

**RANGELY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Weiss Conference Room

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

12:00pm

PRESENT:

Board of Trustees: Bart Nielsen, Jennifer Barker, 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 12:08 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 Ann Brady and seconded by Jennifer Barker that the RJCD Board of Trustees approve the November 17, 2020, board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

5.0 Changes to Agenda

No changes

6.0 Public Input

7.0 New Business

- 7.1 Quick Claim Deed Rangely Junior College District to Colorado Community College
 - 7.1.1 Sam believes that the college board has approved this deed before.
 - 7.1.2 James added that in February we did an MOU with the Board and the college system. This was to show support for legislation to move forward. The legislation than passed to get the quick claim deeds approved.
 - 7.1.3 Linda added that the ones that we have done recently were for Ross Hall. The initial deed for the entire college was in 1999 but there was no deed signed.
 - 7.1.4 Sam stated that he is concerned about all the strike through on the deed.
 - 7.1.5 Ann would like to talk to Russ George regarding the initial deed and transfer back in 1999.

- 7.1.6 James stated that Heidi Dineen to come and speak to the board at the January meeting to speak on behalf of this issue.
- 7.1.7 Ron stated that he can find legislation where we transferred the college but not where we transferred the property.
- 7.1.8 The board would like to postpone this until January and have Heidi Dineen attend the meeting via phone to explain everything to the board.

8.0 Old Business

9.0 CNCC Reports

9.1 Ron Granger presented to the board

- 9.1.1 Ron stated that after Thanksgiving we decided to go remote after break in hopes to eliminate any risk of causing an outbreak on our campuses. This was the best decision for us to make because we did have a few students test positive after break.
- 9.1.2 We are still going to end up with good numbers for fall. Our total enrollment is down a little more than we projected in fall.
- 9.1.3 We are currently down 11% for spring. We plan to be back to normal for spring. This will include all our residence hall students, athletics, and programs running as normal.
- 9.1.4 We will most likely limit the number of spectators for our athletic programs but we will be able to continue. We have not confirmed or heard any different from the NJCAA.
- 9.1.5 The seasons are going to be a little shorter. The tournaments are going to be combined in the same location to limit the amount of travel
- 9.1.6 We have made it through Thanksgiving. We were one of two schools that made it that long in the fall semester.
- 9.1.7 The Department of Higher Education set up a town hall to talk to students in Grand Junction and western slope students. Tim Foster provided a plug for CNCC for education in Western Slope Colorado.

9.2 Keith Peterson

- 9.2.1 Our faculty want to come back and get on with educating.
- 9.2.2 We are over all the state hurdles and have all approvals from the State of Colorado to offer a program in Cybersecurity. We now move to submitting our application to HLC following break. We will then submit to the Federal Financial Aid.
- 9.2.3 We are still on track to offer classes in fall 2021.
- 9.2.4 It will most likely be a year before we can pipe those classes to the Rangely Campus based on IT infrastructure on the Rangely Campus.
- 9.2.5 Reauthorization submitted for the OER grant. 25% of our overall coursework offered online free. Next year over 50% will be offered online coursework. 100% of Arts & Science will be using online resources.

- 9.2.6 We were recognized by the state and Governor's office for being an Open Education Resource college.
- 9.2.7 We were approached by the University of Wyoming for a project they are working on for coal alternatives. They want to collaborate with community colleges in energy reliant communities. Keith will be signing the letter of commitment for this grant. This is a federal grant that is being applied for funding. First year will be utilized to gather information from the communities around the transition and second year will be to really distribute money to start building something around those programs.

9.3 James Caldwell

- 9.3.1 James has been focusing on maintenance and care of our buildings. We are facing a few challenges but pushing forward.
- 9.3.2 We report of financials to HLC and we have been required to report every 2-3 months. We did hear from them last week that no more reports are necessary until our next scheduled report/visit.
- 9.3.3 We did apply refunds to students housing if they are not returning. If the student is returning in spring, they received a credit for the spring bill. This was determined based on what was best for the student as well as what was best for retention.

9.4 John Anderson

- 9.4.1 His group is focusing on spring orientation dates and staggered move in dates for the logistics of bringing our students back safe.
- 9.4.2 Attritions rates on average are 8-14% of students who would not return from fall to spring. This year we are looking at an 18-20% rate.
- 9.4.3 Enrollment is going a little slower than normal. We feel many of our students are waiting until after Christmas based on what happens with COVID as well as the vaccine.
- 9.4.4 We have been working with Public Health in both counties to obtain tests for each student living in housing. We have spread move in over 4-5 days versus 1-2 days. We will have a tent to do screening upon arrival.

9.5 Sue Samaniego

- 9.5.1 Sue received approval for \$10,000 for COVID relief funds for students.
 - 9.5.1.1 This can be used as general operating, but Sue put it down for student emergency funds.
 - 9.5.1.2 This can also be used
- 9.5.2 We were approved for COSI workforce. In the amount of \$20,000
- 9.5.3 Our counties were approved for \$31,000 in COSI funding
- 9.5.4 Applying for boundless opportunities scholarships for a total of \$40,000
- 9.5.5 Working on setting up a brokerage account because the Foundation is receiving some stock gifts.
- 9.5.6 Sue has confirmed a planned donation in the amount of \$400,000 upon death.

9.5.7 \$3800 was brought in on Colorado Gives Day

10.0 Payment of Bills

10.1 No new bills were presented.

10.1.1 A motion made by Ann Brady to pay the bills as presented seconded by Jennifer Barker. Motion carried.

11.0 Other

11.1 Next Meeting – January 19th at Noon in the Weiss Conference Room

12.0 Adjournment

12.1 Meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.