tuition were asked and discussion followed. (Financial report attached and made a part of the official minutes.)

4. Old Business

A. Accreditation Process/Information/Discussion/Action

Member Stephenson stated that he received an e-mail from the Higher Learning Commission asking for a full explanation of our Provisional Status. He provided the information and has been given the go ahead to move forward with the Letter of Inquiry with Preliminary Evidence. He will make the letter available to the Board members. (Report attached and made a part of the official minutes.)

B. Tuition Schedule Adoption FY2014-15/Information/Discussion/Action

Senior Dean Cullen stated that he has submitted the option to the Governing Board and recommends adopting EAC's 2014tuition schedule. Discussion followed. (At 10:40am Lost connection to Payson) (Meeting reconvened at 11:00 am). (Lost contact with Payson at 11:10am) (At 11:20 am reconvened via Skype) (Tuition Schedule attached and made a part of the official minutes.)

Motion 03272014#1

President Moorhead moved to adopt the 2014-15 Tuition and Fee Schedule as outlined by EAC. Motion seconded by Secretary Bittner. Vote Taken; President Moorhead, aye; Secretary Bittner, aye, Member Stephenson, nay. Discussion followed after vote taken.

C. Solar Project Update/Information/Discussion

Senior Dean Cullen provided a summary of the meetings he has had this week regarding the solar project. Folium could not get the financing. SunWise came forward with SunRenu and our financial reports were sent to SunWise this morning. FTC may come up with financing. Discussion followed.

C1. Consideration of expenditure of \$12,500 to SunRenu/Information/Discussion/Action

Senior Dean informed the Board that GCC may need \$12,500 to buy Folium out of the project. Mr. Harris connected by phone and provided information and more discussion followed. Counsel was asked question regarding awarding a private company. He responded and discussion followed.

Motion 03272014#2

Member Stephenson moved to pay up to \$12,500 to SunRenu on condition Folium puts in writing that they are out of the project. Secretary Bittner seconded the motion. Vote taken; motion passed with three ayes. Discussion followed on the Energy Service Agreement.

D. Cosmetology Program—Payson Campus/Information/Discussion

Senior Dean stated that he met with Supervisor Tommie Martin on Tuesday and they will meet again on Friday at 1pm to solidify location. Once the location is determined the bidding process was discussed.

D1. Bidding process for project/Information/Discussion/Action

Motion 03272014#3

Member Stephenson moved to proceed with bid requests on the site preparation once the site is selected and agreed upon and request those bids be submitted in informal manner as opposed to sealed bid manner. Requests should be from at least 3 reputable firms and Senior Dean Cullen in conjunction with the County would have the authority to proceed. Questions and discussion followed on the motion. Secretary Bittner seconded the motion. Vote taken; motion passed with three ayes.

E. Policy—reduced tuition for Veterans/Information/Discussion/Action

Senior Dean Cullen stated that the policy has been submitted to the Board to review. Member Stephenson stated that he appreciated the 10% reduction in tuition without the statement regarding exhausting all opportunities for financial aid. (Copy of policy attached and made a part of the official minutes.)

Motion 03272014#4

Member Stephenson moved to adopt the policy for Veteran's Reduced Tuition with a period after the phrase of a 10% reduction in tuition and delete the last phrase (providing they have exhausted all other opportunities for financial aid.). Motion seconded by Secretary Bittner. Vote taken; motion passed with 3 ayes.

5. New Business

A. Update on Nursing Program/Information

Senior Dean met with the Nursing Department at EAC and expressed concern regarding the cost of the program. EAC has accepted his proposal and they will pay for three full-time nursing instructor salaries thus saving our District \$374,500. We will continue to pay for clinical and skills lab costing approximately \$55,000. President Moorhead asked for comments. (Lost contact with Payson at 12:00pm. Reconvened at 12:01pm.)

6. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of meeting minutes—Regular Meeting, February 20, 2014/Discussion/Action

Motion 03272014#5

Secretary Bittner moved to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2014 meeting. Member Stephenson seconded the motion. Vote taken; motion passed with three ayes.

8. Items for Consideration for next meeting/Discussion

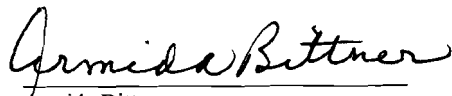
- Will email items

9. Adjournment/Action

President Moorhead adjourned the meeting at 12:05p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Pam Moore,
Recording Secretary

Attest:



Armida Bittner
Secretary