



Pre-Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees and Area Legislators

Monday, December 10, 2018 - 4:30 p.m.

**Private Dining Room
West Burlington Campus**

Meeting Minutes

1.1 CALL TO ORDER:

Board Chair Fife-Lafrenz called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Trustees Jeff Heland, Lanny Hillyard, Moudy Nabulsi, Chris Prellwitz, and Janet Fife-Lafrenz were present. Also present were President Dr. Michael Ash, Secretary Darcy Adams, Treasurer Kevin Carr, and faculty/staff members Dr. Carole Richardson, Joan Williams, Chuck Chrisman, Becky Rump, Jeff Ebbing, Dr. Janet Shepherd, Professor Lee Skeens, and Beth Ash. IACCT Executive Director M.J. Dolan, and the following SCC students were also present: Remington Box, Ashley Lohmann, Meghan Riley, Peggy Wunderlich, Natalia Almeida, Camila Almeida, and Carlos Delgadillo. Senator Richard Taylor and his wife Annette, and Senator Tom Greene were present; Representative Dennis Cohoon was also present.

1.2 ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA:

Trustee Heland moved to adopt the agenda. Trustee Hillyard seconded. Motion carried.

Chair Fife-Lafrenz welcomed the legislators, staff, and students. She expressed appreciation to the legislators for their continued support of community colleges.

Dinner was served.

2.1 COMMENTS - PRESIDENT DR. MICHAEL ASH

President Ash introduced the members of the Board of Trustees and the college staff. Trustees Fife-LaFrenz and Hillyard expressed appreciation to the legislators for attending this event and for their support of community colleges.

IACCT Executive Director M. J. Dolan expressed appreciation to the legislators for their support of community colleges and gave some statistics regarding the number of individuals in our state whose lives are positively impacted by community colleges.

Professor Dr. Lee Skeens gave remarks on behalf of the Higher Education Association regarding financial support needed to fulfill the mission of helping students achieve their dreams. Professor Skeens also remarked regarding changes in the Chapter 20 Collective Bargaining law that took place 2 years ago. This is an issue currently being challenged in the Supreme Court. The change that took place greatly affects the ability to attract and retain staff.

At President Ash's request, the students introduced themselves and reported on their educational aspirations and briefly noted reasons why they chose SCC.

2.2 COMMENTS - AREA LEGISLATORS:

Senator Rich Taylor noted that funding education is one of the most important things we do in Des Moines. He would like to see education begin at a younger age. He also would like education free for all. Better funding for education as our number one goal. There are many important goals. Education has to be the priority.

Senator Greene noted that he is a graduate of Burlington Junior College. Community College provides a strong foundation. He reported that education is a priority and that 55 percent of the state's 7.3 billion dollar budget goes to education. Senator Greene addressed the students encouraging them to take advantage of their many opportunities.

Representative Dennis Cohoon is a retired Special Ed teacher from the Burlington area. He is the longest serving legislator in state of Iowa. Representative Cohoon agrees that funding for education needs to be a priority. Funding has increased for education, but hasn't kept up where it needs to be. He noted that following the election, there will be over 20 new people in the House and is hopeful there will be support for education in Iowa. He invited all to come for the capital visit in January.

3.0 ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned by Board consensus at 5:53 p.m.

These minutes have been approved by the Board of Trustees and this is certified to be a true copy.



Darcy Adams
Board Secretary