



**Gila County Community College District
Governing Board Regular Meeting
Gila Pueblo Campus
January 23, 2009
APPROVED**

A Regular Session of the Gila County Community College District Governing Board was held via ITV on January 23, 2009 at 9:00 am in Room 522 at the Gila Pueblo Campus and Room 402 at Payson Campus, Gila Community College, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02(B), notice having been duly given.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Ashford called the meeting to order at 9:04 am and Beth McCreary, Recording Secretary, called roll.

PRESENT:

Robert S. Ashford, Chair
Bernadette Kniffin, Vice-Chair
Armida G. Bittner, Member
Dr. Larry Stephenson, Member

ABSENT:

Donald K. Crowley, Member

STAFF:

Dr. Stephen Cullen, Senior Dean
Patricia Burke, Globe/San Carlos Campus Dean
Pamela Butterfield, Payson Campus Dean
Ron Carnahan, Project Coordinator – IT Gila County
LQ Harris III, Software Support Specialist – Payson Campus
Bryan Chambers, Chief Deputy County Attorney
Beth McCreary, Recording Secretary

OTHER:

Jerry McCreary, Special Projects
Trena Grantham, Public Relations Coordinator
Mark Marin, Arizona Silver Belt
Michael Casillas, Copper Country News
Suzanne Jacobson, Payson Roundup
Marcella Miles, San Carlos Campus Facilitator
Ron Nielson, SBDC
Robert "Bobby" Hollis, Owner of Hollis Ent.
Doyle Coffey, Guest
Dr. DeLaO Kerns, GCC Payson campus Nursing Instructor

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Armida Bittner.

A. Election of Governing Board Officers for 2009

Chairman Ashford asked for a motion for the election of officers for the current year.

Vice-Chair Kniffin made the motion for Robert Ashford to remain Governing Board President for 2009, seconded by Member Bittner. Chairman Ashford asked for discussion. Dr. Stephenson proposed to delay the election matter until the new board member is appointed by Dr. Linda O'Dell, Gila County Superintendent of Public Schools. The delay would allow the new member to be involved in the election process. Chairman Ashford said state statute requires the election be held during the first meeting of the year and noted that five members are currently on the board. Dr. Stephenson asked Mr. Chambers if the law allows for a continuance of this matter. Mr. Chambers stated he would have to research the matter and would need a brief recess to do so. Dr. Stephenson suggested the current officials continue with their duties until the fifth member is appointed. Chairman Ashford was concerned this would be out of compliance with the statute and, because the election was currently an agenda item, wanted to continue with the election process. Chairman Ashford said another election of officers could be held, if so desired, following the new member placement. Chairman Ashford called for a vote on the motion to retain Robert Ashford as the Governing Board President. The motion passed with a 3 to 1 vote, with Dr. Stephenson voting nay. President Ashford motioned to retain Bernadette Kniffin as Vice President for 2009, seconded by Member Bittner. The motion passed with a 3 to 1 vote, with Dr. Stephenson voting nay. Vice President Kniffin motioned to select Armida Bittner for Secretary of the Governing Board for 2009, seconded by President Ashford. President Ashford asked for discussion. Dr. Stephenson said his nay votes reflect his desire for a continuance until a full board is in place and does not reflect any opposition to any candidates. The motion passed with a 3 to 1 vote, with Dr. Stephenson voting nay. President Ashford noted he is not adverse to re-election of officers when a full board is in place. He asked Mr. Chambers to research the statute to determine if anything precludes the Board from doing that, as well as the time line requirements for election of officers.

2. Reports

A. Payson Campus Report Gila Pueblo

Dean Butterfield's report is attached. -

Per Donald Crowley's request, Dean Butterfield read his letter of resignation from the Gila Community College Board. Mr. Crowley is resigning due to health reasons and expressed his thanks to all board members and staff for their commitment to quality higher education. He also praised the work, dedication and commitment of the deans, their staff, as well as adjunct and full-time educators. Mr. Crowley said that whoever takes his place will have his full support. President Ashford expressed sadness that Mr. Crowley will be leaving, stating he has contributed immensely to the board. President Ashford asked that Mr. Crowley be included in communications in matters relative to the college via e-mail or otherwise.

