



MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

September 13, 2023 | 1:00 p.m.

Butte College Glenn County Center, Room 125
1366 Cortina Drive, Orland, CA

The Board of Trustees of the Butte-Glenn Community College District met on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 1:00 PM, in room 125 at the Butte College Glenn Center, 1366 Cortina Drive, Orland, California.

Board Members Present Mr. Rick Krepelka, President
Mr. Eugene Massa, Vice President
Mr. Mike Boeger, Clerk
Mr. John Blacklock
Mr. John Dahlmeier
Mr. William McGinnis
Mr. John Nock
Ms. Liz Heaton, Student Trustee

Board Member Absent None

Staff Members Present Mr. Andy Suleski, Asst Superintendent/Vice President
Mr. Erik Shearer, Vice President
Mr. Brad Zuniga, Interim Vice President
Dr. Jess Vickery, Academic Senate President
Mr. Chris Westbay, Classified Senate President
Ms. Melissa Cafferata-Ainsworth, Interim Executive Assistant to the President & Board of Trustees
Various staff also in attendance

Guests None

Pledge of Allegiance

Board Vice President Massa led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Agenda Approval

It was moved by Trustee McGinnis, seconded by Trustee Dahlmeier, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously. Student Trustee – aye.

2. Communications from the Public – Consent Agenda

There were no public comments.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

Board President Krepelka noted a clerical error on the consent agenda. Item No. 23-8490 Approval of Use of Alcohol for Athletic Fundraising Events should be listed as an action item rather than an information item. It was moved by Trustee Blacklock, seconded by Board Vice President Massa, to

approve the consent agenda.

Motion carried unanimously. Student Trustee – aye.

4. **Information-Reports**

Academic Senate President's Report – Jess Vickery

Dr. Vickery reported that at their September 6 meeting the Academic Senate seated new members, reviewed their bylaws, and proposed revisions to bring their bylaws in line with standard parliamentary procedures. The changes included stipulations on voting, terms of office for members of standing subcommittees, and the stipulation that bylaws be reviewed on an annual basis. With the Office of Instruction, the Academic Senate approved shortening the grading period for fall 2023 so that grades will be submitted and processed prior to the winter break. The Senate also discussed the scope and authority of a proposed GE taskforce. Finally, the Senate discussed the need to revise AP 5520 to specify procedures for alleged violations of Butte's academic integrity policy.

Classified Senate President's Report – Chris Westbay

Mr. Westbay reported that Classified Senate looked at the draft strategic plan at their last meeting. The Senate is collecting final feedback at their next meeting. The Senate created a Connect with Community taskforce. The Caring Campus kick-off event was last week; 93 people participated. The Senate is planning several events this year, including Friendsgiving with an in-person potluck in November. They'll also have a table at the Harvest Festival on November 14. Finally, Classified Senate will host the Butte Strong remembrance on November 8.

Student Trustee Comment – Liz Heaton

Ms. Heaton reported that the Associated Students had a table at Belonging at Butte and appreciated the amount of student interaction. The A.S. CTE senator is partnering with Campus Police and the CHP on a car seat drive. The A.S. is also conducting a survey of student parents. Ms. Heaton reported that she's working on two feedback forms for the A.S. to increase student engagement and collect feedback. Finally, the A.S. is working on revising their bylaws.

Vice President Report – Brad Zuñiga

Vice President Zuñiga reported that Student Services has been very busy with students back on campus. They expected 300 students to attend Roadrunner Rush and had close to 500. He provided data about the first week of school: the Center for Academic Success saw 693 unduplicated students; EDUC 310 had more than 2,500 students enrolled compared to 1,200 in the same period last year; 209 students accessed the Roadrunner Hub, compared to 46 last year; and Counseling served 687 students compared to 486 last year. Vice President Zuñiga reported that the Career Center is kicking off a Learning-Aligned Employment Program (LAEP) and has awarded more than \$167,000 to place students in jobs in the community in partnership with 24 employers. Finally, next week the cultural centers are hosting welcome and open house events.

Superintendent/President's Report – Andy Suleski

Assistant Superintendent/Vice President Suleski indicated that in the absence of the Superintendent/President, he would provide her report. Superintendent/President Guleff met with Glenn County Superintendent of Schools Ryan Bentz to discuss dual enrollment opportunities in Glenn County. Superintendent Bentz will meet with Vice President Shearer to continue the discussion. Superintendent/President Guleff, Vice President Shearer, and Trustee Nock also met with representatives from the Durham Exchange Club as well as with representatives from Senator Dahle's office and Assemblyman Gallagher's office to discuss challenges with offering the dual enrollment classes that Durham High School has requested. Legislative changes would be required to make asynchronous dual enrollment classes possible. Superintendent/President Guleff attended Chancellor Christian's welcome celebration in Sacramento where the Vision 2030 was unveiled. Superintendent/President Guleff and the vice presidents held a joint cabinet meeting with Chico State

President Perez and his staff to discuss enrollment and future collaborations. Finally, Butte College's enrollment is up nearly 13%, with a growth in non-credit as well as credit courses.

