

Manhattan Area Technical College
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday March 13, 2007
Wamego Public Library 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order – Stacy Kohlmeier, Board Chair

1. The Board of Directors of the Manhattan Area Technical College met in Regular Session at the Wamego Public Library, March 13, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Kohlmeier, Stacy
Kice, John
Dr. Wika, Norris
Willie Thornberg
Loub, Arthur
Brandon, Marla

Members absent: Fowles, Brad
Dr. Craft, David

Also present were Dr. Robert Edleston, President; Dr. Linda Hertzell, Vice President of Instructional Services; Kelly Hoggatt, Vice President of Student Services; Jane Bloodgood, Vice President of Business Services; and Thad Russell, President of the Faculty Association.

2. CALL TO ORDER

Stacy Kohlmeier added discussion of the letter to be sent to the Governor and Legislators concerning the future of technical education.

3. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS & CONSENT AGENDA

Arthur Loub moved to approve the consent agenda items Board Minutes, and the Expenditure Reports. Dr. Norris Wika seconded. Motion carried 6/0.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MONITORING REPORTS

None for March.

5. DISCUSSION OF ENDS

Dr. Edleston briefed on the Board on the status of current bills concerning technical education. House Bill 2556 has passed the House Education Committee. Bill 2014 is in the Senate Committee currently.

There were no Board comments.

5. GENERAL AGENDA

There was discussion of policies during the Board retreat. The changes were presented by Stacy Kohlmeier in Attachment #5. A suggestion was made to remove the word January from Page 2 Annual Board Planning Cycle. There was no further discussion on the changes. The changes added directives for the President to operate the college using a strategic plan and reporting to the Board two times per year. The Board also revised their mission statement. Dr. Norris made a motion to approve the changes. Marla Brandon seconded. Motion carried 6/0.

A letter supporting HB 2556 and 2014 was drafted and will be sent to the Governor and area Legislators from the Board. This letter includes additional references than those sent previously. Dr. Norris Wika moved to approve the letter as written. Arthur Loub seconded the motion. Motion carried 6/0

6. OWNERSHIP LINKAGE

There was nothing for March.

7. INCIDENTAL INFORMATION

Dr. Edleston stated that Art Loub and Norris Wika attended the GAC meeting. Dr. Edleston informed the Board that the GAC meeting included very informative discussion including many suggestions and ideas from the members. Dr. Edleston will be following up on these. He also mentioned that they would like additional members from more counties in the service area. Sidney Carlson was also in attendance and gave her predications concerning funding for the next year.

Dr. Edleston reported on the KATSC meeting that was held on Tuesday, March 13, 2007 at MATC. Four members from the Kansas Board of Regents were in attendance in addition to the members. One item that was discussed was the hesitance of some of the community colleges to support Bill 2556 as they feel that would not be flexible enough.

Mark Claussen reported that the Foundation is continuing to research building space for the proposed Dental Hygiene Program. He added that \$20,000 in financial support has been committed. Dr. Edleston informed the Board that the Kansas Board of Regents has not yet begun the review process for the program.

There were Public no comments at this time.

Regarding the request at the February meeting that a review of MATC Grievance Policy. The policy was reviewed by Art Loub and Willie Thornberg with both concluding that the current policy is more than adequate.

Dr. Norris moved for the Board to go into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. regarding personnel issues in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and that the session end at 8:05 p.m. Marla Brandon seconded the motion. Motion carried 6/0. The session ended at 8:05 p.m. with no action taken.

8. EVALUATION OF BOARD PROCESS

There was no evaluation of the board process at this time.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 10, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. at MATC in room 304.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Stacy Kohlmeier, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Jean Sommer, Acting Administrative Assistant to the President/Board Clerk
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