



Attachment 3 - a

**MILWAUKEE AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
January 26, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Milwaukee Area Technical College District Board was held in Open Session via teleconference on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, and called to order by Chairperson Foley at 4:05 p.m.

ITEM 1 a. ROLL CALL

Present: Erica Case; Mark Foley; Ashanti Hamilton; Citlali Mendieta-Ramos; David Mitchell, Nikki Moews; Lisa Olson; Kahri Phelps-Okoro and Ann Wilson.

Ashanti Hamilton joined the meeting at 5:00 p.m. and Ann Wilson joined the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Excused: None.

ITEM 1 b. COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW

Discussion Chairperson Foley asked if proper notice of the meeting had been given in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law.

Ms. Gwendolyn Green, board liaison, confirmed proper notice had been given in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law.

ITEM 3. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ms. Dewey Caton, vice president, Part-Time Faculty, AFT L212, spoke to the decrease in workloads for part-time faculty due to lower enrollments. Some part time faculty have no assignment or a 50 percent decrease in load, amounting to a de facto layoff or furlough. She asked if there were other temporary employment opportunities part-time faculty with no income can take advantage of, such as help with the call center, counseling, student retention or other areas.

Mr. Kevin Mulvenna, executive vice president, AFT L212, reported faculty were able to work collaboratively with administration on deadlines that did not directly impact students and thanked the administration and the board for encouraging these efforts. Mr. Mulvenna welcomed Dr. Naydeen Gonzalez-De Jesus to MATC.

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Spoke in support of Ms. Caton's comments concerning the decrease in workloads many part-time faculty are facing and proposed a few solutions.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3 a. Regular Board Meeting: December 15, 2020

Motion It was moved by Ms. Phelps-Okoro, seconded by Ms. Case, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting: December 15, 2020.

Action Motion approved.

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

4 a. Bills – December 2020

4 b. Financial Report - December 2020

4 c. Human Resources Report

4 d. Procurement Report

Ms. Elle Bonds, vice president, Human Resources, gave a brief update on the HR Report in the Consent Agenda.

Motion It was moved by Dr. Olson, seconded by Ms. Phelps-Okoro, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Action Motion approved.

ITEM 5. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Action Items

5 a. Resolution (F0165-01-21) Authorizing the Sale of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2020-2021H of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin

Motion It was moved by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Ms. Moews, to approve Resolution (F0165-01-21) Authorizing the Sale of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2020-2021H of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin

Discussion Mr. John Mehan, managing director, Robert W. Baird & Co., reviewed the Final Pricing Summary for the \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2020-2021H.

Action Motion approved, the roll call vote being as follows:

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Ayes: Mendieta-Ramos, Mitchell, Moews, Olson, Phelps-Okoro, Wilson, Case and Foley - 8

Noes: None.

5 b. Resolution (F0166-01-21) Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2020-2021I of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin

Motion It was moved by Dr. Olson, seconded by Ms. Phelps-Okoro, to approve Resolution (F0166-01-21) Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2020-2021I of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin

Action Motion approved, the roll call vote being as follows:

Ayes: Mendieta-Ramos, Mitchell, Moews, Olson, Phelps-Okoro, Wilson, Case and Foley - 8

Noes: None.

5 c. Resolution (F0167-01-21) Authorizing the Sale of Approximately \$6,570,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin

Motion It was moved by Ms. Moews, seconded by Ms. Mendieta-Ramos, to approve Resolution (F0167-01-21) Authorizing the Sale of Approximately \$6,570,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin

Action Motion approved, the roll call vote being as follows:

Ayes: Mitchell, Moews, Olson, Phelps-Okoro, Wilson, Case, Foley and Mendieta-Ramos – 8

Noes: None.

5 d. Board Self-Evaluation Instrument.

Motion It was moved by Ms. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Case, to approve Board Self-Evaluation Instrument.

Action Motion approved.

5 e. Resolution (F0168-01-21) to Approve Associate Degree Program Titled Diagnostic Medical Sonography (10-526-2)

Motion It was moved by Ms. Phelps-Okoro, seconded by Ms. Wilson, to approve Resolution (F0168-01-21) to Approve Associate Degree Program Titled Diagnostic Medical Sonography (10-526-2)

Action Motion approved.

5 f. Resolution (F0169-01-21) to Approve Technical Diploma Program Titled Enhanced Yoga Instructor (30-501-X)

Motion It was moved by Ms. Phelps-Okoro, seconded by Ms. Wilson, to approve Resolution (F0169-01-21) to Approve Technical Diploma Program Titled Enhanced Yoga Instructor (30-501-X)

Action Motion approved.

