**THE OFFICIAL MINUTES**

The Big Bend Community College Board of Trustees held a Regular Board Meeting Thursday, May 23, 2013, 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**

Present: Mike Blakely

Anna Franz

Stephen McFadden

Mike Villarreal

Board Chair Mike Blakely introduced Navy Petty Officer First Class Ryan Pfundheller. Officer Pfundheller led the pledge of allegiance. He has been in the Navy for 17 ½ years. He is the local recruiter.

1. **Introductions**

Phi Theta Kappa Advisory Barbara Whitney accompanied her officers to the meeting. Jessie Sumerau, Vice President of Leadership, shared the Rho Zeta mission statement: The purpose of the Rho Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Big Bend Community College shall be the promotion of Scholarship, the development of Leadership and Service, and the cultivation of Fellowship among qualified students of this college. Eva Zamora, President, reported she attended the regional and international conferences. During the regional conference at Tacoma Community College, Rho Zeta member Nate Ulmer earned first place in the DiBraun Visual Arts. Rho Zeta also earned a 5-Star Award and third place in Honors in Action topic 6 hallmark. Advisor Barbara Whitney was recognized as Continuing Distinguished Chapter Advisor (first place).

Rosa Santillan, outgoing co-President and former Vice President of Service, shared that Rho Zeta won the bid to host the 2013 summer regional conference  August 3 - 4, 2013. They have also served BBCC by assisting with campus activities, including New Student Orientation, Star Night, and a silent auction.

VP Bob Mohrbacher commended Advisor Barbara Whitney for doing a great job advising the chapter for 17 years. Trustee Mike Blakely asked about the qualifications to join the chapter. To be inducted into the Rho Zeta Chapter, students must have 12 or more graded credits at BBCC with a cumulative grade point average of 3.4.

Students Supporting Students (SSS) Club Advisor Luis Alvarez accompanied his officers to the meeting. SSS President Edgar Chen shared that their goal is to help students with their college experience and assist with applications, advising about classes, book loans, and laptop check outs.

They also take students on tours of 4-year colleges and attend conferences. The club holds fundraisers for scholarships for club members. SSS Treasurer Mario Guzman also shared about TRiO. He attended the Students of Color Conference in Yakima, and he learned about differences in students’ religions and backgrounds, being a leader, and understanding how to be successful in college. Secretary Louisa Barajas, shared that Club members have raised $3,000 to date with fundraisers. Being involved in this diverse club has resulted in growth and improved communication skills.

ASB Advisor Kim Jackson accompanied the 2013-14 officers to the meeting. They introduced themselves: President Mitchell Darlington, Secretary Bryce Perez, Programming Director Shanelle Hemmert, Vice President Trevor Johnson, Public Relations Officer McKall Miller, and Treasurer Bobby Jackson.

**3. Consent Agenda**

a) Approval of Regular Board meeting minutes of April 4, 2013, (A); b) President’s Activity Update (I); c) Student Success Update (I); d) Accreditation Update (I); e) Assessment Update (I); f) Capital Project Report (I); g) Safety & Security Update (I); h) Human Resources Report (I); i) Enrollment Report (I); j) Quarterly Budget Update (I); k. Legislative Update (I).

Chair Mike Blakely shared that any item could be pulled off the consent agenda for discussion if necessary.

Motion 13-10 Trustee Stephen McFadden moved to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Anna Franz seconded, and the motion passed.

Motion 13-11 Trustee Anna Franz moved to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2013, board meeting. Trustee Stephen McFadden seconded, and the motion passed.

1. ASB VP Shanelle Hemmert shared the ASB activities report. ASB has stayed busy with lots of activities this spring quarter. They sponsored a magician and a comedian the end of last month and the beginning of May, and a Taco Lunchfest, with entertainment provided by a group originally from the Andes Mountains. ASB sponsored their first Miniature Golf Night at the Moses Lake Mini Golf Course and one student, Brock Lybbert, scored a 39, which was 4 under par.

