

Meeting Minutes of the **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**



SOUTHERN STATE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

OCTOBER 9, 2013 MEETING

The Southern State Community College Board of Trustees met Wednesday, October 9, 2013 at Southern State Community College, Central Campus, 100 Hobart Drive, Hillsboro, Ohio.

At 6:00 p.m., Chair Wilson called the meeting to order. Roll Call was as follows:

Present:

Trustee Larry Anderson
Trustee Doug Boedeker
Trustee Paul Hall
Trustee Donald Moore, Vice Chair
Trustee Mike Pell
Trustee Leilani Popp
Trustee Vicki Wilson, Chair

Absent:

Trustee Michelle Cimis

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Consideration of Agenda

Trustee Moore moved and Trustee Hall seconded that the October 9, 2013 agenda be approved. All were in favor.

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Consideration of Minutes

Trustee Pell moved and Trustee Moore seconded that the September 11, 2013 minutes be adopted as presented. All were in favor.

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Monitoring Confirmation

President's Report

In addition to his written report, President Boys commented on two local initiatives that line up with one of the strategic goals for the year. That goal is to work with K-12 schools to better

prepare high school students for the college experience. One initiative is working with Tony Long (superintendent, Southern Ohio Educational Service Center), to convene superintendents of our 5 county region, as well as several presidents of local colleges. The purpose of the first upcoming meeting is to start a discussion of how to increase the number of students in our area attending and completing college.

Also, at the request of the mayor of Wilmington, meetings have begun through the Wilmington Succeeds Initiative about how to increase the rate of students going to college and subsequently choosing to remain in Wilmington. There has been a flat rate of college completion during the last decade.

President Boys additionally reported on his tour of the Ranch of Opportunity in Fayette County, which is a mental health facility being renovated to care for adolescent girls for a period that varies from months to years. The Ranch is affiliated with Eastway Behavioral Healthcare, a hospital in Dayton, and SSCC has been helpful in placing interns at their facility, and contributing in various other ways.

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Financial Reports

Mr. Buck invited discussion on items mentioned in his October 3, 2013 memo including enrollment decline, estimated cost to “mothball” a vacant South Campus and Moody’s annual bond rating and outlook. There were no changes to the bond rating, and the outlook was moved from stable to negative due to the recent enrollment trend, which was expected.

Trustee Boedeker inquired about temporary gates at South Campus to keep intruding vehicles out, which was noted by Mr. Buck. Discussions ensued about security, enrollment and a balanced budget by mid-year.

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Trustee Hall moved and Trustee Boedeker seconded to approve the October 2013 President’s Report and the September 30, 2013 Financial Report. All were in favor.

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Mt. Orab Campus Update

Senior project manager, Nate Minnich-Weber and project superintendent, Todd Clevinger from Quandel Enterprises, Inc., gave a presentation on the construction progress at the Mt. Orab Campus. They discussed issues including safety, current project schedule, time capsule options and showed progress photographs.

Trustee Boedeker suggested fountain and light options in the water retention area, as well as

large signage facing the highway. Mr. Buck answered optimistically regarding the budget considerations for those items.

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OACC and State Initiatives

President Boys announced the hiring of Dr. Karen Rafinsky as interim president of the OACC, as well as his recent appointment as Co-Chair for the Higher Education Funding Commission. Just completing their first meeting, a letter will soon be going out to colleges and universities requesting submission of an updated 6-year plan, which will serve as a basis for the Capital request. He reiterated that Southern State's goal will be to secure funds for the Adams County project, which seems to be in line with the Governor's goals.

President Boys also reported on meetings with State Representatives, including Rep. Cliff Rosenberger, Chair of the Higher Education Committee, who has recently been on a tour hearing about issues such as the Ohio College Opportunity Grant. This grant does not currently apply to community college students, however there is hope that this may eventually change. A number of major newspapers have recently picked up on this issue.

Dr. Ryan McCall was commended for his efforts as part of the OACC's CCFC Working Group, who is charged with the heavy lifting of developing a funding formula for the second half of this biennium (FY15). Dr. McCall gave an update from their meetings, as well as the regular meetings of other college CAOs.

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ACCT Update

Trustee Boedeker provided a recap of the ACCT Congress he and President Boys recently attended in Seattle, WA. Discussion included issues about developmental academics to decrease discouragement, and holding board meetings at local industry locations to strengthen bonds in the community and create working relationships between the business and the college/students. President Boys added comments regarding financial aid issues, default rates and presentations he attended regarding helping students to have better financial literacy.

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Divestiture of Real Property

Chair Wilson invited discussion regarding the resolution to authorize divestiture of real property (South Campus). Discussion ensued regarding internal communication to students and employees that South Campus will be open in the spring, as well as press releases to the public regarding the sale of the property. Trustee Hall also recommended numerous billboards at the Mt. Orab Campus location stating "Opening August 2104", notifying everyone that it will

be open for the next fall semester.

Trustee Popp moved and Trustee Boedeker seconded to approve the resolution. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yes, approval of Resolution:

Trustee Donald Moore, Vice Chair

Trustee Mike Pell

Trustee Leilani Popp

Trustee Larry Anderson

Trustee Doug Boedeker

Trustee Paul Hall

Trustee Vicki Wilson, Chair

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Faculty Emeritus

Trustee Pell moved and Trustee Anderson seconded to approve Jim Delong as Faculty Emeritus upon the recommendation of the Faculty Senate. All were in favor.

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Next Meeting

Next Meeting | 4:45 p.m., November 13, 2013 | Mt. Orab Campus Site and Hospice of Hope Ohio Valley | 215 Hughes Blvd., Mt. Orab, Ohio

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Adjournment

At 7:16 p.m., Wednesday, October 9, 2013 Trustee Wilson moved that the meeting be adjourned.

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President



Chairman