Board Comments

Trustee Nock reported that he enjoyed the scholarship reception, which was a good reminder that the work that goes into benefitting students never ends. Trustee McGinnis reported that he also attended the scholarship reception and found it very engaging. He noted that in the future, he'd like to see the scholarship value reported on the page of the budget that shows aid to students. Trustee Dahlmeier had no remarks. Board Vice President Massa welcomed everyone to Glenn County. He reported that he received an online questionnaire from Chico State. Board Clerk Boeger noted that he enjoyed seeing the history of Glenn County board members in the Glenn Center lobby. He noted that Butte is 75-80% done with the bond and building projects and expressed concern that the board needs to discuss future projects because things have changed since the bond passed in 2016, notably having more online classes. Board Clerk Boeger questioned if we need both a huge new science building as well as the renovation of another science building and cautioned against mission creep. He added that the board needs to discuss the capital expenditures and noted that he'd been surprised by some of the new projects. Trustee Blacklock praised the increase in enrollment and thanked everyone who contributed to it. He noted that he recently encountered Butte nursing program graduates at a local surgery center and received excellent care from them. Board President Krepelka reported that he read an article in CalMatters about competency-based education, which eight campuses have trialed. Shasta College is working on an early childhood development competency-based program in which the degree is based on competency in the subject rather than hours in a classroom. By 2024-2025, the eight pilot campuses are supposed to offer programs, although one school is having issues with the Academic Senate about compensation concerns. Shasta College is working with their Senate to determine the number of hours faculty put into competency-based programs.

5. **Communications from the Public**

There were no public comments.

6. **Administration**

Approval of Student Trustee Privileges, Item 23-8496

Board President Krepelka introduced this agenda item and asked that the board approve allowing the student board member to make and second motions. It was moved by Board Clerk Boeger, seconded by Trustee McGinnis, to approve student trustee privileges per item 23-8496.

Student Trustee Heaton noted that AB 1541 gives student trustees an advisory vote and asked if the board policy will be updated to reflect that. Board President Krepelka responded that the Board Policy Committee will look at the relevant board policy.

Motion carried unanimously. Student trustee – aye.

7. **Contracts**

Approval of Contracts, Item 23-8481

It was moved by Trustee Blacklock, seconded by Board Vice President Massa, to approve the contracts listed on the Contracts Approval Report and authorize the Superintendent/President or designed to enter into the contracts in accordance with Board Policy 6340 prior to ratification by the Board at a subsequent meeting contingent upon available funding and successful completion of negotiation of terms with the contractors.

Motion carried unanimously. Student trustee – aye.

Approval of Contract Amendment #1 to 25th Hour Communications Inc. for Advertising, Marketing & Graphic Design Services, Item 23-8498

It was moved by Trustee McGinnis, seconded by Trustee Dahlmeier, to approve contract amendment #1 to 25th Hour Communications for advertising, marketing, and graphic design services in accordance with Board Policy 6340.

Board Clerk Boeger noted that an increase in enrollment above expectations indicates that the marketing is working. Board President Krepelka indicated that he will vote “no” on this contract. He expressed frustration that despite the “connect with community” theme, the college isn’t using a local firm. He questioned what this firm is providing. Assistant Superintendent/Vice President Suleski referred the question to Vice President Zuñiga who responded that Butte’s marketing specialist and PIO have reported good interactions with 25th Hour and find them to be very responsive. He noted that a lot of the funds are being spent locally. When we worked with a local firm, they outsourced some services outside our local area. Board Clerk Boeger asked questions to clarify the term of the contract amendment as well as the cost. Board President Krepelka concluded that the college needs to make an effort to invite local, or at least California based, firms to participate.

Ayes – Trustees Blacklock, Boeger, Dahlmeier, and McGinnis.

Nos – Trustees Krepelka, Massa, and Nock.

Student Trustee – no.

Motion carried 4 to 3.

8. Finance

Public Hearing and Adoption of 2023-24 Final Budget, Item 23-8499

Board President Krepelka opened the public hearing for the 2023-24 Final Budget; hearing no comment, Board President Krepelka closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Trustee Dahlmeier, seconded by Trustee Blacklock to approve the 2023-24 Final Budget.