Dean Butterfield requested Dr. Roni DeLaO Kerns address the Board Members. Dr. Kerns expressed her thanks for the gracious welcome she has received from Gila Community College and residents of Gila County. Dr. Kerns has worked in rural health care for 30 years and is now happy to be able to teach in rural communities. Dr. Kerns said she has found a very committed and capable staff, willing to work above and beyond the call of duty. She is looking forward to the challenges and having the program be the best that it can be. Dr. Stephenson welcomed Dr. Kerns to the faculty on behalf of the board. President Ashford echoed that sentiment.

B. Gila Pueblo Campus Report

Dean Burke's report is attached. -

Dean Burke, entering into her 2nd year, said she is very pleased with the increase in enrollment, courses and programs being offered, and dedication of staff and faculty. Dean Burke announced General Biology I will be offered during the spring semester and hopes to offer Biology II in the summer. Professor Boxell is teaching at Globe High School on Mondays and Wednesdays. A meeting was held with the parents and students that are taking the Biology course and they showed great enthusiasm that

the class is being offered. A new Sports Medicine program has been developed and will be implemented for the spring semester. Dr. Robison will be teaching Introduction to Exercise Science and Physical Education along with the lab portion; Introduction to Fitness and Sports Medicine I. Once the students have completed the entire program, they will achieve a certificate in sports medicine and rehabilitative therapy. There has been a great response to this class. Dean Burke thanked Vice President Kniffin for the partnership with her and TANF/WIA for the transportation of students to the Gila Pueblo College. Dean Burke also welcomed Dr. Kerns to the faculty staff. Numerous students have approached her expressing how thrilled they are to have Dr. Kerns on board with the College. Dean Burke has received a tremendous amount of praise for Dr. Kerns and the students do appreciate the challenges set forth for them.

C. San Carlos Report.

Ms. Miles report is attached-

Ms. Miles thanked Vice President Kniffin for the help and commitment of TANF for furthering education on the San Carlos Reservation. Continual growth at the San Carlos Campus is anticipated. Vice President Kniffin said she is receiving excellent reviews on Ms. Miles' work and thanked her for that.

D. Senior Dean's Report

Senior Dean Cullen's report is attached –

Sr. Dean Cullen welcomed Ms. Armida Bittner as the newest board member. He also welcomed Dr. Kerns as a great addition to the faculty staff. Sr. Dean Cullen spoke about Mr. Crowley's resignation. He said Mr. Crowley's extraordinary sense of diplomacy and expertise will be missed and plans to keep in professional and personal contact.

Prior to the meeting, Sr. Dean Cullen, local dignitaries and civic leaders met to celebrate the groundbreaking ceremony for the Globe Theater. Sr. Dean Cullen asked Small Development Business Director Ron Nielson to speak to the board. Mr. Nielson said the project began with the recommendation from Sr. Dean Cullen that he should meet with Mr. Hollis to talk about the Globe Theater project. The course of the project took approximately 16 months, starting in March 2007 until present. Hopefully, the movie theater will be able to open in the summer or fall of 2009. Mr. Nielson gave credit to the college for the support of the SBDC program. Without that support, the project would not have happened. Mr. Nielson thanked the Board Members for their continued support. Mr. Robert Hollis, owner of the Globe Theater, addressed the Board in regards to his sentiments on the proposed four-plex movie theater in downtown Globe. Mr. Hollis gave credit to the Small Business Development Center and Mr. Nielson. Mr. Hollis said the SBDC program is essential to the Globe and Payson communities. Sr. Dean Cullen said Mr. Nielson is currently serving 88 different organization and businesses throughout Gila County.

Sr. Dean Cullen pointed out Gila Community College is the fastest growing community college in the State of Arizona. It was noted that the growth is supported by the same number of staff and administrators as when the project was started. Sr. Dean Cullen sincerely appreciates and thanks the administration and support staff at the three campuses for the extraordinary job they have done.

3. Financial Reports November 30, 2008

The financial reports were reviewed by the governing board. Dr. Stephenson had several questions in regards to the financial reports. Sr. Dean Cullen answered each question to Dr. Stephenson's satisfaction. Dr. Stephenson asked for a summary of expenditures at the beginning of the report. Sr. Dean Cullen agreed to this request.

4. Old Business

None

5. New Business

- A. Resignation of Gila Community College of Governors member Don Crowley.

