A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Colby Community College, Thomas County, Kansas was held in the Board Room of Thomas Hall on February 4, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held for the purpose of modifying the resolution for bank signatory cards; presentations from Great Western Dining Service and Chartwells; and executive session for non-elected personnel.

Arlen Leiker, Cindy Black, Dale Hershberger, Kenton Krehbiel, Nick Wells and Bill Shields.

Dr. Keegan Nichols, Vice President of Student Affairs; Alan Waites, Vice President of Business Affairs; Joyce Washburn, Dean of Academic Affairs; Barry Kaaz, Dean of External Affairs; Debbie Schwanke, Public Relations; Ryan Sturdy, Athletic Director; John Gatz, board attorney; Sarah Borneman; Dr. Marcy Ward; Pat Erickson; Kayla Cornett of the Colby Free Press. Lisa Failla recorded the minutes of the meeting.

Board Chair Arlen Leiker called the special meeting of the Colby Community College Board of Trustees to order at 5:30 p.m.

Dr. Vacik presented the proposed changes for the Bank Signatory cards. Cindy Black made a motion to approve the Bank Signatory cards as presented; Bill Shields seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Chartwells - Dr. Keegan Nichols introduced Dan Eusebio, District Manager, Chartwells; and Brian Stohs. Dan presented the highlights of Chartwells’ proposal. Chartwells proposes an additional full-time lead supervisor. Chartwells proposed 18 meals per week @ $150 in flex per semester; 14 meals per week @ $100 in flex per semester; and 5 meals per week. Flex dollars are available on the first day for students. If students do not use all of their flex dollars the first semester, the flex dollars will roll to the second semester. Flex dollars are for one academic year, they will not roll from spring to fall.

Chartwells’ proposal includes a plan to invest $90,000 over the five-year term. The proposal provides for a 12% commission to the college on all non-board or non-residential dining revenues (catering/cash sales). The investment includes a new access system ($25,000), soft-serve ice cream machine ($15,000) and renovation and equipment for a snack bar ($50,000).

Chartwells will fund up to $10,000 annually for events hosted by the President’s office. In addition, Chartwells will fund up to $2,500 for student events. Unused funds cannot be rolled over to the following year. The Chartwells representative indicated that the company’s historical collection procedures can be considered an indicator of future collection policies.
Arlen Leiker asked the hours of service for the proposed snack bar. Dan indicated the hours would be after lunch until 4:30 p.m. and then again after dinner until late into the evening. Kenton Krehbiel asked if the students could use their flex dollars to purchase goods. Dan indicated they could be used for that purpose. Kenton also asked if cash could be used at the snack bar. The answer was, “yes.”

Bill Shields asked how many catered presidential events there were. Dr. Vacik answered one this past year. Bill also asked if the week was five days or seven. The answer was seven.

Kenton Krehbiel asked about the four-day school week and how the meal program worked with the four day. Meals were reduced from 19 to 18 meals which include three meals Monday-Thursday, two meals Friday, two meals on Saturday and two meals on Sunday. Dale Hershberger asked when Chartwells would post the new position. Chartwells indicated they are prepared to post the position as soon as the Board makes the decision. John Gatz had several contract questions he directed to Dan.

Arlen Leiker stated several students remain on campus during school breaks. He inquired about Chartwells’ policy for the students. Chartwells indicated they will allow students to use flex dollars. This is actually becoming more common. At Ft. Hays (they also have flex dollars) Chartwells allow them to use the flex dollars outside of the service days.

Bill Shields inquired about Chartwells other clients in the area. Dan explained the company services Ft. Hays, Hays, KS; Sterling College, Sterling, KS; Washburn University, Topeka, KS; Allen County Community College in Iola, KS; Coffeyville Community College in Coffeyville, KS; and a small school in Atchison, KS. Dan explained this is his territory. There are other Chartwells clients throughout Kansas, Nebraska, etc.

Bill Shields asked if our athletes can use their meal tickets at other institutions serviced by Chartwells when traveling to ballgames. Dan stated Chartwells will prepare a reciprocal meal if the students are competing against that school. In addition, if they are driving by a school like Ft. Hays, they just need to be notified and Ft. Hays can provide a meal for them. A question was raised regarding food cost in the future. Dan stated he thought the increase would be 3-4 or 3-5 percent.