The ASB Spring Fling Awards and BBQ will be held Wednesday, May 29 beginning at 4:00 p.m. The cost will be $5 and a band, interactive games, a big chair photo booth, balloon artist, kettle korn, cotton candy and sno cones will be included. The next night ASB will sponsor a black light dance from 9-midnight in the conference center.

ASB will finish the quarter with a family night at the Surf ‘n Slide on June 10, free pool and library campout with pizza and soda the following day and night. They will also sell chilled bottles of water at graduation as a fundraiser.

The Nursing Club will hold fundraisers over the summer, including working in the Space Burger booth at the Grant County Fair,a garage sale and a car wash. Phi Theta Kappa will hold their quarterly Book Buy Back Bake Sale on June 12-13.

The Chemistry Club recently toured the B-Reactor at Hanford. This was the first commercial scale nuclear reactor ever built. Club Advisor John Peterson said the whole trip was very educational, from scientific and historical perspectives.

1. Classified Staff Representative Kathy Aldrich provided the report. Classified staff participated in the following training opportunities: Jessica Aloysius participated in two BARS webinars, the first on April 9 regarding Revenue and the other regarding Expenditures was held on April 23. April 1, Debbie Simpson and Howard Temple attended the Security Awareness Training held here on campus. Rita Jordan participated in an Awards Training at BBCC on April 22 and 24. Last, but not least, 67 out of 75 classified staff members attended the Walking the Talk - Personal Accountability and the QBQ! (Question Behind the Question) presentation by Kristin Lindeen in the Masto Conference Center April 30.

The Annual Classified Staff Awards will be presented at the Commencement Luncheon this year on Friday, June 14, from 1:00 – 3:00. Kathy encouraged all classified staff to attend the luncheon and support those receiving their awards. She also reminded everyone that the nominations are still open for the Outstanding Classified Employee Award. This award recognizes classified employees who have made outstanding contributions to one or more of Big Bend’s five values: Student Success, Excellence in Teaching & Learning, Inclusion, Community Engagement, and Integrity and Stewardship. Nomination forms can be found on BBCC’s Website on the HR page of the Portal. The deadline for submitting nominations to Tana Richins is 2:00 pm on Friday, May 31, either by campus mail or email at [tanar@bigbend.edu](mailto:tanar@bigbend.edu). Anyone at BBCC can submit a nomination for a classified staff member.

1. Faculty Association President Mike O’Konek shared Faculty activities. Chemistry Instructor John Peterson accompanied the Chemistry Club on a tour to the B-Reactor at Hanford May 18.

Aviation Maintenance Technology (AMT) Instructor Dan Moore reported that the AMT department received a $164,000 grant from Air Washington for advanced composite training. This will fund equipment for this new program to begin this fall.

Business Information Management (BIM) Instructor Daneen Berry-Guerin organized community professionals to conduct mock interviews with 15 BIM students.

The interviews were held at Horizon Credit Union and were videotaped for critiquing by the class. The interviewers also provided written feedback to benefit the students.

Art Instructor Rie Palkovic accompanied art students to an art exhibition at the Seattle Art Museum. They enjoyed paintings by Rembrandt, Gainsborough and Van Dyck and the museum’s permanent collection.

Aviation Chief Pilot John Swedburg hosted 27 students and parents from Eastern Washington for the 2nd Annual Aerospace Scholars Capstone event funded by the Museum of Flight in Seattle. Classes were taught by six BBCC students.

Criminal Justice and Psychology Instructor Ryann Leonard took her class to Coyote Ridge Prison today. They previously visited the Grant County Jail.

Instructor Ryann Leonard also coordinated the Seventh Annual Community Partnership Against Substance Abuse event on the BBCC campus. The event included a mock crash with emergency responders and speakers. Many students participated and attended the event along with community members. Partnerships between the college and community agencies have been created through this event.

Wednesday the entire seventh grade class from Warden visited the technical professional programs. They spent 25 minutes in each program as speakers presented information. This is the fourth professional technical program visit during the month for students from grades 8-12.