Board Clerk Boeger noted that page 2 of the budget indicates the college will transfer \$7 million from reserves for the new Cosmetology center in Chico. He indicated that he’ll vote for the budget and supports the Cosmetology construction but does not support the community center building. He’d rather see something built in southern Butte County or Oroville. Trustee Nock asked if there are any investments in agricultural education in the budget. Assistant Superintendent/Vice President Suleski referred the question to Vice President Shearer who responded that the budget includes augmentations for support staff in the area the agriculture department is in. Additionally, that department received Strong Workforce funds this year. Trustee Nock commented that he’d like Butte College to engage in a commercial driver training program and asked how to start the process to create a program. Assistant Superintendent/Vice President Suleski responded that program development goes through Instruction. Vice President Shearer added that faculty would have to propose a program based on a review of labor data and write curriculum for it. Trustee Nock noted that the college is putting in substantial funds to continue the operation of auxiliary programs. He asked if there’s a plan to close the gap or if they’ll be an annual operating expense. Assistant Superintendent/Vice President Suleski explained that the college is currently working on an RFP for a bookstore vendor and looking at transportation options. Trustee Boeger recommended that Butte College capitalize on the FFA contingent in high schools and consider an animal science program. Trustee McGinnis commented that Butte should increase the gap in food service and the bookstore to reduce the financial load on students; keeping costs down helps students. He added that the lack of pilots is a national issue and suggested looking into partnerships for a commercial pilot program.

Motion carried unanimously. Student trustee – aye.

9. Labor Relations

Public Hearing Regarding the District and the Butte College Education Association for the Collective Bargaining Agreement 2024-2027, Item 23-8500

Board President Krepelka opened the public hearing regarding the District and Butte College Education Association for the Collective Bargaining Agreement 2024-2027. Hearing no public comment, Board President Krepelka closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Trustee McGinnis, seconded by Trustee Blacklock, to adopt the initial proposals for the Butte College Education Association Collective Bargaining Agreement 2024-2027.

Motion carried unanimously. Student trustee – aye.

Public Hearing regarding the District and the Part-Time Faculty Association/Communication Workers of America for the Collective Bargaining Agreement 2024-2027, Item 23-8501

Board President Krepelka opened the public hearing regarding the District and the Part-Time Faculty Association/Communication Workers of America for the Collective Bargaining Agreement 2024-2027. Hearing no public comment, Board President Krepelka closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Trustee Boeger, seconded by Student Trustee Heaton, to adopt the initial proposals for the Part-Time Faculty Association/Communication Workers of America for the Collective Bargaining Agreement 2024-2027.

Ayes – Trustees Blacklock, Boeger, Dahlmeier, Krepelka, McGinnis, and Nock.

Abstentions – Trustee Massa

Student trustee – aye.

Motion carried.

10. Instruction

Public Hearing and Approval: College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) Partnership Agreement with CORE Butte Charter School beginning July 1, 2023, and ending on June 30, 2026, Item 23-8502

Board President Krepelka opened the public hearing on College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) Partnership Agreement with CORE Butte Charter School beginning July 1, 2023, and ending on June 30, 2026. Hearing no public comment, Board President Krepelka closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Trustee Nock, seconded by Trustee Blacklock, to approve the College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) Partnership Agreement with CORE Butte Charter School beginning July 1, 2023, and ending on June 30, 2026.

Motion carried unanimously. Student trustee – aye.

Public Hearing and Approval: College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) Partnership Agreement Appendices which identify dual enrollment course details for the 2023/24 school year at: Biggs, Chico, Durham, Gridley, Hamilton, Inspire, Las Plumas, Long Valley, Oroville, Orland, Paradise, Pleasant Valley, and Willows High Schools, Item 23-8503

Board President Krepelka opened the public hearing on College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) Partnership Agreement Appendices which identify dual enrollment course details for the 2023/24 school year at: Biggs, Chico, Durham, Gridley, Hamilton, Inspire, Las Plumas, Long Valley, Oroville, Orland, Paradise, Pleasant Valley, and Willows High Schools. Hearing no public comment, Board President Krepelka closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Board Vice President Massa, seconded by Trustee Blacklock, to approve the College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) Partnership Agreement Appendices which identify dual enrollment course details for the 2023/24 school year at: Biggs, Chico, Durham, Gridley, Hamilton, Inspire, Las Plumas, Long Valley, Oroville, Orland, Paradise, Pleasant Valley, and Willows High Schools. Trustee Boeger congratulated staff on the effort to work with so many schools. Trustee Nock echoed his appreciation.

Motion carried unanimously. Student trustee – aye.

11. Closed Session

The Board of Trustees of the Butte-Glenn Community College District met in closed session under authority of Government Code Section 54954.5.

Board President Krepelka reported the Board took no reportable action.

12. Adjournment

Board President Krepelka adjourned the meeting at 2:29 PM.