*Great Western Dining* – Dr. Keegan Nichols introduced Billie Jennings with Great Western Dining. Great Western is a small company that has been in business since 1990. They are based in Tipton, Missouri. Billie explained that all campuses they provide for are served healthy, nutritious meals. Great Western has a training program for all employees. The customer is always first. They use a menu cycle, adjusting to what the students like. Billie reported the company is cost conscious. Great
Western encourages their food directors to be in the cafeteria area talking with students and guests to determine and fix any issues. They are located throughout Kansas and the Midwest. When the district manager is on campus, Great Western requires they be there for four meal periods, so they can see if there are any issues. Great Western has a reciprocal service for students traveling for athletic events.

Billie opened it up for questions. Bill Shields asked to see the slide with the map to review Great Western’s coverage area for the athletic team travels. One item in Great Western’s proposal was the option of adding points to their meal cards which could then be used at Gambino’s for after-hour food service.

John Gatz had several contract questions he directed to Billie Jennings. Kenton Krehbiel asked if the rates were current and if there were any issues with outside groups meeting here at the College during the week. Billie answered the rates are current and Great Western welcomes the groups who meet at the college. Bill Shields asked about the hours of service and meals. Dr. Keegan Nichols noted they are the same as Chartwells’ current hours and the same number of meals. Gambino’s is the only late-night option currently offered. They believe this option could be expanded to other businesses so the students would have options in the evening or weekends. Bill Shields asked if Great Western was providing a snack bar like Chartwells. The response was no. Great Western said they could design something if a snack bar is something the College was interested in adding.

Arlen Leiker asked if Great Western would be able to accommodate students on campus during breaks. Billie stated it would depend on the number of students on campus. She said one or two students would be more difficult than 30 students. However, they will try to accommodate the students regardless of the circumstances. Arlen also asked about Great Western’s outside catering. Billie explained Great Western only does catering if it does not encroach on the Community College’s services.

Kenton Krehbiel asked if the administration still felt the same way after hearing both presentations. Dr. Vacik stated his choice did not change.

Arlen Leiker asked what the cost per meal was from Chartwells. Dr. Nichols reported the cost per meal on the 18-meal plan is $7.81. Arlen then asked what the cost is for Great Western’s meal. Kenton Krehbiel stated the meal cost was based on the number of meals. Based on the number of meals being 267 which is the same number used by Chartwells, the cost would be $7.90.

Kenton Krehbiel asked to hear from administration regarding why Great Western is better than Chartwells. Bill Shields stated Chartwells came more prepared than Great Western. He pointed out that Chartwells lowered their costs by $19,400. Arlen expressed concern about being
locked into a contract. He asked if the college could break the contract if the students or others were not pleased with the food or service. John Gatz answered he was concerned with both contracts and would like to make changes to the contract prior to signing. Further discussion took place regarding both food service companies.

Bill Shields made a motion to explore further details on Great Western Dining. Kenton Krehbiel seconded; Aye-Bill Shields, Arlen Leiker, Kenton Krehbiel; Nay-Nick Wells, Dale Herschberger, and Cindy Black. Motion did not carry with a vote of 3-3.

Kenton Krehbiel asked what the concerns of the Board were for those who voted Nay. Cindy Black stated keeping the cafeteria open in the evening; lack of snack bar option and concern regarding willingness of Great Western to work with the international students during the school breaks were important factors. Nick Wells stated he would like to stay with a company who has stuck with us through “thick and thin.”

Dr. Vacik stated his concerns and said he stands by his recommendation. He is concerned about signing a contract with Chartwells for five-years. He believes food service does make a difference to students. CCC has devoted a great deal of resources to recruiting and retaining students. The food service is an important recruiting asset.

Dr. Nichols stated she talked with Dan Eusebio and CCC has been signing one-year agreements. Approximately 2-1/2 years ago, CCC had to fix a conveyor belt and that increased the contract with Chartwells by $42,000. Chartwells current contract expires in 2013, but we have been signing one-year extensions to pay for the conveyor belt. Further discussion took place regarding the food service proposals.

Bill Shields made a motion due to financial obligations and past relationships with Chartwells to continue CCC’s relationship with Chartwells through June 30, 2014. Cindy Black seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

Trustees requested the presence of Dr. Vacik and John Gates to meet in executive session for non-elected personnel for fifteen minutes. Dale Herschberger made a motion; Cindy Black seconded; motion carried unanimously at 7:09 p.m.

Open Session

Trustees returned to open session at 7:24 p.m. Cindy Black made a motion for ten minute recess. Kenton Krehbiel seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Cindy Black made a motion at 7:34 p.m. to return to executive session for non-elected personnel for ten minutes with the presence of John Gatz and Dr. Vacik. Bill Shields seconded; motion carried unanimously.
Open Session

The meeting returned to open session at 7:44 p.m.

Adjournment

Nick Wells moved and Cindy Black seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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Chairman  Secretary