

Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College
Special Board Proceedings
March 25, 2011

A special meeting of the Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College Board was held on Friday, March 25, 2011, beginning at 4 p.m., at the WITC-Administrative Office, located at 505 Pine Ridge Drive, Shell Lake, Wisconsin 54871. Wisline teleconferencing technology was utilized by most Board members.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Chairperson, James Beistle, called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. with the following Board members present: James Beistle (Shell Lake); Hal Helwig, Lorraine C. Laberee, Dave Minor, Jean Serum, Morrie Veilleux, and Susan Wojtkiewicz joined the meeting by telephone. *Dan Olson and James Schultz provided notice that they would not be in attendance at this special meeting.* A quorum was established.

The following WITC administration were also in attendance in Shell Lake: Steve Decker, Bob Meyer, Kim Olson, and Cher Vink.

The following WITC staff were in attendance in Shell Lake during the Audience Recognition and open session portions of the meeting: Annette Ancel-Wisner, Rebecca Cusick, Julie La Guire, Mary Alice Larson, Todd A. Larson, Pat Livingston, Karla Meier, Tina Pocernich, Jennifer Siem, Val Smith, Kathy Steffen, and Barb Story.

OPEN MEETING

Kim Olson, Executive Assistant, read the following open meeting statement: "The March 25, 2011, special meeting of the Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College Board, and all other meetings of this Board, are open to the public and in compliance with state statutes. Notice of the meeting was sent to the press on March 24 in an attempt to make the general public of Wisconsin aware of the time, place, and agenda of the meeting."

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The chair reserved the right to modify the order of the agenda to accommodate persons making presentations live or via technology.

Hal Helwig moved, seconded by Dave Minor, to approve the agenda. Upon a unanimous vote, motion carried.

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Time was reserved for Chair Beistle to recognize people in the audience. There were four Office and Technical Support (OTS) staff who requested to speak to the Board about the OTS staff proposal prior to the meeting. Chair Beistle referenced the Audience Recognition policy, noting that the policy allows three people to speak to the Board on an issue for a total of 10 minutes. He requested that the Board hear from all four OTS staff and to allow up to a total of 15 minutes for them to speak. There were no objections.

Pat Livingston, Jennifer Siem, Tina Pocernich, and Mary Alice Larson provided the Board with their individual comments as it related to the OTS staff proposal. Each person provided their level of education for the Board. Chair Beistle thanked the staff who spoke to the Board.

WITC employees in attendance during the audience recognition of the agenda were excused before the Board went into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair, James Beistle, requested a motion for the Board to adjourn into executive session under the provisions of Wisconsin Statute §19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of considering bargaining strategies.

Hal Helwig moved, seconded by Jean Serum, to go into executive session in accordance with Wisconsin Statute §19.85(1)(e) for the purpose noted in the preceding paragraph. Chair Beistle announced the motion. Upon a roll-call vote, all members present voted yes (6-0); Morrie Veilleux was temporarily disconnected from the telephone connection; motion carried.

Chairperson, James Beistle, called the executive session to order at 4:18 p.m. with the following Board members present: James Beistle (Shell Lake); Hal Helwig, Lorraine C. Laberee, Dave Minor, Jean Serum, Morrie Veilleux, and Susan Wojtkiewicz were present by telephone. *Dan Olson and James Schultz provided notice that they would not be in attendance at this special meeting.* The following WITC administration were also in attendance in Shell Lake during executive session: Steve Decker, Bob Meyer, Kim Olson, and Cher Vink.

Hal Helwig moved, seconded by Dave Minor, to adjourn the executive session and convene back into the special Board meeting open session. Upon a roll-call vote, all members present voted yes (7-0); motion carried and the executive session adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

OPEN SESSION RECONVENED

Board members thanked the staff who attended the meeting in Shell Lake.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Beistle asked Ms. Olson to read each motion from executive session. Chair Beistle told the staff who were present in Shell Lake that even though the Board voted not to accept the offers made by faculty and OTS unions, the parties are encouraged to keep talking.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Hal Helwig moved, seconded by Lori Laberee, to adjourn the special meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lorraine Laberee
Board Secretary

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