

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE
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Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
August 23, 2023
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

- Members Present** Carol Strom, Brett Gierak, Terry Gilligan, Dillon Breen, Candy Little
- Members Absent** Brian Broderick, Angela Jaafar
- Call to Order for Regular Meeting** Chair Strom called the August Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
All members stood and took part in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Introduction of Guests** 12 guests were in attendance including: Beth LaForest, Jerome Lavis, Brad Stetson, Jeff Borton, Patrick Sturdy, Rena Laverty, Madison Loving, Dr. Laurie Kattuah-Snyder, Dawn Magretta, Maria Gosur, Stacy Whiddon, Madison Ling.
- Comments from the Audience** Brad Stetson, President of the Schoolcraft Faculty Forum, raised on concern regarding item 10-e: Consider Approval – Contract for D3C3 Mental Health Support.
Jerome Lavis, Faculty Forum, voiced a concern regarding proposed policy 1095 – Authorization to Conduct Research.
- Approval of amended minutes from the June 26, 2023 Regular Board Meeting** Chair Strom stated the minutes from June 23, 2023 Regular Meeting required one title change on the second page and were approved as amended.
- Comments from Trustees** Vice Chair Gierak stated he attended the Governor’s Higher Education Summit and was excited to have heard what the Governor had in store.

Trustee Gilligan stated that he, Chair Strom, and Trustee Breen represented the Board at the ADN pinning ceremony the day before and it was clear that the students really appreciate the Nursing staff.

Report of the President

The August Report of the President highlighted Artificial Intelligence (AI), as the Trustees had asked how we use AI within higher education. Maria Gosur, UX Engineer, provided an enthusiastic and informative brief lecture on AI and how it is being used in the College.

Consider Granting a Resolution of Congratulations of Retirement

2023-49 Moved by Trustee Gierak, seconded by Trustee Gilligan, that the Board of Trustees offers congratulations to Joan Gebhardt on her accomplishments and service to the College and extends to her best wishes.

Ayes: Breen, Gierak, Gilligan, Little, Strom

Nays: None

Absent: Broderick, Jaafar

Motion carried.

Consider Granting a Resolution of Congratulations of Retirement

2023-50 Moved by Trustee Gilligan, seconded by Trustee Breen, that the Board of Trustees offers congratulations to Sidney Fox, Brenda Leavens, Claudette Lowe, Susan Sather, Ione Skaggs, and JoAnne Stadnicar on their accomplishments and service to the College and extends to them best wishes.

Ayes: Breen, Gierak, Gilligan, Little, Strom

Nays: None

Absent: Broderick, Jaafar

Motion carried.

- Consider Award of Purchase Order – Mark L. Whitfield Veterans and Military Services Center** **2023-51** Moved by Trustee Breen, seconded by Trustee Little, that the Board of Trustees awards a purchase order for Steelcase privacy and glass wall as noted in the specifications to Navigating Business Space, Rochester Hills, Michigan at a total cost of sixty-seven thousand nine hundred and eleven dollars (\$67,911).
- Ayes: Breen, Gierak, Gilligan, Little, Strom
Nays: None
Absent: Broderick, Jaafar
- Motion carried.
- Consider Approval of an Articulation Agreement with Detroit Public Schools Cooking and Related Culinary Arts Course** **2023-52** Moved by Trustee Little, seconded by Trustee Broderick, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the administration to enter into an articulation agreement approved culinary arts secondary school training programs.
- Ayes: Breen, Gierak, Gilligan, Little, Strom
Nays: None
Absent: Broderick, Jaafar
- Motion carried.
- Consider tabling the vote on Item 10-e: Consider Approval – Contract or D3C3 Mental Health Support** **2023-53** Moved by Trustee Broderick, seconded by Trustee Jaafar, that the Board of Trustees table the vote on agenda item 10-e: Consider Approval – Contract for D3C3 Mental Health Support to allow for further discussion.
- Ayes: Breen, Gierak, Gilligan, Little, Strom
Nays: None
Absent: Broderick, Jaafar
- Motion carried.
- Comments from the Audience** Brad Stetson asked that the Board of Trustees reconsider tabling agenda item 10-e.
- At the request of the College General Counsel, Patrick Sturdy, Chair Strom called for a short recess to allow for further discussion between College Faculty and Staff at 8:13 p.m.
- Chair Strom called the meeting back to order at 8:22 p.m.

**Consider
Bringing
Agenda Item
10-e: Consider
Approval –
Contract or
D3C3 Mental
Health Support
Forward**

2023-54

Moved by Trustee Gierak, seconded by Trustee Little, that the board of Trustees bring agenda item 10-e back to the table for a vote.

Ayes: Breen, Gierak, Gilligan, Little, Strom

Nays: None

Absent: Broderick, Jaafar

Motion carried.

**Consider
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Health Support**

2023-55

Moved by Trustee Little, seconded by Trustee Gilligan, that the Board of Trustees approve to proceed with a three-year contract with Christie Campus the amount up to one-hundred forty-eight thousand dollars (\$148,000) per year for a total of four hundred forty-four thousand dollars (\$444,000) for student mental health support as part of the D3C3 Student Success grant.

**Comments from
Trustees**

Chair Strom reminded those in attendance that the first-ever Touch-a-Job event would be held at the Schoolcraft Manufacturing and Engineering Center on Saturday, September 30, 2023.

Adjournment

Chair Strom adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.



Chelsea Willis,
Associate Secretary



Carol Strom, Chair