

REPORT OF MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

BAY de NOC COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Catherine Bonifas Board Room (201D)
Escanaba, MI

January 3, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m. ET by Board Chair, Joy Hopkins.

Roll call was taken by Assistant Board Secretary, Laura Johnson.

Board Members Present: Joy Hopkins, Eric Lundin, Bill Lake, Philip Strom

Board Member Absent: Tom Butch

Administration: Laura Coleman

Guest: Jordan Beck, *Daily Press*

Recorder: Laura Johnson, Assistant Board Secretary

Joy Hopkins stated the meeting was called to review the 12 applicants for the two board vacancies and determine how to proceed.

Trustees expressed they were impressed by the quality of the applicants and agreed that all were worthy of consideration and the Board would benefit to have any of them as a trustee. Delta County is fortunate to have individuals with the skill sets, experience, and desire to give back to our community and devote their time and energy to the College's Board. It was gratifying for the Board to have such positive interest from the community and that seven of the twelve applicants had been Bay students who wanted to give back to the College.

Phil Strom suggested numbers be assigned to the applicants out of respect for their privacy as the Board worked through the process in an open meeting. Trustees agreed.

Trustees named their four top applicants to determine duplicity and narrow the pool.

Discussion was held about the experience and diversity the five remaining candidates would bring to the Board.

Trustees stack ranked each of the five candidates which resulted in three candidates.

It was motioned by Joy Hopkins and seconded by Philip Strom to:

“Appoint Steve Davis to fill the vacancy created by Steve O’Driscoll.”

No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Phil added that Steve Davis’ professional experience as a judge will provide a much different representation on the Board than that of an attorney. His experience with conflict resolution as a judge will be beneficial. He has qualifications above and beyond his law degree. He also has a lifelong connection to the College as a Bay graduate involved in student government and served as the first editor of the *Bay Beacon*, the Alumnus of the Year in 2003, an advisory committee member for the criminal justice program, and as a face for the College in the community and in marketing campaigns emphasizing his life-long advocacy of the Bay experience.

Joy added his higher education experience teaching criminal justice classes for LSSU on Bay’s campus was also beneficial.

Discussion continued about the credentials and attributes of the two remaining candidates and whether interviews should be conducted.

Phil stated the importance of experience outside of Delta County should be considered because of what can be brought back to the community; especially when the Board is looking at continued success of the College. As a Board, there is not a lot of experience outside of Delta County.

Trustees also discussed replacing the remaining seat with someone with a K12 education connection. Although that experience exists with a member, it is beneficial to have two trustees with K12 experience.

Discussion determined interviews of the two remaining candidates would be conducted on Friday, January 5.

It was motioned by Phil Strom and seconded by Bill Lake to:

“Schedule interviews with candidates named as #3 and #8 on Friday, January 5.”

Trustees discussed the possibility of Tom Butch attending the interviews on Friday since he no longer must abstain due to a conflict of interest.

Steve Davis would be invited to take his oath of office prior to the meeting on Friday so he could participate in the interviews as a trustee.

No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Joy reiterated the Board was overwhelmed and delighted with the quantity and quality of candidates.

Assignments were made for contacting applicants and scheduling interviews.

A Resolution of Appreciation for Jim Hermans was shared with trustees for final approval.

It was motioned by Phil Strom and seconded by Eric Lundin to:

“Accept the Resolution of Appreciation as drafted and offer great appreciation for Jim’s service and years as a Bay College trustee.” No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

It was motioned by Eric Lundin and seconded by Phil Strom to:

“Adjourn the meeting.” No discussion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:46 p.m. ET.

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Laura L. Johnson Assistant Board Secretary	Completion Date	Approval Date

Joy E. Hopkins Board Chair		Approval Date
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