ITEM 6. Policy Review

5 a. Policy F0900 – Standard of Academic Success & Financial Aid Eligibility

Discussion Ms. Janice Falkenberg, vice president and General Counsel, introduced Mr. Al Pinckney, executive director, Financial Aid, to present Policy 0900-Standard of Academic Success & Financial Aid Eligibility via PowerPoint.

ITEM 7. Reports

7 a. Chairperson's Report

Discussion Chairperson Foley:

- Notified the Board that meetings with MATC District Legislators are taking place virtually in January and February and calendar invites will be sent to them. Stated the importance of the Board to accept the invites as attendance may be tracked. Stated meetings with Representatives Dora Drake and Deb Andraca and Senator Chris Larson took place the week prior to the Board meeting.
- Announced the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) National Legislative Summit will be held virtually on February 8 – 10, 2021 and stated there are meetings scheduled with Senators Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin.

- Discussed ideas on topics for a virtual spring board retreat. Proposed the following topics:
 - Scenario planning for a post-COVID future
 - Trends in higher education
 - Facilities planning for the future
 - Moonshot for Equity
 - Achieving the Dream
 - Guided Pathways

7 b. President's Report

Discussion

Dr. Martin:

- Reported she was invited to present to the Achieving The Dream 2020 President's Cohort on the topic of student success in a crisis in which she had an opportunity to highlight the college's response to the pandemic through the use of scenario planning and the establishment of an Integration Team. She thanked Dr. Christine Manion and Ms. Janice Falkenberg for their efforts on these initiatives.
- Stated Dr. Naydeen Gonzalez-De Jesus attended the January 15, 2021 Department of Correction virtual graduation ceremony in her behalf. This ceremony included Governor Evers and seven students who graduated from the college's Second Chance Pell Program achieving grade point averages higher than 3.0 for two straight years. Dr. Martin thanked Dr. Sadique Isahaku and his team for their efforts in this initiative.
- Announced the college held its Faculty Coordination Day also on January 15 and welcomed college faculty to the spring semester.
- Reported the college has expanded its onsite COVID-19 testing to all employees and students at the college's Oak Creek and Downtown Campuses, and the college is working with local health officials to facilitate access to the COVID-19 vaccine.

7 c. District Student Senate Report

Mr. Phong Nguyen, Student Government at the West Allis Campus, gave the report on behalf of Ms. Brandi Martin, who was not able to attend the meeting.

Discussion

Mr. Phong Nguyen:

- Announced the District Student Government is looking to expand their work, such as the creation of a Graduation Speaker Taskforce to develop ways to have the students' voice in the selection of a graduation speaker.
- Stated he is working on events related to inclusion of students from different walks of life.

- Thanked the MATC faculty and staff for all the work done during the pandemic, stating he felt MATC done a good job in comparison with other colleges.

7 d. Milwaukee PBS VP General Manager's Report

Discussion

Mr. Bohdan Zachary:

- Reported the station raised a record one million dollars in December, making the station confident the \$5.2 million goal in FY21 may be achieved. The next fundraising drive starts in March.
- Welcomed to Milwaukee PBS, MATC and the city of Milwaukee, Mariano Avila, who joined the station as a bilingual multimedia producer and reporter. Mr. Avila was recently inclusion reporter at WGVU, the PBS television station and NPR radio station in Grand Rapids, MI.
- Announced, starting Wednesday, January 27, Milwaukee PBS is producing a special edition of Black Nouveau, "Understanding Implicit Bias", which will be hosted by Earl Arms. The interactive workshop will be moderated by Kima Hamilton and Dasha Kelly Hamilton, and stated 500 RSVPs were tracked for the virtual event.
- Introduced Mr. Everett Marshburn, Coordinator TV Production, who gave more details and shared a promotional spot on "Understanding Implicit Bias".
- Reported Milwaukee PBS will air a live hour-long special on the rollout of the COVID vaccine titled "The Vaccine: A Milwaukee PBS Special". This will combine the talents and resources of news and public affairs series Black Nouveau, Adelante! and 10thirtysix.
- Asked Maryann Lazarski, producer of 10thirtysix, Patricia Gomez, host and producer of Adelante! and Everett Marshburn, producer of Black Nouveau to provide overviews and details on the importance of this special.
- Announced Milwaukee PBS was honored for Excellence in Content at the 52nd Annual Public Media Awards and thanked the entire staff at Milwaukee PBS for working tirelessly to provide much needed programming that reflects the critical issues of our times and community.