Many faculty members participated in the Educate’ Latino Fair May 10.

1. VP Gail Hamburg reported the kickoff meeting for the lighting project is scheduled on May 30. This project should be completed mid-September. VP Hamburg reported that she recently applied for a second energy grant from the Department of Commerce for a complete upgrade of the HVAC system for the 1600 building. A recent energy audit revealed 95% of the 24 heat pumps for the 1600 building need to be replaced. Total cost of the upgrade is $1,937,000 and the grant award request is for $1,528,000. As an institution, we are allowed a maximum of $2 million in grant funding. The award notifications will be shared mid-June.

VP Hamburg presented a summary of student fees and explained that testing and lab fees increased for the past four years. The fees are regulated and can only increase by the growth factor. The growth factor for the next fiscal year is 4.65%. After the Deans and Vice President Mohrbacher determine if the fees should be increased, draft changes are made and then submitted to President Leas for approval. The approved changes are reflected in Administrative Process 6113.

Cost recovery is another way to increase fees for volatile programs, i.e., fuel costs. Aviation has variable fees that depend on the cost of aviation fuel and the size of the plane. The cost recovery fees do not generate surplus revenues.

1. VP Bob Mohrbacher shared news that the aviation program received a $164,000 grant supporting a composites lab for the Aviation Maintenance Technology program.

VP Mohrbacher responded to Trustee McFadden’s request during the Board meeting of April 4 regarding the steady three-year decline in enrollment for winter quarters. VP Mohrbacher indicated that enrollment is cyclical; when the economy is running smoothly, enrollment goes down and when the economy is stalled, enrollment goes up. He also said that even though the headcount had dropped by 100, the FTE count was steady. This means BBCC has more full-time students than in the past; other colleges are not seeing this trend. VP Mohrbacher said he believes student success and retention efforts are helping students transition to full-time status. Full-time students are more likely to complete their educational goals. Last spring BBCC had the second highest graduating class ever; those students did not come back in the fall. There was also a drop in basic skills students due to grants ending and budgets being cut. Enrollment is increasing again, and BBCC is at 103% of target enrollment.

1. VP Kim Garza reported news from human resources. She said one of the applicants for the Chemistry Instructor position had verbally accepted the position. Valerie Wade accepted the Developmental ABE Instructor position. The interviews for the open English Instructor position were completed yesterday. It has been a busy spring quarter for committees and faculty.

Negotiations with the Faculty Association have started, and both groups exchanged a list of topics of interest. Faculty Association President Mike O’Konek said they are working outside negotiations on the non-fraternization policy, mostly clarifying definitions in the policy.

VP Garza also shared that the outstanding employee award nominations were e-mailed to employees. The awards will be presented at the Campus Excellence Celebration Luncheon June 14.

1. Executive Director of the Foundation LeAnne Parton reported the Foundation’s fundraising event Cellarbration! sold out and grossed $85,000. She will report the net amount at the next meeting. The Foundation is busy making scholarship awards for students in the fall and planning for the BBCC Foundation Dollar Da$h September 28.

**5. Program Monitoring Report**

Dean Valerie Kirkwood introduced the Academic Master Plan Program Monitoring Report. Each area of the college has gone through a program audit. This report includes the library, athletic programs and information from the 2012 Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) and the National Community College Benchmarking Project (NCCBP) student engagement report. NCCBP shows how we are doing compared to the 270 participating colleges across the nation.

Dean Tim Fuhrman said the “new” library, opened 2005, hosts 180,000 visitors annually. While other community college libraries report their visitor counts are dropping, BBCC’s count is holding steady. The library was designed by the library staff and provides access to modern technology, including computer labs and 25 new computers this year. The BBCC library is open more hours than many other community college libraries with the same student population size.

