

Blue Ridge Community College
Board of Trustees Meeting
November 25, 2013 – 5:00 p.m.
Special Call Meeting
Henderson County Campus

The Board of Trustees of Blue Ridge Community College met at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 25, 2013, at the Henderson County Campus, TEDC, Room 337.

The following members were present:

John McCormick, Jr.	Stan Cooper
Chip Gould	Bill Ramsey
Andrew Tate	Kohlan Fynn
Betty Gash	Ken Butcher
Subash Magar	

Joining via conference call:

Scott Elliott	Dee Dee Perkins
Duke Woodhull	

The following members were excused:

Kohlan Flynn	Patricia Jones
Sandy Tallant	

Others attending:

Molly Parkhill	Antonia Berbrick
Chad Merrill	Glenda McC Carson
Lee Anna Haney	Brenda Conner
Peter Hemans	Chad Donnahoo, College Attorney

Chairman McCormick called the meeting to order and welcomed Board Members and guests.

Ethics Statement

Chairman McCormick read the following Ethics Statement:

Board Members, Madame President and financial and administrative staff:

- a. You are reminded that you have a duty to avoid all conflicts of interest, potential conflicts of interest, and appearances of conflicts of interest.

- b. Do any of you know of or anticipate any conflict of interest, potential conflict of interest or appearance of conflict of interest regarding the matters on the agenda for today's meeting?

No conflicts were reported.

Review Changes to TCC-Advanced Machining Lab Project

President Parkhill informed Trustees the College had received updated estimated project costs for the renovation of the Pavilion for the purpose of developing an Advance Machining Lab at the Transylvania County Campus, which came in higher than estimated. The Board of Trustees requested that the College Administration identify an alternative in an effort to contain the cost of the project. Dr. Parkhill reviewed in detail an alternate plan which has a projected cost of \$85,323 and is comprised of three separate projects. President Parkhill stated the College Administration recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the alternate location for the Advanced Machining Lab and delegate the authority to accept the lowest bid to the President of the College. Discussion arose concerning the timeline of the project. President Parkhill stated if approved construction could begin mid-December, and open for classes by the first of January. A suggestion was made to put a cap on the cost of the project. After discussion and all questions were addressed, Chip Gould made a motion to approve the alternate location for the project as presented with the project cost not to exceed \$125,000 and to delegate the authority to accept the lowest bid to the President. It was seconded by Betty Gash and passed unanimously.

An additional suggestion was made that the College Administration contact the architect concerning reimbursement of some of the cost on this project due to errors made on the architect's part.

Update on Capital Projects

President Parkhill informed the Board that since Wingate University opened its doors in Hendersonville in 2011, Blue Ridge Community College has collaborated with the University to expand educational opportunities to benefit local students. Dr. Parkhill stated that she had met with Wingate President Dr. Jerry McGee in October 2013, to discuss the University's plans to expand its undergraduate and graduate programs in Henderson County, concentrating in the healthcare fields. Based on enrollment projections, Dr. McGee indicated the University would need to identify a larger facility/space in order to carry forward with the programs expansions.

Dr. Parkhill stated last week, several of senior staff from the University's main campus came to visit the BRCC Henderson County campus and gather more information from BRCC officials about the idea of shared space. These conversations were preliminary and conceptual in nature. President Parkhill informed Trustees that at its regular meeting held today, the Henderson County Board of Commissioners heard a presentation from Dr. McGee about the University's need to locate space for expansion within the next two years in Henderson County. At that meeting, the Commissioners voted to formulate a plan to locate a facility and support the University's efforts to expand programs in Henderson County.

President Parkhill stated that it is possible that Wingate University and Henderson County officials will consider shared space at, or near, Blue Ridge Community College as a top option. Although board action is not needed at this time, it will be important for the Board of Trustees to have preliminary discussions on the feasibility of such a partnership.

Dr. Parkhill reviewed in detail and outlined the strengths and weaknesses of three options for the Board to consider:

1. Henderson County provides funds for the construction of a joint facility on the BRCC's Henderson County Campus, to be shared by BRCC and Wingate University.
2. Henderson County purchases property from BRCC constructs building and leases solely to Wingate University.
3. Henderson County purchases neighboring property not owned by BRCC, for the purpose of constructing a building and leasing it to Wingate University.

President Parkhill stated that college staff learned this morning that Wingate University's Pharmacy School is having some challenges with local area clinical sites at this time. If they are not successful in securing these clinical sites, Wingate will not be able to continue a presence in Henderson County.

Dr. Parkhill suggested that the Board Facilities Committee meet to discuss the possibility of moving forward with continued discussions with Wingate University on a partnership of shared space. She also suggested that Board Members consider taking a trip to visit Wingate University to get a better understanding of their mission.

Andrew Tate made a motion that the Board of Trustees authorize the College Administration and the Board Facilities Committee to further explore the options outlined at this meeting with a goal of assessing a partnership between Blue Ridge Community College, Henderson County, and Wingate University that would bring value to Blue Ridge Community College and the educational needs of the community. It was seconded by Chip Gould and passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman

Secretary