



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

Monday, December 9, 2019 - 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, Joseph Johnson, and Janet Fife-Lafrenz were present. Also present were President Dr. Michael Ash, Secretary Darcy Adams, Treasurer Kevin Carr, and faculty/staff members, Joan Williams, Chuck Chrisman, Jeff Ebbing, Dr. Janet Shepherd, Professor Lee Skeens, Karen Jones, Dr. Hope Clark, and Beth Ash. The following SCC students were also present: Joel Allen, Ashley Lohmann, John Perdelwitz, Kamryn Bailey, Carlos Delgadillo, Peggy Wunderlich, and Emily Carthoff. Also present were Senator Richard Taylor, Senator Tom Greene, Representative Jeff Kurtz and his wife Debbie, and Representative Joseph Mitchell.

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.

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 Richard Taylor noted that funding education is one of the most important things we do in Des Moines. He would like to see education funding begin at a younger age. He also would like education free for all. Better funding for education is 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 in the state's budget. Senator Greene addressed the students encouraging them to take advantage of their many opportunities.

Both Representative Joseph Mitchell and Representative Jeff Kurtz expressed their support for community colleges as well.

3.0 ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned by Board consensus at 5:54 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