THE OFFICIAL MINUTES

The Big Bend Community College Board of Trustees held its regular Board meeting Tuesday, January 4, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. in the ATEC Hardin Community room in Building 1800 on the Big Bend Community College campus.

1. **Call to Order**

Chair Katherine Kenison called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Present: Mike Blakely

Katherine Kenison

Jon Lane

Mike Wren

Absent: Angela Pixton

President Bonaudi reminded all that the meeting was being streamed live on MediaSite.

1. **Introductions**

The BBCC Women’s Basketball team was introduced by Coach Preston Wilks. Dayanna and Marisol Lopez, from Quincy; Tiffany Martinez from Othello; Leslie Brown from Royal City; Alli Nielsen from Parma, Idaho; Mallory Lotz from Ephrata; Shelby Scott from Carlton, WA; Chayla Hirz from Moses Lake; Ashley McGowan from Challis, ID; and Tiffany Morris from Moses Lake, WA. Coach Wilks highlighted that seven players are from the Columbia Basin and formerly played against each other but are playing together now. He also said these ladies are true student athletes with a combined gpa of 3.63 and a 7-5 record so far this season. Trustee Mike Blakely stated the Board is very proud of the team.

Trustee Katherine Kenison welcomed and introduced Trustee Jon Lane. He will fill the Trustee position vacated by Mr. Felix Ramon. Trustee Lane is a retired educator, and current Mayor of Moses Lake. He has eight siblings and all but one attended BBCC and his mom also attended BBCC. Trustee Lane reported his brother, Mike Lane is believed to be the first student to register for BBCC classes back in 1962. He also reported while he was a Big Bend student he wrestled and was the National Junior Champion. Trustee Lane said “BBCC is a gem in our community.”

1. **Consent Agenda**

a) Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes November 30, 2010 (A); b) President’s Update (I); c) Student Success Update (I); d) Accreditation (I); e) Assessment Update (I); f) Capital Project Report (I); g) Human Resources Report (I); h) Enrollment Report (I); i) Donations (A); j) Azorus Update (I).

MOTION 11-01 Trustee Mike Blakely moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Trustee Mike Wren seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

1. **Remarks**

There were no public remarks.

f. To accommodate her schedule VP Holly Moos provided her report first. Grant funded positions being filled include: Early Childhood Education Instructional Designer (Title V) filled by Jenny Nighswonger; Office Asst 3 (Title V) filled by Joanne Bracht; and WorkFirst GED Instructor filled by Jennifer Deleon. Other positions are in the hiring process: Student Success Center Retention Specialist (Opportunity Grant/Persistence funding); Early Childhood Education Assistance Program (ECEAP); Information Technology Specialist 4 (BBT); Instruction & Classroom Support Technician (WorkFirst); and Retail Clerk 1 (Bookstore). She stated there have been good applicant pools for these positions. Currently, our best advertising venues for BBCC positions are the Columbia Basin Herald, Nickel Saver, Employment Security and online resources.

VP Moos reported President Bonaudi, VP Mohrbacher, VP Hamburg and Dean Kirkwood attended accreditation training.

a. ASB Public Relations Officer Brett Gray reported Library Campout was successful the first day of finals. The first ASB event for winter quarter will be the Chowder & Chili lunchfest January 11, in the Masto Conference Center. The bass and cello performers, Bottom Line Duo will entertain. ASB also has free Ice Skating & Batting Cages January 27, from 10:00 p.m. until midnight for BBCC students.

ASB is sponsoring the couch potato for $40 per game. During home basketball games a couch is set up mid-court and participants receive two one-topping medium pizzas and drinks as well as knowing they are helping raise money for ASB.

b. Classified Staff Representative Kathy Aldrich reported training opportunities for Classified Staff. Robin Arriaga attended “Into the Fire.” Ms. Aldrich also reported the holiday potluck was a success. The 98 participants donated 86 toys and $312. She thanked the participants for making a difference in our community. The “Years of Service” luncheon will be held February 4, and all are invited.

c. Faculty Association President Mike O’Konek reported faculty activities. Instructor O’Konek reported Art Instructors Fran and Rie Palkovic were both featured in the Winter Soap Lake Art Guild Show and won best in category in their fields. He also reported the Faculty Association donated to the toys program during the holiday potluck.

Lastly, he noted the donation of the F-150 truck in the consent agenda. It is a common make and model and will be good for students’ skill building.

d. VP Gail Hamburg shared information regarding the Fairchild Air Force contract. Viking Hall will house 130 people beginning January 10 for 45 weeks. The dining hall will provide food services for 200 people; the additional 70 staff members will be housed at Columbia Basin Job Corps. Work is continuing on the physical fitness center contract.

VP Hamburg explained that the 1400 building remodel will be completed the end of next week. The Trustees enjoyed a tour of the 1400 building prior to the meeting.

The good partnership between Early Childhood Education and M&O led to the childcare facility being relicensed in December.

Trustee Kenison stated the 1400 building remodel was impressive. She asked for photos to take and share during the upcoming TACTC Conference in Olympia.

e. VP Mohrbacher stated there has been a focus on increasing success rates in pre-college math. The math department reorganized the development math curriculum. MPC 95 success rates are up 15% and MPC 99 success rates are up 10%. The math department is also working on reorganizing the information into two-week modules and analyzing students’ success on test retakes. VP Mohrbacher stated students were surveyed and results showed Supplemental Instruction (SI) and the math lab were rated the highest in support services for math. He will follow up with what was most effective for students.

VP Mohrbacher stated he continues to work with the math department to determine the assessment process to use as a model for other departments. The process included: analyzing the issue of low success rates in developmental math, examining the evidence, exploring improvement options, initiating changes, and then collecting data to rate the effectiveness of the changes. The data documents the desired result of higher success rates.

