

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

JC228 · 18600 Haggerty Rd · Livonia MI 48152-2696

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

May 22, 2024

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

- Public Hearing on the General Operating Budget** The Public Hearing on the 2024-25 General Operating Budget began at 7:00 p.m. Jon Lamb, CFO, summarized the budget and actions necessary for the College to balance the budget. He entertained questions from the Trustees and audience.
- Members Present** Carol Strom, Brett Gierak, Brian Broderick, Terry Gilligan, Dillon Breen, Angela Jaafar, Candy Little
- Members Absent** None
- Motion to Adjourn the Public Hearing** **2024-34** Moved by Trustee Gilligan, seconded by Trustee Broderick, the Board of Trustees adjourned the public hearing.
- Ayes: Breen, Broderick, Gierak, Gilligan, Jaafar, Little, Strom
Nays: None
Absent: None
- Motion carried
- Call to Order for Regular Meeting** Vice Chair Gierak called the May Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.
- All members stood and took part in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Introduction of Guests** 26 guests (including 5 Campus Comfort Companions) were in attendance: Patrick Sturdy, Lawrence Choraszewski, Stacy Whiddon, Jon Lamb, Elvis Velio, Hodayra Adiba, Sharon Christian, Todd Stowell, Katie Williams, Dawn Magretta, Laurie Kattuah Snyder, Jerome Lavis, Jeff Borton, Kirstin Gierak, Elodie Gierak, Benjamin Gierak, Carla Murray and Starla, Randy Lorenzetti and Mocha, Mark Engstrom and Scout, Kenny Losey and Teddy, and Matt Mayes and Copper.

Approval of minutes from the April 24, 2024 Special Board Meeting

Vice Chair Gierak stated the minutes from the April 24, 2024 Special Board Meeting were approved as presented.

Comments from Trustees

Trustee Broderick, who serves as liaison to the Foundation Board of Governors, encouraged the Board of Trustees to reach 100% status in donations by June 30th. He further reported the Foundation has raised \$15 million toward their \$18 million goal for 2025.

Report of the President

Homayra Adiba, former PTK president, presented her research and findings on AI and the relationship it plays in the classroom. Dr. Cerny highlighted some exciting things from the May 2024 President's Report.

Consider Adoption of Tax Levy for 2024-25

2024-35

Moved by Trustee Breen, seconded by Trustee Gilligan, that the Board of Trustees approves the following resolution for the adoption of the Tax Levy for 2024-2025:

(Roll Call Vote)

WHEREAS, authorization has been granted by a vote of the electors of the Schoolcraft Community College District to levy two and twenty-seven hundredth mills in taxes two dollars and twenty-seven cents (\$2.27) per thousand on the Taxable Value of the College District for all purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has carefully examined the financial circumstances of the College District for the 2024-25 fiscal year, including estimated expenditures, estimated revenues, and Taxable Value of property located within the District and determined that the levy of an equal millage rate will be necessary for the sound management and operation of the College District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has complete authority to establish that a maximum of 2.27 mills be levied for 2024 operating purposes from within its authorized millage rate; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to "Section 31 of Article IX" of the 1963 State Constitution and implementing legislation, and pursuant to the successful 2018 ballot initiative, such authorized millage will not be affected by Millage Reduction Fractions for 10 years unless future renewal is passed by the

voters through a ballot initiative in tax year 2028;
and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees complied with the Truth in Budgeting Act in the month of May 2024 and may now authorize a maximum total levy of 2.2700 mills for 2024-25 operating purposes, within its present authorized millage rate; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that the ordinary expenses of operating, maintaining, and managing the Schoolcraft Community College District and its programs will require, in addition to other monies, the expenditure of all funds raised by levy of the aforesaid 2.2700 mills; and

WHEREAS, the Taxable Value of the Schoolcraft Community College District is nineteen billion, one hundred ninety-eight million, four hundred sixty-six thousand, six hundred seventy-nine dollars (\$19,198,466,679), apportioned among the several Counties of the District as follows:

\$ 17,684,649,630 for Wayne County
\$ 1,406,718,825 for Oakland County
\$ 107,098,224 for Washtenaw County

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT this Board of Trustees does hereby reaffirm its determination that the ordinary expenses of operating, maintaining, and managing the Schoolcraft Community College District and its programs will require, in addition to other monies, the expenditure of all funds raised by levy of the aforesaid 2.2700 mills; and

THAT the 2024 Tax Levy, for all purposes of Schoolcraft Community College District, be set at two dollars and twenty-seven cents (\$2.2700) per thousand dollars of Taxable Value of the area comprising the District, making a tax yield of forty-three million, five hundred eighty thousand, five hundred nineteen dollars (\$43,580,519); and

THAT this Board of Trustees hereby certifies that the foregoing requested millage has been reduced in compliance with "Section 31 of Article IX" of the 1963 State Constitution and that it is also in

compliance with “Act No. 2” of the Public Acts of 1968; and

THAT the 2024 Tax Levy be levied and collected as a Summer Tax, in compliance with “Section 144” of the Community College Act, as amended by “Act No. 368,” Public Acts of Michigan 1982.

