

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
March 22, 2021

Call to Order: Chair Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m., and the following members answered roll call:

Brian Duncan	Ed Andersen (<i>remotely due to</i>
Margaret Tyne	<i>Executive Order 2020-07 as</i>
Lisa Wiersema	<i>amended by Executive Order 2020-</i>
Dennis P. Fulrath	<i>33)</i>
Kate Boyle	Student Trustee Abril
	Vazquez-Tapia

SVCC Staff: President, Dr. David Hellmich
Vice President of Academics and Student Services,
Dr. Jon Mandrell
Vice President of Business Services, Kent Sorenson
Dean of Institutional Advancement, Dr. Lori Cortez
Dean of Information and Security, Eric Epps
Human Resources Director, Kathryn Snow
Director of Research and Planning, Joe Strabala-Bright
Executive Assistant, EmmaLea Bittner
Title III Program Assistant, Sheila Buccola (*remotely*)
Foundation President, Brenda Reynolds (*remotely*)

Consent Agenda: It was moved by Member Fulrath and seconded by Member Duncan that the Board approve the Consent Agenda. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Vazquez-Tapia advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

President's Report: Dr. David Hellmich started his report with the acknowledgement of Keith Bos, former Special Needs Coordinator, who worked at Sauk from 1999-2007. In 2002, he earned "Rookie of the Year" award. Member Wiersema shared a story about Mr. Bos.

Dr. Hellmich introduced Dr. Mandrell, who turned it over to Michael Stevenson, the athletic director. The College recognized student athletes on teams competing in nationals and those who were on the President's or Dean's list. There was a short video in which the athletes introduced themselves.

Dr. Hellmich called upon Kent Sorenson, who presented on the stimulus funding. Dr. Cortez shared the "Cash for Class" recruiting effort as a result of the stimulus funds. Chair Thompson asked if students were able to receive additional financial support. Dr. Cortez shared about the Chris Byar Student Emergency Fund. Member Fulrath asked if high school dual-credit students were eligible for the \$500. Dr. Cortez said

any student who enrolls in at least three credit hours would be eligible for the \$500. Member Tyne asked if the funds can be used to help pay for internet bills. Dr. Cortez responded yes. Member Wiersema confirmed these funds are grants and students do not need to pay them back. Chair Thompson asked if the unused student portion of the stimulus funds could go to other community colleges. Kent Sorenson shared any unused funds would need to be returned to the federal government.

Dr. Hellmich shared Sauk's pandemic response with a focus on the plan to return fully to campus. Member Duncan asked if faculty and staff have been polled about receiving the vaccination. He also asked if the College had looked into offering a bonus if employees received the vaccination. Eric Epps shared he sent out a survey about employee comfort level with receiving the vaccine. Dr. Hellmich and Cabinet will look into the bonus for receiving the vaccination. Member Tyne asked if staff would be required to SHIELD test with the return to campus plan. Eric Epps said yes, they will be asked to test at least once a week. Member Fulrath asked if Trustees can get vaccinated through the College, which they can. Eric provided vaccination information. Member Wiersema asked Student Trustee Vazquez-Tapia how she felt about the return to campus plan. Student Trustee Vazquez-Tapia is excited to see that students will be allowed two support people at Commencement.

Reports/Comments from
Board Members:

Student Trustee Report: Student Trustee Vazquez-Tapia recapped the various events SGA hosted in March. She also shared the Rotaract food drive ends April 1, and provided an update on the Student Advisory Committee meeting she attended in February.

Foundation Report: Dr. Cortez shared Compeer Financial is working with the Sauk Agriculture Program and the Foundation to provide scholarships for agriculture students this fall. The Foundation received a \$25,000 grant. Days of Giving will be May 4, 5, and 6

ICCTA Report: Chair Thompson shared an updated from the ICCTA executive board meeting.

Member Tyne thanked Sauk for hosting the 5th-8th graders from St. Anne's School due to its roof collapsing.

- Honorary Degree: It was moved by Member Tyne and seconded by Member Fulrath the Board award Ed Andersen an Honorary Associate in Arts Degree with a Business-Accounting Major for his exceptional and lasting contributions to Sauk Valley Community College and to the Sauk Valley. Member Andersen shared it was his honor and passion to serve the College and the Sauk Valley community. He thanked his fellow trustees both past and present. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Vazquez-Tapia advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.
- ICCTA Nomination – Outstanding Faculty of the Year: It was moved by Member Wiersema and seconded by Member Fulrath the Board approve the nomination of Dr. Odile Blazquez for the 2021 ICCTA Outstanding Full-time Faculty Member Award. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Vazquez-Tapia advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.
- ICCTA Nomination – Outstanding Adjunct Faculty of the Year: It was moved by Member Duncan and seconded by Member Boyle the Board approve the nomination of Lirim Mimini for the 2021 ICCTA Outstanding Part-time Faculty Member Award. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Vazquez-Tapia advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.
- Faculty Retirement – Mathematics: It was moved by Member Wiersema and seconded by Member Boyle the Board accept the resignation of Steven Shaff effective July 31, 2021. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Vazquez-Tapia advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.
- Faculty Appointment – Biology: It was moved by Member Tyne and seconded by Member Wiersema the Board approve the appointment of Therese Wood for the 2021-2022 academic year as an Assistant Professor I of Biology beginning August 13, 2021 at an annual base salary of \$56,573.05. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Vazquez-Tapia advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.
- Faculty Appointment – Criminal Justice: It was moved by Member Duncan and seconded by Member Wiersema the Board approve the appointment of Stephen Miko for the 2021-2022 academic year as an Associate Professor II of Criminal Justice beginning August 13, 2021 at an annual base salary of \$60,668.40. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Vazquez-Tapia advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

