Call to Order

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Colby Community College, Thomas County, Kansas was held in the Board room on May 9, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.

Members Present

Cindy Black, Kenton Krehbiel, Arlen Leiker, Nick Wells, Bill Shields, and Dr. Stephen Vacik.

Others Present

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; Dr. Xuemei Yang, Dean of Institutional Effectiveness; Brooks Wederski, Information Technology; Debbie Schwanke, Public Information Director; Ryan Sturdy, Athletic Director; Lisa Failla recorded the minutes of the meeting.

Call Meeting to Order

Board Chairman Arlen Leiker called the meeting of the Colby Community College Board of Trustees to order at 11:00 a.m.

Introductions

Pat Erickson, Doug Johnson

Approval of Contract

Dr. Vacik asked for approval of the contract for Dr. Michael Samuels, anatomy and physiology instructor. Kenton Krehbiel made a motion to approve the contract as presented; Nick Wells seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

2013-2014 Budget

Dr. Vacik asked the Trustees for assent on building the budget for the next fiscal year and direction for the HLC report. Alan Waites reported on the updated expenditure budget of $14,320,000 (up $60,000 from Rev. 2). The preliminary revenue forecast is $13,840,000. Presently there is a $480,000 shortfall. The revenue forecast is below the expenditure forecast. A property tax revenue increase may be viable. The preliminary valuation increase will be up approximately $7.6 million. The current mil levy is 39.641. A 3.000 mil levy increase would generate approximately $610,000 above the current year property tax revenue. A 3.000 mil increase would maintain existing programs, offset the shortfall and contribute over $100,000 to reserves. A 6.000 mil increase could contribute $400,000 to reserves. Alan stated each mil is equal to approximately $100,000.

Bill Shields and Cindy Black said asking the residents to increase the mil levy needs to include an educational process. Bill said some people in the community don’t think CCC took care of the money last year. He has been approached by some in the community to develop a fund raising committee. He also stated you can’t tax the community when they don’t see any results. The College needs to be aggressively recruiting and he thinks there is an issue about how CCC is doing that. CCC needs to be positive about our future. Anything is possible if you want it to be. Discussion took place concerning raising the mil to 10. Kenton Krehbiel said the mil increase must be part of an aggressive fund raising campaign. Arlen Leiker said he would support between 6 and 9 mils. He believes 6 is the minimum.
Dr. Vacik indicated that even with a 6 mil increase the College cannot guarantee that it will not be back next year asking for an additional mil increase. Increasing gas costs of $200,000, utility costs increasing, rent increases and increased faculty salaries are a reality. The College can continue to make cuts but there are other considerations when that happens. Because the College serves 14 counties with a decreasing population, a 3 percent growth is a realistic goal for next year.

Alan Waites stated the state funding will not be there as it has in the past years. State funding could drop at any time. Six mils will not guarantee a $400,000 in reserve and enrollment is not guaranteed. Dr. Vacik suggested we try to build the budget on a 6 mil levy increase. Hopefully, CCC can do some fund raising with community leader’s assistance.

Barry Kaaz stated he would like to see the College grow and develop programs in ag based on feedback in the 111 surveys CCC received. Barry believes there is a great opportunity to grow the ag programs. This could help promote the mil levy increase. Bill Shields stated ag is our industry. In some point in time, there has been a disconnect with ag and the College needs to bring that back and support the industry.

Dr. Vacik asked the Board to give assent to build the budget on 6 mil levy increase as discussed. The Board indicated their consensus to build the budget with a 6 mil increase. Bill Shields and Cindy stated CCC needs everyone on board including the Endowment Board.

Executive Session
Trustees requested the presence of John Gatz and Dr. Vacik to meet in executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Cindy Black made a motion; Kenton Krehbiel seconded; motion carried unanimously at 11:37 a.m.

Open Meeting
The Trustees reconvened in open session at 11:47 a.m.

Executive Session
Trustees requested an additional five minutes. Cindy Black made a motion; Kenton Krehbiel seconded; motion carried unanimously at 11:47 a.m.

Open Meeting
The Trustees reconvened in open session at 11:52 a.m.

Executive Session
Trustees requested the presence of John Gatz and Dr. Vacik to meet in executive session for 10 minutes to discuss student matters to protect the rights of a student. Cindy Black made a motion; Bill Shields seconded; motion carried unanimously at 11:55 a.m.

Open Meeting
The Trustees reconvened in open session at 12:05 p.m. Motion was made to approve the proposed agreement between the Board of Trustees and the student regarding a grievance. Cindy Black made a motion; Kenton Krehbiel seconded; motion carried unanimously.
Adjournment

Kenton Krehbiel made a motion to adjourn; Cindy Black seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Signed ____________________________  Signed ____________________________

Chairman  Secretary