
**BUTLER COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
4:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 10, 2024 – Dankert Board Room**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qmy5z9k3iu0>

STAFF ATTENDANCE

Connie Belden	Kerry Potter
Christina Byram	Bill Rinkenbaugh
Zach Cannady	Dr. Heather Rinkenbaugh
Kamielle Freeman	Dr. Barry Robinson
Dr. Jenna Gannon	Kelly Snedden
Valerie Haring	Dr. Phil Speary
Glendell Henderson	Shelley Stultz
Kim Jackson	Cory Teubner
Matt Jacobs	Ireland Turner
Dr. Kim Krull	Tristan Vandusen
Dr. Esam Mohammed	Kent Williams
Dr. Jessica Ohman	Tom Borrego

BOARD ATTENDANCE

Kim Braungardt
Mary Martha Good
Dr. Aaron Huslig
Linda Jolly
Forrest Rhodes
Dave Sherrer
Shelby Smith

GUESTS

Shawn Lewis
Denny Lewis
Thomas Williams
Pete Ferrell
Alyssa Patty
Makaila Bender

(*z) – denotes attendance via Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER

(YouTube @ 1:15)

Chair Jolly called the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 4:30pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(YouTube @1:25)

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(YouTube @ 1:55)

Trustee Rhodes moved to add the TFA for Welding at Rose Hill USD 394 to Board Action Item XI B. Trustee Good seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion passed 7-0.

Trustee Good moved to approve the amended agenda. Trustee Sherrer seconded. On roll call vote, the motion passed 7-0.

COMBINED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE HEARING (KSA 79-2988) AND PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING (KSA 79-2929)

(YouTube @ 3:276)

Chair Jolly opened the Combined RNR and Public Budget Hearing with written comments published in the Board Book.

Public Comment Period

(YouTube @ 7:14)

President Krull read a letter received in the President's Office from Danica Dickson (El Dorado) requesting the Board not raise taxes. Additionally, public comment was provided by Denny Lewis (Augusta) and Thomas Williams (Benton). Both noted the burden of raising taxes on individuals living on fixed incomes as retirees and asked the Board to not raise taxes. Mr. Williams asked a number of questions during his public comment period. The public comment period does not allow the Board to engage in discussion or answer questions, so it was noted President Krull would follow up in writing with answers to his questions. A letter was sent to Mr. Williams with answers to his questions on 9/13/2024. Pete Ferrell (Beaumont) provided comments supporting the college and the work that is being done as well as noting as a former Trustee, he understood the difficulty of the decisions the Trustees have to make. He encouraged the Board to pass the budget.

Closing Comments

(YouTube @ 23:35)

Closing comments were provided by Chair Jolly.

Approval of Resolution 24-09: A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of Butler Community College, Butler County, Kansas to Levy a Property Tax Rate Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate.

(YouTube @ 25:00)

Trustee Good moved to approve Resolution 24-09: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BUTLER COMMUNITY COLLEGE, BUTLER COUNTY, KANSAS TO LEVY A PROPERTY TAX RATE EXCEEDING THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE. Trustee Sherrer seconded the motion.

Trustee Sherrer noted he is also on a fixed income but believes in sustaining and supporting the college with approval of the resolution. Trustee Smith noted the proposed increase in the tax request, the county valuation increases, and the cost to the taxpayers overall. Trustee Braungardt noted the decreases in enrollment over the past number of years. Trustee Rhodes noted the individual Trustees have been elected by their constituents and votes don't always have to be unanimous. Trustee Jolly noted the need to look at a multi-year budget and sustainability plan.

On a roll call vote, Trustees, Good, Rhodes, Jolly, Huslig and Sherrer voted aye and Trustees Braungardt and Smith voted nay.

Trustee Good moved and Trustee Rhodes seconded to adjourn the public hearing. The public hearing was adjourned. On a roll call vote the motion passed 7- 0.

APPROVAL OF THE FY2025 LEGAL AND OPERATING BUDGETS

(YouTube @ 40:10)

Trustee Sherrer moved the Board of Trustees approve the legal budget for 2024-2025 as published with the amount of taxes to be levied for the General Fund of \$14,406,813 and the total expenditure budget for all funds of \$93,837,196 and approve the Operating Budget expenditures for 2024-2025 as presented to the Board of Trustees on August 13, 2024 in the amount of \$58,186,756. Trustee Good seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, Trustees Good, Rhodes, Jolly, Huslig and Sherrer voted aye and Trustees Braungardt and Smith voted nay.

RECOGNITIONS

(YouTube @ 46:25)

A number of recognitions were presented at the meeting. They included the Butler athletes who had received NJCAA Academic All-American honors for earning a 3.6 or higher GPA. Members of the Butler Jazz Ensemble were present to be recognized for their invitation to perform at the 2025 Kansas Music Educators Association Inservice Workshop in February 2025. Cheyenne Bullard and Veronica Rangel were recognized for saving the life of Loren Gonzalez using the Heimlich Maneuver when she was choking. Teresa Eastman was recognized for her presentations and work with the AHEAD Conference. Connie Belden has been elected as the Vice President and President Elect for the American Accounting Association Two-Year College Section Board. Individuals of the Accounts Receivable and Admissions teams were recognized for their community service work the past year.