<p>IncludEd Course Material Fee Recommendation:</p>	<p>It was moved by Member Wiersema and seconded by Member Boyle the Board approve these additional course material fees as presented for the summer and fall semesters. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Vazquez-Tapia advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.</p>
<p>Fund Transfer Agreement:</p>	<p>It was moved by Member Fulrath and seconded by Member Boyle the Board approve the attached Fund Transfer Agreement between Sauk Valley Community College and the Sauk Valley College Foundation. Member Tyne asked how far the Foundation was along with its fundraising campaign. Dr. Cortez shared the Foundation should be 35% towards its overall goal by the end of the month. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Vazquez-Tapia advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.</p>
<p>Polo TIF District Twelve – Year Extension:</p>	<p>It was moved by Member Duncan and seconded by Member Wiersema the Board approve the College’s support to extend the Polo TIF District for an additional twelve (12) years beyond its current termination in tax year 2031 payable 2032, for a total of thirty-five (35) years, which will result in the final year of tax increment being received by the City through December 31, 2044. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Vazquez-Tapia advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.</p>
<p>Resolution to Adopt the State Universities Retirement Deferred Compensation Plan:</p>	<p>It was moved by Member Andersen and seconded by Member Wiersema the Board approve the adoption of the State Universities Deferred Compensation Plan effective July 1, 2021. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Vazquez-Tapia advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.</p>
<p>Resolution expressing official intent regarding certain capital expenditures to be reimbursed from proceeds of an obligation to be issued by Community College District No. 506, Counties of Whiteside, Lee, Carroll, Ogle, Bureau and Henry and State of Illinois:</p>	<p>It was moved by Member Fulrath and seconded by Member Tyne the Board approve the following resolution expressing official intent regarding certain capital expenditures to be reimbursed from proceeds of an obligation to be issued by Community College District No. 506, Counties of Whiteside, Lee, Carroll, Ogle, Bureau and Henry and State of Illinois. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Vazquez-Tapia advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.</p>

Resolution authorizing and providing for an Installment Purchase Agreement for the purpose of paying the cost of purchasing real or personal property, or both, in and for the District and for the issue of \$4,625,000 General Obligation Debt Certificates (Limited Tax), Series 2021, of the District, evidencing the rights to payment under said Agreement, providing for the security for and means of payment under said Agreement of the Certificates, and authorizing the sale of the Certificates to Sauk Valley Bank & Trust Company:

It was moved by Member Boyle and seconded by Member Wiersema the Board approve the resolution authorizing and providing for an Installment Purchase Agreement for the purpose of paying the cost of purchasing real or personal property, or both, in and for Community College District No. 506, Counties of Whiteside, Lee, Carroll, Ogle, Bureau and Henry and State of Illinois, and for the issue of \$4,625,000 General Obligation Debt Certificates (Limited Tax), Series 2021, of said Community College District, evidencing the rights to payment under said Agreement, providing for the security for and means of payment under said Agreement of said Certificates, and authorizing the sale of said Certificates to Sauk Valley Bank & Trust Company. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Vazquez-Tapia advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Special Treasurers Bond for Issuance of Debt Certificates Series 2021:

It was moved by Member Wiersema and seconded by Member Tyne the Board approve the attached Public Official Bond issued by Liberty Mutual Surety with a penalty of \$1,250,000 in conjunction with the issuance of the College's Debt Certificates Series 2021. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Vazquez-Tapia advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Public Bid Action – 2021 Second-Floor Renovation Project:

It was moved by Member Duncan and seconded by Member Wiersema the Board accept the bid from Gehrke Construction, Inc. of DeKalb, Illinois with a bid amount of \$1,059,000 for the 2021 Second-Floor Renovation Project to be paid from restricted use bond proceeds. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Vazquez-Tapia advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Closed Session:

It was motioned by Member Tyne and seconded by Member Duncan to move into closed session at 7:18 p.m. due to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), (3), & (21) – Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; the selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in this Act, including a vacancy in a public office, when the public office is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant under law or ordinance; and Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Vazquez-Tapia advisory vote: aye. Motion carried. Closed Session began at 7:18 p.m.

Closed Session concluded at 7:42 p.m.

Approval of Closed
Session Minutes from
February 22, 2021:

It was moved by Member Tyne and seconded by Member Duncan that the Board approve the closed session minutes from 02/22/2021. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Vazquez-Tapia advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Since the scheduled business was completed, it was moved by Member Fulrath and seconded by Member Boyle that the Board adjourn. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Vazquez-Tapia advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting of the Board will be in the Board Room at 6:00 p.m. on April 26, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Tyne, Secretary