Dean Fuhrman commended the program assistant in the Library, Kathy Aldrich. She researches and buys used books online and conserves BBCC resources. The new online teaching software is working very well. Based on instructor feedback, new methods will be used to teach students how to use library resources. Students will choose a topic and then learn how to find a book, magazine resource, etc. Long-time reference librarian Lance Wyman is retiring this year. His position description may be revised to include some technology outreach skills, like online chatting services. Smart phone applications for library resources may be available soon. Dean Fuhrman is looking at new ways to connect with faculty to ensure the library has the resources their students require.

The total number of visits to the English lab in 2011-2012 was 9,289 with 5,220 one-on-one sessions. Data show students who use the English lab are more successful in pre-college and college-level English cases than students who do not use the lab. Dean Fuhrman stated replacing the 2005 lab computers is important.

Trustee Mike Blakely asked about ATEC visitor data. VP Gail Hamburg will bring that information to the next meeting.

Data Analyst Starr Bernhardt discussed the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) responses. This survey is completed by current students in class. Benchmark scores come from conceptually related questions being combined. Students’ responses are disaggregated by student group to see if any groups are lagging. The survey revealed that male students in general are less prepared for class, and white males were the group least likely to utilize tutoring and academic advising services. Hispanic males are the group least likely to connect with faculty and staff.

Engaged students are more successful. Ms. Bernhardt shared some of the activities BBCC is doing to increase student engagement. The peer-to-peer mentoring program in the Title V Student Success Center is a good example. They host casual events, like game night, to attract students. Mentors from Edmonds Community College, Columbia Basin College joined BBCC mentors for training at BBCC. They developed an acronym: **M**ore **E**ducation **N**urtured **T**hrough **O**ur **R**elationships, MENTOR.

Ms. Bernhardt ended her presentation by sharing that the Spring Enrollment Survey is currently underway with more than 350 students’ responding. The results will help BBCC understand if interventions are working and if trends in student engagement are changing.

VP Bob Mohrbacher shared National Community College Benchmarking Project (NCCBP) information. Dr. Bonaudi registered BBCC for this effort just before retiring. BBCC submits student success data, and the NCCBP shares comparison information with 270 national colleges.

The NCCBP defines success as a rank at or above the 85th percentile. BBCC’s service district ranked low in median household income and very high in unemployment and first-generation student population. In spite of these challenging characteristics, BBCC student success ranked in the upper percentiles in many measures. BBCC’s students’ employment rate coming out of programs is highest in the state. Of the distance learning classes, the hybrid class has a better success rate. BBCC’s high rankings include distance learning success at 89 percentile, student completion and transfer in 3-years full-time, first-time 91 percentile; student completion and transfer in 3-years part-time, first-time 95 percentile; developmental math success rate 92 percentile, developmental English success rate 100 percentile, composition I enrollee success rate 83 percentile, composition II enrollee success rate 98 percentile, algebra enrollment success rate 90% and speech enrollee success rate 90 percentile.

Areas of improvement indicated by the results include instruction by full-time faculty, students completing with a 2.0 grade or better and fall-to-fall persistence rate. BBCC’s student-faculty interaction is ranked at 58 percentile. This comparative data helps put the BBCC results in perspective.

VP Mohrbacher reported BBCC is currently rewriting the mission statement and core themes. Some of this data will be the indicators used in the measurements.

Trustee Mike Blakely asked about sharing data with our local high schools to illustrate entering students’ preparation level. VP Mohrbacher responded that pieces of the report could be shared but not the entire report due to proprietary concerns.

Trustee Mike Villarreal asked about comparing BBCC to colleges that look like BBCC, i.e., Columbia Basin College. VP Mohrbacher explained that only Bellevue College and Spokane Community Colleges are in the NCCBP. Student Achievement Initiative data from the SBCTC shows some comparison, but it is more focused on resources and facilities data. IPEDS data includes small rural schools data.

3.g. Executive Director of the Foundation LeAnne Parton shared news from the Foundation. She thanked the Trustees for full board participation at Cellarbration!. The Foundation grossed $85,000, and they should know the net soon. Director Parton reported she just attended the JATP closing ceremonies. The students have departed for their host farms all over the United States.

Scholarship awards are being made. The Foundation will participate in an upcoming audit. Director Parton is also working on improvements to the Opportunity Center.