Ayes: Breen, Broderick, Gierak, Gilligan, Jaafar, Little, Strom

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried

**Consider
Establishing
Tuition and Fee
Rates for 2024-
25**

2024-36

Moved by Trustee Gilligan, seconded by Trustee Little, that tuition rates, beginning with the 2024 Fall Semester, be approved as follows:

Resident \$139.00 per credit hour

Nonresident \$200.00 per credit hour

Out-of-State \$270.00 per credit hour

International \$270.00 per credit hour

The College’s standard fees will not increase

Ayes: Breen, Broderick, Gierak, Gilligan, Jaafar, Little, Strom

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried

**Consider
Adoption of
2024-25
General
Operating Fund
Budget**

2024-37

Moved by Trustee Broderick, seconded by Trustee Strom, that the Board of Trustees approves a General Fund Budget which includes a maximum millage levy of 2.27 mills of ad valorem property taxes (not adjusted as required by the Headlee Amendment pursuant to the successful Fall 2018 ballot initiative) to be used for general operating purposes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a General Fund Budget in the amount of one hundred four million, two hundred nine thousand, six hundred nineteen dollars (\$104,209,619) be adopted for the 2024-25 Fiscal Year.

Ayes: Breen, Broderick, Gierak, Gilligan, Jaafar, Little, Strom

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried

Consider Adoption of 2024-25 Ancillary Budgets

2024-38 Moved by Trustee Jaafar, seconded by Trustee Gilligan, that the Board of Trustees adopts the Designated, Auxiliary, and Restricted Budgets for the 2024-25 Fiscal Year, in the amount of twenty-three million, eight hundred thirty thousand, fifteen dollars (\$23,830,015), as contained in the attached schedule; and that the necessary monies to meet Ancillary Fund commitments be transferred from the General Fund to the appropriate funds; and, finally, that the Administration be authorized to effect modifications and additions to the Ancillary Budgets where such modifications and/or additions are in keeping with sound business practices.

Ayes: Breen, Broderick, Gierak, Gilligan, Jaafar, Little, Strom

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried

Consider Going into Closed Session

2024-39 Consider going into closed session under Section 8(e) to consult with its attorney regarding the specific pending litigation of Hunter v Schoolcraft et al. and section 8(a) of the open Meetings Act to discuss the President's evaluation

(Roll Call Vote)

Ayes: Breen, Broderick, Gierak, Gilligan, Jaafar, Little, Strom

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried

Consider Reconvening into an Open Session

2024-40 Moved by Trustee Gilligan, seconded by Trustee Jaafar that the Board of Trustees reconvenes into an open session.

(Roll Call Vote)

Ayes: Breen, Broderick, Gierak, Gilligan, Jaafar, Little, Strom

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried

Consider Amending the Agenda

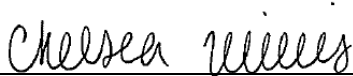
2024-41 Moved by Trustee Broderick, seconded by Trustee Breen that the Board amends the agenda to include the following items:

10-g consider amending the agenda

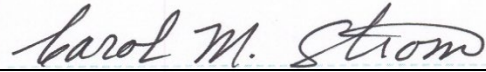
10-h consider authorizing a settlement

10-i consider approving the president's contract

- Consider Authorizing a Settlement** **2024-42** Moved by Brian Broderick, supported by Carol Strom, that the Board of Trustees authorizes settlement of the case of Hunter v Schoolcraft College, et al, Case No. Case No. 22-cv-12595 before the Hon. Laurie J. Michaelson within the specific parameters discussed within Closed Session.
- Consider Approving the President's Contract** **2024-43** Moved by Trustee Strom, seconded by Trustee Jaafar, that the Board approves the President's contract within the specific parameters as discussed within Closed Session.
- Adjournment** Chair Strom adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.



Chelsea Willis,
Associate Secretary



Carol Strom, Chair