

**RANGELY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Weiss Conference Room

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

12:00pm

**PRESENT:**

**Board of Trustees:** Bart Nielsen, Jennifer Barker, Davin Boydston, Ann Brady, and Sam Tolley

**Others Present:** Linda Gordon Budget Officer; Ron Granger President; James Caldwell Vice President of Business; Keith Peterson Vice President of Instruction, Keely Ellis Exec. Assist to President; John Anderson VP of Student Service, Sue Samaniego Director of Foundation

**1.0 Call Meeting to Order:**

Regular meeting was called to order by Sam Tolley at 12:00 p.m.

**2.0 Roll Call**

See those present above.

**3.0 Pledge of Allegiance**

**4.0 Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Davin Boydston and seconded by Bart Nielsen that the RJCD Board of Trustees approve the October 20, 2020, board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**5.0 Changes to Agenda**

No changes

**6.0 Public Input**

**7.0 New Business**

7.1 Resolution 2020-07 Certify Mill Levy for 2021

7.1.1 A motion was made by Ann Brady to approve the resolution 2020-07 Certify Mill Levy for 2021 for the Rangely Junior College District, seconded by Jennifer Barker. Motion carried.

**8.0 Old Business**

**9.0 CNCC Reports**

9.1 Ron Granger presented to the board

9.1.1 Ron provided an update about the update that went out last week about the plan to finish the semester remote following Thanksgiving break. We have full

intentions of returning to in person learning in the spring. The good news here is that this won't be like it was in March, faculty and staff are still allowed on campus and in their offices.

- 9.1.2 Enrollment numbers are down 1% which equals 3 FTE. This is great news because we anticipated being down 20%
- 9.1.3 We are up 25% for spring as of this morning, but that is a little skewed due to when we open registration this fall.
- 9.1.4 Our biggest concern for spring is athletics and what the NJCAA decides to do with sports. We plan on being back and conducting business as usual with our athletics in the spring.
- 9.1.5 Last week Ron participated in a meeting with the Governor's office and it was stated that the Governor would bring Higher Education and K-12 schools back to 2019 funding levels. This would be a boost for us because we did see a decrease in funding from the state in 2020.
- 9.1.6 We have received comments and praise from public health and hospitals in our community regarding how CNCC has responded to COVID-19.
- 9.1.7 In the last year we have started a program called OER. We had a faculty member recognized at the system level for his efforts in this program. This faculty member was Nicholas Swails.
- 9.1.8 Linda inquired if we are giving refunds
  - 9.1.8.1 Ron provided information regarding this matter and we hope to either give refunds or provide a credit to this semester or for next semester student accounts.
  - 9.1.8.2 James is currently working with Janet Mackay on this. We will provide the best solution for our students.
- 9.1.9 If our students cannot go home for Thanksgiving and they are staying in our residence halls, they can stay over the holiday and we will be providing food for them during their stay. We currently have three students who do not have anywhere to go and two international students who have not decided what they are going to do for the holiday.
- 9.1.10 Bart inquired about the first ever Oktoberfest
  - 9.1.10.1 Ron stated that we still conducted our "Chopper Drop" even though we could not get a chopper. We did coordinate with the fire district to drop the golf balls on the baseball field. We did receive an overwhelming amount of donations from this event.
  - 9.1.10.2 Ron thought the athletic department did a great job in providing activities and services to the community
  - 9.1.10.3 They received a total of \$9000 from their fundraising efforts.

## 9.2 Keith Peterson

- 9.2.1 We are very prepared to finishing the semester online. Our CTE programs have done a good job in transitioning the class plans from in person to online. Some programs will complete this week.

- 9.2.2 Update on the RISE grant, we did not received either of the asked submitted with CMC and CU Denver.
  - 9.2.2.1 Only one grant was awarded to the Western Slope of Colorado out of 16 distributions.
  - 9.2.2.2 We do get another chance and we are submitting our request again with our partners, CMC and CU Denver.
  - 9.2.2.3 No community colleges in the state received a grant in this round of funding.
- 9.2.3 The Cybersecurity degree program is on track to start in 2021. We have an instructor hired and on board. The instructors name is Rodney Alexander
- 9.2.4 The Rural College Consortium is still working on and pursuing the Rural Remote Delivery project. There will be 5 classes provided this springs semester that will be available for every student in the system from any community college that will be delivered remotely.

### 9.3 James Caldwell

- 9.3.1 James update that we just finished our latest update on the budget.
- 9.3.2 HLC has us responded every 2 months with regards to where our reserves are
- 9.3.3 We submitted a capital improvement request for \$1.6 million to update our systems to fiber in order to provide the appropriate education and resources
  - 9.3.3.1 This would also allow us to increase/update our security on campus. Roughly \$400K will be utilized for the security upgrades.
  - 9.3.3.2 Our current ranking is #2 in the entire state request that have been submitted.
  - 9.3.3.3 Fred and James will be presenting to the Joint Technology Committee in late January and then presenting to the Joint Budget Committee in last February as long as we stay in the top requests.
  - 9.3.3.4 We just received 100+ computers from Pikes Peak community college that are part of their 4 year "recycle" plan. The IT department is refurbishing these and will be replacing those computers in two computer labs in Rangely and two in Craig.
  - 9.3.3.5 We will see funding for FY2022, this means we would be able to start spending in September of 2021
- 9.3.4 James also provided information about the latest student/alumni videos that were published on the Facebook page. Stay tuned for more videos as we approach spring semester.
- 9.3.5 We are currently working on protocol and plans for spring COVID-19
  - 9.3.5.1 We are in the editing phase of this and hoping to have this information out to our staff, faculty and students later today.

## 10.0 Payment of Bills

- 10.1 No new bills were presented.
  - 10.1.1 There was one additional bill added for Colorado CPA for the audit

10.1.2 A motion made by Bart Nielsen to pay the bills as presented with the addition of the bill to Colorado CPA for the audit, seconded by Ann Brady. Motion carried.

**11.0 Other**

11.1.1 Next Meeting – December 15th at Noon in the Weiss Conference Room

**12.0 Adjournment**

12.1 Meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m.