At 2:50, Board Chair Mike Blakely announced a 10-minute break, which will be followed by a 20-minute executive session. The executive session is provided for in RCW 42.30.110 (1): (g) to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee.

The meeting reconvened at 3:19 p.m. with no action taken.

Motion 13-12 Trustee Anna Franz moved to accept the AMP Programs Report as presented. Trustee Mike Villarreal seconded, and the motion passed.

**6. Exceptional Faculty Awards (EFA)**

VP Mohrbacher shared that five members of the math faculty applied for EFA collaboratively to develop an open-source, pre-calculus text book. The result of this effort will save students money.

Motion 13-13 Trustee Stephen McFadden moved to grant the Exceptional Faculty Awards to Instructors Tyler Wallace, Sonja Farag, Barbara Whitney, Salah Abed and Stephen Lane as presented. Trustee Mike Villarreal seconded, and the motion passed.

**7. Mission, Vision, Values**

VP Mohrbacher shared the proposed, collaboratively-developed mission, vision and values statements.

Mission

Big Bend Community College delivers lifelong learning through commitment to student success, excellence in teaching and learning, and community engagement.

Vision

Big Bend Community College inspires every student to be successful.

Values

Student Success Excellence in Teaching & Learning

Inclusion Community Engagement

Integrity & Stewardship

The mission statement should be measureable and the vision statement should be aspirational. Committees of community members and employees have participated in the re-write effort. After the mission, vision and values are approved, the core themes will be rewritten and then the board will discuss how their Ends Statements fit into the process. The Academic Master Plan will also be rewritten reflecting the changes.

Trustee McFadden asked if the employees were comfortable with the revisions. VP Mohrbacher responded that it was an inclusive and participatory process. Employees and community members provided feedback in meetings and via e-mail. President Leas commended VP Mohrbacher and the small committee that fine-tuned the wording.

Motion 13-14 Trustee Anna Franz moved to accept the mission, vision and values statements as presented. Trustee Stephen McFadden seconded, and the motion passed.

**8. Emeritus Awards**

President Leas recommended bestowing Emeritus status on Librarian Lance Wyman and Nursing Instructor Marsha Asay as nominated by the Faculty Association. Faculty Association President Mike O’Konek reported both nominees have made great contributions to BBCC students, and both are deserving of Emeritus status.

Motion 13-15 Trustee Stephen McFadden moved to award Emeritus status to Librarian Lance Wyman and Nursing Instructor Marsha Asay. Trustee Anna Franz seconded, and the motion passed.

**9. President’s Evaluation Process**

Board Chair Mike Blakely stated the President’s evaluation process is ongoing and the trustees are satisfied with the process.

**10. Board Chair Elections**

Chair Mike Blakely referred to the chart on page 52 of the board packet, which details the previously approved board chair rotation. Trustee Stephen McFadden stated as one of the three newest board members, he appreciates the experience of the current Chair, Mike Blakely, and Vice-Chair, Jon Lane. He agrees with upholding the current rotation and keeping them in the Chair and Vice Chair positions. Trustee Anna Franz agreed that as long as Trustee Blakely is willing to serve, she supports his remaining the Chair through June 2014. Trustee Mike Blakely stated he is pleased to remain as chair through the end of his term in 2014.

**11. Association of Community College Trustees Nominations**

Chair Blakely announced that the board provided a presentation proposal to the ACCT for the Fall meeting in Seattle on Presidential Search Process. ACCT also performs presidential searches, so they may choose not to include BBCC’s presentation. If the proposal is accepted, Trustee Blakely would like to invite former Trustee Mike Wren and VP Emeritus Holly Moos to assist with the presentation at the ACCT conference.

