
Rogue Community College District
Board of Education Work Session- June 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order-** The Rogue Community College (RCC) Special Board of Education (Board) meeting was called to order by Roger Stokes, Vice Chair, at 4:01 p.m. on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 via Zoom. Due notice was given.
2. **Zoom Etiquette-** Rachele Brown explained the Board’s Zoom Etiquette expectations. Participants, aside from Board members and the Senior Leadership team, were asked to mute themselves and have their video turned off. If someone were to cause a distraction or disturbance to the meeting, that person would be dismissed from the meeting. If anyone wished to speak, they were asked to raise their hand, either electronically or physically on their video screen. Participants were asked to sign in with their full name and title using the chat box.
3. **Determine Presence of a Quorum-** A quorum of the Board was present including: Pat Fahey, Roger Stokes, Claudia Sullivan, Maria Ramos Underwood, Shawn Hogan, and Pat Ashley.
4. **Introduction of Guests-** RCC District employees included: President Cathy Kemper-Pelle, Curtis Sommerfeld, Juliet Long, Kori Ebenhack, Lisa Stanton, Greg McKown, Sara Bristol, and Rachele Brown; Natalie Skowlund, reporter at the Grants Pass Daily Courier.
5. **Information Presentation-**
 - A. Prioritized List of Potential Capital Projects- The RCC Senior Leadership Team presented a list of possible capital projects to the Board (see file). Some of the projects have the potential to be either fully or partially funded by bond funds, grants, and/or other funding sources. The list includes projects in both Jackson and Josephine counties. President Kemper-Pelle noted that the projects have been ranked in order of instructional need and importance. She added that many of these projects will help to boost enrollment and expand programs. At the top of the list is a remodeled space for the Massage Therapy program. Juliet Long commented that Massage Therapy’s current space in M Building on the Redwood Campus (RWC) is inadequate for the needs of the program. The proposed project would include the remodeling of K Building. Massage Therapy would then move into K Building and Adult Basic Skills (ABS) would move into M Building, which would better serve the needs of both programs. ABS include those students enrolled in GED and English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. ABS is currently located in three different spaces on RWC and a switch to M Building would allow for one centralized location and therefore be able to better serve the students enrolled in these programs. Claudia Sullivan and Kori Ebenhack commented on their experiences over the years at the RCC massage clinics. They noted that while both the students and the faculty are very professional, the space is not. There is inadequate room for patients to change in and out of their clothes,

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as well as a general lack of privacy. A renovation of K Building would allow the Massage Therapy program to have a more professional facility that would also more closely resemble a real-life massage clinic space. Discussion was then had on the second project on the list, Allied Health Expansion and RWC E Building remodel (see file). President Kemper-Pelle noted that COVID-19 has increased the demand for healthcare workers. She added that while there is the new Health Professions Center on the Table Rock Campus (TRC), it is already close to maxing out at capacity. Additionally, Josephine County students have expressed great concern with the growing cost of transportation to and from TRC. Juliet Long commented that this project would allow the nursing program to grow and expand by expanding the pipeline programs to nursing. It would also help to bring low cost dental clinics to Josephine County. Ms. Long added that interest has been expressed in enrolling Josephine County high school students in some of the Allied Health Programs. Travel to Jackson County has been a barrier for this in the past but offering these programs at RWC would remove that barrier. Community partners and employers in Josephine County have also given their support in the expansion of the Allied Health Programs at RWC. Ms. Long clarified that this is a program expansion and not a move. All of the current Allied Health Programs that are offered in Jackson County will stay there, and this proposed expansion would allow some of them to be duplicated in Josephine County. President Kemper-Pelle said that one of the main goals of RCC is to help people out of multi-generational poverty and into living wage jobs. She added that programs such as phlebotomy and Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) have been shown to help do that. Discussion was then had on the breakdown on funds currently available for these projects, as well as potential federal earmarks and grants (see file). Further discussion on the prioritization of capital projects on this list will continue at future Board meetings as more information on grants and other funding sources becomes available. The Board thanked the Senior Leadership Team for putting together the list.

6. Adjournment- Shawn Hogan, Board Chair, adjourned the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Rachelle Brown, Assistant to the President-Governance.