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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OCTOBER 31, 2023

The Board of Trustees of Isothermal Community College met on Tuesday, October 31, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. at Isothermal Community College's Rutherford Campus in Spindale North Carolina. The following trustees were present: Chivous Bradley, Dave Hunt, Grady Franklin, Jackie Godlock, James Hutchins, John Condrey, Eddie Holland, Roger Jolly, Seema Daigle, Amy Jenkins, Marche Pittman, Amanda Shevette, Bill Miller, and Francisco Chavez, SGA President. The following personnel were present from the College: President Margaret Annunziata, DeeDee Barnard, Greg Thomas, Leeann Cline-Burris, Mike Gavin, Donna Hood, and Stephen Matheny.

Chairman Hutchins called the meeting order.

Agenda Confirmation

Chairman Hutchins presented the agenda and Mr. Dave Hunt made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Chivous Bradley seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Ethics Statement

Mrs. Jackie Godlock asked Board members if they knew of any actual conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest which exists concerning any matter coming before the Board of Trustees. No conflicts were noted.

Finance Committee

Mr. Dave Hunt gave the Finance Committee report. On behalf of the Finance Committee, he made a motion to adopt the 2023/2024 Budget DCC 2-1 form as presented. The current form excludes capital improvement projects. The Board discussed the changes in this year's budget compared to last year's budget. Dr. Annunziata reviewed the state budget and discussed how the campus is funded. She announced that the college is always looking at ways to become more efficient with the fluctuation of enrollment over the last few years. She announced an increase of 7% in employee salaries over the two-year budget cycle. The Board of Trustees discussed the enrollment trends of neighboring colleges and Dr. Annunziata announced that community colleges are experiencing an increase in enrollment. Dr. Annunziata discussed the impact on FTE with the implementation of the new eight-week terms and announced an 11% increase this fall over last fall.

Mr. Matheny reviewed all of the revenue fund sources and discussed how the expense projections were made within each fund source. He announced that 95% of the state budget funds personnel costs. The Board of Trustees discussed employee salaries that are funded from other sources than the state. Mr. Matheny discussed other fund sources like local funds and grants that cover employee salaries that fall outside of the state salary system. He announced that Isothermal makes every effort to give all employees the same increase as the state salary increases. Mr. Matheny continued reviewing the budget form with

the Board of Trustees. After further discussions, the budget 2023/2024 Budget DCC 2-1 form was unanimously approved.

Dr. Annunziata updated the Board of Trustees on the threat made to the Paint the Campus Blue event that caused the College to cancel the event for the betterment of the community. She discussed that although those investigating the matter did not believe that there was any credible threat of violence, she will always err on the side of caution for the safety of the College and community. She announced that warrants were being issued from the Rutherford County Sheriff's Department for the individual involved in making the threats and that a juvenile warrant was being issued for a minor. She expressed her gratitude to the Rutherford County Sheriff's Department, the State Bureau of Investigations, and the District Attorney's office for their swift investigation of the matter.

Dr. Annunziata reviewed the upcoming meeting's schedule with the Board of Trustees.

Chairman Hutchins announced that Amanda Shevette and Bill Miller will represent the Isothermal Community College Board of Trustees at the Legislative Summit with the ACCT in February. In addition, he discussed the value of the upcoming Trustee Conference and requested that Trustees submit topics for the conference.

The meeting adjourned.



CHAIRMAN
MR. JAMES HUTCHINS



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MRS. JACKIE GODLOCK