Trustee Blakely stated he would like to recognize outstanding BBCC staff by nominating them for ACCT awards. Trustee McFadden agreed with seeking recognition for BBCC employees. The trustees discussed a process for completing the nominations. BBCC employees know each other and can detail achievements for the nominations. The President will work with staff to generate nominations for all categories. During the June 14 board meeting, the trustees will make the final decision and hope to submit one nomination for each area: Trustee Leadership, Equity, and Faculty Member. Trustee Blakely also stated he wants to nominate former Trustee Mike Wren for the Trustee Leadership award for his stewardship during the presidential search.

**12. Assess Board Activities**

Trustee Mike Villarreal reported that he attended Cellarbration! and had the opportunity to visit with a former student. He also attended the Othello High School Scholarship Night and experienced a sense of pride as part of the BBCC family. Trustee Villarreal also attended the STEM Center grand opening and talked with community members and employees. He has shared with his community members about the resources in the STEM center. Trustee Villarreal is working with the school district to provide some space for ABE classes this fall.

Trustee Anna Franz reported she enjoyed attending the Student Success Center, STEM Center grand openings, Cellarbration!, and visiting with community members.

Trustee Stephen McFadden reported Cellarbration! was fun and a good investment opportunity. He attended a 2015-17 capital projects workshop at Yakima Valley Community College April 19 with President Leas, VP Hamburg, the architects and the Director of M&O, Todd Davis. He learned about the awarding process and the elements of a good capital project request. The BBCC campus assessment will be completed in July. The spring 2014 capital project competition will include about 19 requests from which 8-9 will be awarded. BBCC sent the largest team to the workshop, and we have a good case for a strong request. Trustee Mike Blakely suggested the trustees talk with legislators and use students to make the request stronger.

Trustee Mike Blakely reported that he participated in the Legislative Action Committee. He also completed the ACCT proposal request, and Trustee Jon Lane provided a letter of support. Trustee Blakely served on the TACTC Awards Committee, and he assisted with selection for the TACTC awards. He was also delegated to contact Seattle Times editor and publisher, Frank Blethen, to notify him that he won the TACTC Partnership Award. Trustee Blakely attended the TACTC Conference and met with Mr. Blethen. He also attended the Student Success Center and STEM grand openings.

Trustee Blakely also sought donations for Cellarbration! from Cenex and previous donors. He also contacted the Navy to request a representative attend the board meeting, and he arranged the executive session for the board meeting. Trustee Blakely met with legislative aide Kyle Lynch, and he attend the Quincy Leadership meeting. He also helped judge students’ senior presentations at the Quincy High School and he attended the State FFA Convention and met with state CTE lobbyist.

**14. Miscellaneous**

President Leas invited Kim Ostrowski, CWU Moses Lake Site Director, to share information about CWU’s dual admission program. Director Ostrowski stated one of CWU’s goals is to streamline students’ transition from community colleges to 4-year institutions. CWU has a presence in eight community colleges. Once students are enrolled in dual admission, they are considered students of both schools. The $50 application fee and the $100 confirmation fee are waived for students who apply for dual admission; they also qualify for priority registration. Admission eligibility is completion of 60 credits or less, which provides CWU the opportunity to guide students to appropriate classes that will transition into their 4-year program. Transfer Academic Program Plan (TAPP) sheets are double-sided with CWU and BBCC information to guide students through both schools. BBCC counseling staff use the TAPP sheets, and Director Ostrowski is distributing the sheets to BBCC faculty too.

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BBCC’s Title V program partners with 4-year colleges like CWU and Heritage to provide transfer fairs for students.

As a result there has been a growth in attendance. BBCC has the highest number of matriculated students to CWU among its eight partner two-year colleges.

Trustee Mike Blakely asked about 4-year colleges giving credit to students taking classes in the high school. VP Mohrbacher stated BBCC has an agreement like that with the Ephrata High School. EWU recently started serving high school students this way also. High school instructors have to meet the requirements per the RCW. This offers the advantage of Running Start without students traveling off the high school campus.