7 e. Legislative Matters Report

Discussion

Ms. Falkenberg introduced Ms. Ramie Zelenkova, lobbyist, Hubbard Wilson & Zelenkova, who presented the Legislative Matters Report on recent legislative matters impacting higher education, such as:

- The Senate will be evenly split among Democrats and Republicans, during the 117th Congress, with each party holding 50 seats. Vice President Harris will serve as the tie-breaking vote, giving Democrats the Senate majority.
- The Department of Education announces availability of Higher Education Emergency Relief (HEER) Funds. A total of \$21.2 billion in HEER funding for colleges and students was authorized by Congress and signed into law on December 27, 2020.
- President Biden unveiled a \$1.9 Trillion COVID-relief proposal. The proposal includes relief for higher education, childcare, and state and local aid.
- Assembly Bill 1 relating to a state COVID-19 response was introduced earlier this month. Action on the bill is pending at the time of this report.
- Governor Evers will give his Budget Address on February 16th. The Governor will unveil his budget recommendation for the 2021-2023 Biennial Budget at this time.

ITEM 8. BOARD MONITORING

8 a. Enrollment Report

Information Dr. Jeff Janz, vice president, Retention and Completion; Dr. Naydeen Gonzalez-De Jesus, executive vice president, Student Success and Mr. Tony Tagliavia, director, Marketing and Communications, discussed the Enrollment Report with a brief slide presentation and oral report highlighting the national trends in public 2-year community college enrollment; FTE YTD Attainment by Period and Strategies for Enrollment, which include:

- Targeted Marketing
- Stormerbot – artificial intelligence
- Online Zoom services
- Direct follow up contact
- Chromebooks/Hotspots.

8 b. Pathway Presentation/Creative Arts, Design & Media

Information Dr. Mohammad Dakwar, vice president, Learning, confirmed materials on the Pathway Presentation/Creative Arts, Design & Media were distributed prior to the Board meeting and noted Dr. Brian Carlson, dean, Creative Arts & Media, was available to address any questions the Board may have.

ITEM 9. NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Foley stated he would like to have further discussions on enrollment and students dropping and being dropped from classes.

ITEM 10. Future Agenda Items/Events

10 a. February 8 – 10, 2021 ACCT National Legislative Summit

10 b. February 22 – 23, 2021 APTS Public Media Summit

10 c. February 23, 2021 MATC District Board Meeting 4:00 p.m.

ITEM 11. Closed Session

11 a. President's Semi-Annual Evaluation***

11 b. Review of Termination Appeal by Lisa Pusheck****

Motion It was moved by Dr. Olson, seconded by Ms. Phelps-Okoro, to convene into Closed Session pursuant to Section 19.85 (1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes to discuss Item 11 a. President's Semi-Annual Evaluation and, per Section 19.85 (1)(b) and (c) of the Wisconsin Statutes, Item 11 b. Review of Termination Appeal by Lisa Pusheck. The Board may reconvene into Open Session to take action on matters discussed in Closed Session under Items 11 a. and 11 b.

Action Motion approved, the roll call being as follows:

Ayes: Moews, Olson, Phelps-Okoro, Wilson, Case, Hamilton, Mendieta-Ramos, Mitchell, and Foley – 9

Noes: None.

Open Session

Motion It was moved by Dr. Olson, seconded by Ms. Case, to uphold the decision of the Impartial Hearing Officer regarding the Termination Appeal of Ms. Lisa Pusheck.

Action Motion approved, the roll call being as follows:

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Ayes: Olson, Phelps-Okoro, Wilson, Case, Hamilton, Mendieta-Ramos, Foley, Mitchell and Moews – 9

Noes: None.

ITEM 12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwendolyn G. Green

On behalf of Board Secretary Citlali Mendieta-Ramos

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** Action may be taken on any agenda item, whether designated as an action item or not. Agenda items may be moved into Closed Session for discussion when it becomes apparent that a Closed Session is appropriate under Section 19.85 of the Wisconsin Statutes. The board may return to Open Session to take action on any item discussed in Closed Session.

*** It is anticipated that this item may be discussed in Closed Session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

**** It is anticipated that this item will be discussed in Closed Session pursuant to Section 19.85 (1)(b) and (c) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

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