STANDING REPORTS

(YouTube @ 1:02:47)

Student Government Association – Kylie Metsker, new SGA president introduced her new officers and reported on the first activities of the fall semester including the Welcome Week activities.

Operational Staff – Zach Cannady reported OpStaff and the success with the Welcome Back tables on both campuses the first days of the fall semester. He also thanked the Board on behalf of the Op Staff for the salary increases and health insurance support.

Professional Employees – Kamielle Freeman reported on the BCCEA annual fall meeting. She reported she accepted the position as the President of the Association with Cory Teubner as the Vice President. They are working on some faculty and student appreciation events. She also reported that Emma Rodriguez received the annual BCCEA Scholarship.

Board Finance Committee – Trustee Good noted there weren't any significant changes to report on this month.

Foundation Board Report – Trustee Rhodes shared that the Foundation Board met for its quarterly meeting. The fair market value of the endowment as of June 30th is about \$16.3 M. Two estate gifts have been recently received. The Foundation Board voted to increase the minimum amount needed to endow a scholarship from \$10,000 to \$15,000. In FY24, the Foundation provided approximately \$5.54 M in scholarship and program support to the college and for FY25, have awarded approximately \$741,000 in scholarship support.

Educational Facilities Authority Report – Trustee Sherrer reported on the completion of the turf and track project.

President's Report – President Krull provided a report on the recent August KACC meeting at KCKCC. It was reported that the Butler-Snow game to be held on September 28th will be a BCTV+ production for ESPN+. Preliminary enrollment information was provided. Dr. Esam Mohammad thanked the Board for his time at Butler.

MONITORING REPORTS

There were no monitoring reports this month.

BOARD STRATEGIC DISCUSSION

- A. Board Self-Evaluation (YouTube @ 1:23:14) – Chair Jolly noted some items from the evaluation and would like to begin to bring some of those items to Board Work Sessions for discussion. She also noted she would like to review the list of Board commitments provided to HLC in the Interim Monitoring Report.
- B. Presidential Search Update (YouTube @ 1:24:13) – Chair Jolly noted last week the screening committee met. There were originally 45 applicants and the screening committee reviewed thirteen applicants and identified 6 semifinalists for zoom interviews. The interviews will be held September 18th and 19th and discussing afterwards who the finalists would be to come to campus for face-to-face interviews. Interview dates will be set. She noted the Board still anticipates having a new president at Butler at the beginning of 2025.
- C. Faculty Evaluation Process (YouTube @ 1:27:59) – Dr. Phil Speary reviewed a handout provided to the Board on the faculty evaluation process and student evaluations of faculty. He noted the component parts of the faculty evaluation. He also shared statistics on the number of student evaluations that have been completed the past number of semesters.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

- A. Canusia License Agreement (YouTube @ 1:35:42) – Dr. Heather Rinkenbaugh explained the benefits of the Canusia software to be used with our high school partners. Trustee Smith moved to approve the agreement. Trustee Good seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 7-0 vote.
- B. Welding Memorandum of Understanding with Rose Hill High School (YouTube @ 1:38:10) – Dr. Heather Rinkenbaugh explained the welding agreement and potential for student enrollment. Trustee Sherrer moved and Trustee Smith seconded the motion to approve the MOU with Rose Hill for welding. The motion passed on a 7-0 vote.

CONSENT AGENDA)

(YouTube @ 1:44:45)

Trustee Rhodes moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Trustee Good seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0. Consent agenda items included:

- Regular Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2024
- Special Meeting Minutes of July 22, 2024
- Bills and Warrants
- MOU with USD 253 Emporia Public Schools
- Adobe Creative Campus
- Three Full-time Nursing Instructors, One Full-time EMS Instructor

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

(YouTube @ 1:45:44

Key Performance Indicators Update – There were no updates this month but the KPIs were noted. .

Statement of Revenue & Expenditures – the corrected copy of the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures was handed out.

Thank You Notes – Dr. Krull noted a number of thank yous from the scholarship winners at the Butler County Fair.

Board Calendars – Dr. Krull noted updates in the Board Calendar.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

(YouTube @ 1:46:42)

Trustee Sherrer moved that the Board recess into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel pursuant to the open meetings exception for said matters and that the Board, Shelley Stultz and Kim Jackson be included. The meeting will resume in the Dankert Trustee Board Room within 60 minutes. Trustee Good seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 7-0 vote.

ENTER EXEC SESSION @ 6:24pm

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION @ 7:15pm

ADJOURNMENT

(YouTube @ 2:50:11)

Trustee Good moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Smith seconded. On roll call vote, the motion to adjourn the meeting passed 7-0. The regular meeting of the Butler Community College Board of Trustees was adjourned at 7:20 pm.



Mary Martha Good – Secretary/Treasurer