VP Mohrbacher also reported BBCC applied for workforce development grants through SBCTC. The grants focus on increased access to, and success in, professional/technical classes and responding to industry needs. BBCC partners are Workforce Councils and Employment Security to help people whose unemployment benefits are expiring. VP Mohrbacher asked the Deans who supervise the grants to describe them in detail.

Dean Kara Garrett explained the ECE/IBEST grant provides basic skills with online content.

The $48,000 grant will fund taking ECE programs out to the communities with an online format. Students will be supported by the RUS Knowledge Centers.

Dean Clyde Rasmussen explained the $20,000 grant to develop the hybrid online Human Resources program includes an OJT component with four modules. The PET consortium will help develop the OJT piece from the industry side. President Bonaudi stated these are related instruction components of Professional/Technical programs.

Trustee Mike Blakely asked about the evaluation process of part-time instructors. VP Mohrbacher responded that part-time instructors are evaluated by student surveys and classroom observations by administrators on a regular cycle.

**5. Assess Board Activity**

Trustee Mike Blakely stated he is a member of a Quincy School District Levy Committee. He also stated he nominated Mrs. Susan Landon Weinstein for a SBCTC Board position. He and Trustee Mike Wren arranged a meeting of Port District managers. He also attended the Grant County EDC luncheon meeting here at BBCC. He shared the message that BBCC is the common denominator of all the Port Districts within the district. Trustee Blakely also attended the Holiday Potluck.

Trustee Jon Lane reported he attended the Holiday Potluck.

Trustee Mike Wren reported he connected with surrounding Port Districts to arrange a meeting.

Trustee Kenison reported she talked with Jon Lane regarding being a BBCC Trustee. She also met with President Bonaudi to discuss the Board agenda and other college items. She is working with TACTC Administrator Erin Brown on the Legislative Action Committee. Trustee Kenison stated she will present information at BBCC’s annual Gear Up event. She also solicited new wine vendors for Cellarbration! A few people from Ephrata contacted her regarding BBCC’s PET and MIST programs. Lastly, Trustee Kenison stated she visited with a part-time BBCC instructor who has taught at several 4-year universities in the state. The instructor reported BBCC has by far the most pleasant working environment, with a family attitude and promoting academic freedom.

**6. Next Board Meeting**

MOTION 11-02 Trustee Mike Wren moved to set the next Board meeting on February 22, 2011. Trustee Jon Lane seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**7. Miscellaneous**

President Bonaudi shared the updated Star Chart which illustrates our service district and where our mission reaches.

Winter Serenade, a BBCC Foundation fundraising event, featuring wine and microbrew tasting, a gourmet dinner and dance, will be held Saturday, January 29, announced President Bonaudi. He encouraged the Trustees to invite community members.

The Legislative session begins January 10. Governor Gregoire submitted her budget containing a 10% tuition increase over the next two years. If adopted, this will total over a 30% increase in tuition. While the intent is well meaning to provide additional revenue, this impacts students and has the potential to greatly increase student debt.

President Bonaudi reminded the Trustees about the TACTC Winter Conference in Olympia January 24. President Bonaudi and Jon Lane will attend a new Trustee Orientation on January 23, preceding the conference. These meetings are great networking opportunities and the Governor has been invited to address the Trustees. A legislative lunch has been arranged for the President and Trustees to meet with Senator Holmquist and Representatives Warnick and Hinkle. President Bonaudi has met with all the Representatives of the 9th, 12th, and 13th districts prior to the session. He shared the message that BBCC is no longer an open door institution with classes filling quickly and students unable to enroll in the classes they need.

President Bonaudi thanked Trustee Blakely for urging Ms. Susan Landon Weinstein to the SBCTC Board membership. She would be a great advocate for the community college system.

President Bonaudi stated the Board recently discussed BBCC facility naming opportunities. Recognition information regarding naming buildings, honorary degrees and emeritus status are in the agenda. With Mr. Felix Ramon’s departure from the BBCC Board of Trustees it would be an opportunity to recognize his 16 years of Trusteeship.

Trustee Blakely asked about the outcome of Baseball Coach Don Lindgren’s request to auction the naming of the baseball field annually. Associate VP Candy Lacher said Coach Lindgren is not auctioning the naming of the baseball field. He is selling sign sponsorships for the field and gym. Per Board Policy any name attached to a BBCC facility must be presented and approved by the Board.

Trustee Jon Lane shared that with the college being founded in 1962, the 50th anniversary is coming up in 2012. He discussed recognizing outstanding students’ accomplishments as a good way to show how BBCC opens doors for students.

Trustee Mike Wren expressed the importance of recognizing true achievement in a way that doesn’t minimize other students. “Hall of Fame” criteria needs to be established with high standards. Trustee Blakely shared ideas about a recognition celebration. This could be an activity of the BBCC Foundation.

Trustee Kenison summarized by saying a few recognition categories have been discussed: service, donations, and achievement. Policies could be different regarding the categories and criteria. She researched other institutions recognition policies and they vary greatly.

Trustee Mike Blakely suggested Trustee Ramon would appreciate being awarded Emeritus status. Trustee Kenison stated the Board may take additional time to review the policies included in the agenda and consider additional recognition framework. Trustee Ramon’s recognition could be considered at the next Board meeting.

President Bonaudi stated he heard “BBCC opens doors” during the discussion and it’s a good statement. The Board of Education authorized BBCC in 1961 and the first classes were held 1962. It will take time to plan appropriately to recognize the institution. Our smaller communities appreciate that BBCC is here. Trustee Kenison reported some institutions challenge the graduating classes to raise funds as a competition. That could also be considered.

The meeting adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

Katherine Kenison, Chair

ATTEST:

William C. Bonaudi, Secretary