President Leas shared some information from Athletic Director Preston Wilks regarding local recruits for BBCC athletic programs. Viking Athletic teams are always on the look out for local talent from the Columbia Basin.  However, due to the low number of high school students from our college’s service district, the number of college-level athletes is relatively low.  We are not able to meet all our needs from the local area.  It might seem the next logical area to recruit from is from the bigger cities in Eastern WA, like Spokane, Wenatchee, and the Tri-Cities.  However, since we have opponent colleges in those cities, if our athletic scholarship for tuition is similar to our opponents, the student athlete from those towns would have to really want to come here to forgo the estimated savings of $5,000 that it would cost the athlete to pay for housing and food here in Moses Lake when they could stay at home for “free.”

It is logical to pursue athletes from other small rural towns in Eastern Washington where the student athlete is going to pay for housing and food no matter what school they choose to attend.  An untapped market for BBCC recruiting efforts is in Idaho.  There are only two community colleges in Idaho that have inter-collegiate sports and yet there are dozens of college-level talent students.  The Idaho recruits are going to have to pay the housing and food costs no matter which school they attend.  For many of our teams, Idaho is the “growth market” in a similar manner that China is for most American companies wanting to expand their markets.

The volleyball team has eight recruits so far.  Three of the recruits are at least 6’ tall.  One of the 6’ recruits is from Dillon, Montana, and Coach Baker was able to convince her to turn down a full-tuition scholarship from Western Montana (an NAIA Division 1 school) to come play for BBCC because the recruit’s father spent some time living in Moses Lake back in the mid-80’s.

The softball team has ten recruits.  Three of the recruits are from California.  These are players that Coach Moffitt had on his recruiting list when he was recruiting for Northwest Christian University in Eugene, Oregon.  Because of his prior contact with the players, he was able to convince them to play for him at BBCC.   He submitted his last Letter of Intent on Tuesday of this week and when she signs, he will have his team set for next year.

The baseball team has six recruits so far.  Coach Doumit is anticipating signing several players during the early part of the summer as legion summer leagues kick into action.

The Women’s basketball team signed five recruits.  Two of the recruits were named to the Idaho All-State basketball teams.  One of those All-State recruits, was named Player of the Area by the local Twin Falls, Idaho newspaper and TV outlets.  She chose BBCC over the College of Idaho and Eastern Oregon University because she felt our program was a better fit for her.  They have also signed an Washington All-State honoree from Hunters, Washington.

The Men’s Basketball team has seven recruits so far.  One recruit is 6’10”, was recruited by Western Washington University, and comes from Cascade Christian High School out of Puyallup, Washington. His uncle played for Coach Poth in the early 90’s.  Another top signee is a 6’7” shooting guard out of San Diego, California.  Additionally, Coach Poth has signed an all-state performer from Kellogg, Idaho, and an all-state quarterback out of Blackfoot, Idaho, who has chosen to play basketball in college instead of football.  Another important aspect of recruiting for the men is that  the East Region MVP player from last year, Brenden Westendorf decided to return and play his sophomore season for Coach Poth and turned down a couple of NCAA DI offers, in an effort to attract more offers after another stellar year. Brendan’s dad played for Coach Poth in the early 90’s.

Athletes are required to be full-time students and that helps with our FTEs.

President Leas attended the TACTC Conference. The keynote speaker was a former astronaut, and he gave a very interesting presentation. President Leas also learned about other trustees’ meetings. Some community college board meetings get overtaken by public testimony. During the meeting, suggestions regarding accepting public testimony were shared. The public sign-in sheet should have a time limit noted and also a statement that information will be heard by a decision may not be made at the same meeting. President Leas was pleased to find that BBCC has already incorporated those suggestions. Meetings can be adjourned if necessary to regain order.

**13. Next meeting**

The next regularly scheduled board is scheduled on Friday, June 14 at 3:00 p.m. This is also the day of commencement. The agenda will be kept to a minimum and will include either the 2013-14 draft budget or a spending authority request based on the 2012-13 budget if the legislature has not decided on the state budget.

Automotive Instructor Mike O’Konek invited the trustees to attend the automotive BBQ potluck Thursday, June 13.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Mike Blakely, Chair

ATTEST:

Terrence Leas, Secretary