

Minutes

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Student Access & Success



Teaching & Learning



Community & Economic Development



Organizational Effectiveness

July 29, 2020
2:00 pm – 3:40 pm

Location: Webex

Introductory Items

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Board President Theobald called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm and roll was taken:

Charles Cunniffe

Bob Hartzell

Bob Kuusinen

Peg Portscheller

Chris Romer

Patty Theobald

Marianne Virgili

Charles Cunniffe was not in attendance

Action Item

2. Gallagher Ballot Item

Matt Gianneschi, Chief Operating Officer gave an update on the November Gallagher Ballot item. There may be an opportunity in the future for the Board to take formal action and to engage with groups working on this. There is a group attempting to organize on a statewide basis. No campaign committee has been set up at this time.

Once the Board backs a ballot question, staff cannot advocate on the measure on college time. Staff can only give fact base communication with no bias. Trustees have no such restrictions. Staff may take a position on their own time only as citizens.

Trustees made comments on the importance of this ballot issue

- We never thought a repeal of Gallagher would happen. We need to get behind it. So many districts are trying to de-gallagherize themselves and it is expensive.
- This ballot issue is vitally important to the school system, fire districts and special districts to make our communities work. This is bigger than education; it is a community quality of life issue.
- The recent recession and the Gallagher amendment is having a devastating effect on the state's way of funding special districts with property taxes.
- We need to jump in and help push this initiative forward.

ACTION: Trustee Virgili Moved to support the ballot issue repealing the Gallagher Amendment; Trustee Hartzell Seconded the Motion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Bob Hartzell - Aye
Bob Kuusinen - Aye
Peg Portscheller - Aye
Chris Romer - Aye
Patty Theobald - Aye
Marianne Virgili - Aye

Discussion/Information

3. August/September Retreat/Meeting Agenda
President Hauser reviewed the draft August/September retreat/meeting agenda. She asked for trustees to send input they may have. The college will address Gallagher with local elected officials and others with state-wide folks to walk us through it.

Discussions during the retreat will include long term post COVID plans and innovating through disruption.
4. US Bank/Glenwood Center/Chamber spaces Process for Future Community Outreach Management presented information regarding the Glenwood Springs spaces, noting that these facilities are part of the facilities master plan that is looking at all facilities and how we use them. Heather Exby noted that the college is just beginning an exploratory process and asking questions. Trustee Virgili heard from 3 or 4 people that are passionate and champions of CMC and the Glenwood Center. Additional discussion ensued on the process and timing that would be laid out in connection with the changes to CMC space needs and availability in Glenwood Springs.

Executive Session

ACTION: Trustee Portscheller Moved to enter into executive session to consider the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of any real, personal, or other property interest under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(a). Also, for conferences with CMC attorney for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b). Mere presence or participation of an attorney at an executive session of the local public body is not sufficient to satisfy the requirements of this subsection (4).

The purpose of the executive session is to discuss potential real estate transactions for the Aspen Campus and the Spring Valley solar project

Trustee Romer Seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

After exiting executive session Board Chair Patty Theobald stated:

The time is now 3:39 pm, and the executive session has been concluded. No formal action was taken in executive session. The participants in executive session were: myself, Patty Theobald as the presiding officer, Bob Hartzell, Marianne Virgili, Peg Portscheller, Chris Romer, Bob Kuusinen, Richard Gonzales, Matt Gianneschi, Carrie Besnette Hauser Sean Nesbitt, Steve Skadron, Mary Boyd, and Debbie Novak.

For the record, if any person who participated in the executive session believes that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to go into the executive session occurred during the executive session, or that any improper action occurred during the executive session in violation of the Open Meetings Law, I would ask that you state your concerns for the record.

No concerns were stated.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Charles Cunniffe
Board of Trustees Secretary



Debbie Novak
Recording Secretary