BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
January 14, 2020
Oakland Community College
2480 Opdyke Road
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair McCulloch called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

2. ATTENDANCE

Present:
John P. McCulloch, Chair
Pamala M. Davis, Vice Chair
Pamela S. Jackson, Secretary
Susan E. Anderson, Treasurer
Shirley J. Bryant, Trustee

Absent:
Kathleen A. Bertolini, Trustee
Christine M. O’Sullivan, Trustee

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Davis MOVED to approve the agenda, and Trustee Anderson seconded.

AYES: Anderson, Bryant, Davis, Jackson, McCulloch

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

4. MINUTES

4.1 December 10, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Trustee Bryant MOVED to approve the December 10, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Trustee Jackson seconded.

AYES: Anderson, Bryant, Davis, Jackson, McCulloch

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

5. COMMUNICATIONS

5.1. Community Comments – none

5.2. Student Government Report – no report
5.3. Academic Report

5.3.1. Academic Senate Update – no report

5.4. Chancellor’s Comments

Mr. Provenzano commented on the following:

- Two new employees were welcomed:
  - Jennell Harper, Desktop Support Specialist, Information Technologies
  - Nithusha Byrapaka, Business Intelligence Analyst, Institutional Effectiveness
- Six retirees were congratulated:
  - Alan Crouse, Designer, Graphic Services – 23 years
  - Linda Emerson, Administrative Assistant – 14 years
  - Nicole Kassab, Counselor – 27 years
  - Spencer Martin, Natural & Health Sciences Faculty – 54 years
  - Mr. Martin provided some history of his time here at OCC and commented on how he loved teaching
  - Cathey Maze, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs – 18 years
  - Susan Williams, HR Coordinator – 9 years
- Dr. Timothy Sherwood was acknowledged for his more than 6 years of service to OCC as Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Dr. Sherwood has accepted the position of Vice President of Academic Affairs at the Harford Community College in Bel Air, Maryland.
- David James, a faculty member in the English department, published two books of poetry in 2019 – “A Gem of Truth” and “Nail Yourself into Bliss”
- English faculty member Ryan Dillaha released his latest folk album – “Closer to Better”
- As of the first day of classes, enrollment was up a little more than one percent. The Chancellor thanked the front-line staff, Counseling, Enrollment Services, Financial Aid, ASC, Library faculty and staff, the Associate Deans of Student Services, and all the employees and volunteers who assisted our students during the registration process.
- Special marketing campaigns will be focused on Winter enrollment for late-starting classes
- Degrees When Due:
  - Registrar Stephen Linden was recently quoted in a national news article on the higher education website, EdSurge.com, which featured OCC’s participation in the “Degrees When Due” initiative
  - OCC recently identified 900 students who over the past six years earned a degree, but never had it posted to their records. These students were sent certified letters indicating they have met all their graduation requirements for one or more degrees. Their credentials will be posted to their student records, and diplomas will be mailed directly.
  - OCC is also working to improve automated systems to better flag a student record in real time when the student has qualified for a credential
  - OCC will also be contacting hundreds more “some-college, no-degree” students who are one or two courses away from degree completion with the hopes they will return to complete their studies
- Christopher Coleman, author, life coach, and diversity and inclusion expert, will be the keynote speaker at OCC’s Martin Luther King, Jr. Day held on January 17 at the Orchard Ridge Campus
- The OCC theatre production of “The Shape of Things” will feature 11 reproductions from the DIA collection incorporated into the play. Performances take place at the Royal Oak Lila Jones-Johnson Theatre on January 31, February 1, 6, 7, and 8.
- Once again this holiday season, our faculty and staff supported many worthy causes in our community, the Turning Point Shelter being one of the recipients
- George R. Mosher, Jr. the founder and “Father” of OCC, passed away on January 7, 2020. He was 98 years young.
6. **MONITORING REPORT** - none

7. **ACTION ITEMS**

7.1. Novi Corridor Improvement

Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services Bobbie Remias advised the Board that for corridor improvements our precedent is to opt out and then see what the County does and follow suit. As the County agreed to support this, OCC will consider a presentation regarding the matter. Ms. Remias then introduced Pete Auger, Novi City Manager, and Victor Cardenas, Assistant City Manager, who gave a PP presentation to the Board regarding the Novi Corridor Improvement. Mr. Auger confirmed the capture period would be from 2019 to 2038, and stated OCC can’t lose money on this.

After a brief Q&A, Chair McCulloch asked for a motion to approve the Tax Increment Financing (Opt-Out) Resolution, contingent upon legal counsel’s review, and to have the Chancellor sign on behalf of the Board. Trustee Anderson so MOVED, and Trustee Jackson seconded.

A roll-call vote was taken:

**AYES:** Anderson, Bryant, Davis, Jackson, McCulloch

**NAYS:** None

**Motion Carried**

8. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

8.1 Board of Trustees Self-Evaluation

The Board discussed the self-evaluation form they completed in December. This is the second time the trustees performed this evaluation. It was agreed there are still some revisions and improvements that can be made to this process. Chair McCulloch suggested the policy committee meet in the near future to work on refining the existing policies in order to revise the form.

Trustee Bryant MOVED to receive and file the report, and Trustee Anderson seconded.

**AYES:** Anderson, Bryant, Davis, Jackson, McCulloch

**NAYS:** None

**Motion Carried**

9. **BOARD COMMENTS**

Trustee Jackson thanked George and Doris Mosher for founding OCC and also thanked retiree Spencer Martin for his service to the college. She also wished Dr. Sherwood good luck in his new position.

Trustee Bryant echoed Trustee Jackson’s sentiments about Mr. Mosher stating he was a magnificent leader. She also wished Dr. Sherwood good luck.

Chair McCulloch asked for a motion to move into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(d) for the purpose of discussing the purchase or lease of real property. Trustee Davis so MOVED, and Trustee Bryant seconded.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Anderson, Bryant, Davis, Jackson, McCulloch

**NAYS:** None

**Motion Carried**
The Board went into closed session at 7:21 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 8:00 p.m.

Chair McCulloch asked for a motion for the Board of Trustees to request the College Administration provide the Board with additional information regarding the potential purchase of real property. Trustee Davis so MOVED, and Trustee Jackson seconded.

AYES: Anderson, Bryant, Davis, Jackson, McCulloch

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair McCulloch adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

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Cherie A. Foster

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Date

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John P. McCulloch, Chair

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Pamela S. Jackson, Secretary

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