

RANGELY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Special Meeting

Johnson Banquet Room

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

3:00pm

PRESENT

Board of Trustees: Sam Tolley, Jennifer Barker, Ann Brady and Bart Nielsen.

Others Present: Ron Granger President of CNCC, Dr. Nancy McCallin President of CCCS, Fiona Lytle Director of Communications & Marketing, Sue Samaniego, Director of Foundation, Linda Gordon Budget Officer, Colleen Kenney Accounting, Keely Winger Administrative Assistant to President, Amy Blake Accounting, Janet Mackay Bursar, Keri Rusthol Grant Administrator, Erin LeBleu Accounting, Jan Krueger Controller, Kirk Lee Director of Advising & Housing, Candra Robie Advising and Program Specialist and Tim Webber Director of WRBM Recreation & Park District

1.0 Call Meeting to Order:

Special Session was called to order by Sam Tolley at 3:34 p.m.

2.0 Discussion with Dr. Nancy McCallin

- 2.1 The Board wants to express their support for Ron. They supported Ron during the interview process and continue to support him now
- 2.2 Sam express how involve Ron and Alisa are in the communities – Rangely and Craig. Ron notes that they enjoy Rangely and that they want to be here and be able to provide stability
- 2.3 Dr. McCallin asked “What is going well in Rangely?”
 - 2.3.1 Sam added that Ron understands the pit falls of the industry due to his time spent in Wyoming and that he understands the budget. This is the first year in six years that the RJCD Board has not had to provide any supplemental funding to the College from RJCD reserves.
 - 2.3.1.1 The Board pays for buy downs, technology and specific program needs.
 - 2.3.1.1.1 This includes 100% buy down for roughly 40-part time and full time students.
 - 2.3.2 Sam also added that the college finally has some momentum and has had some great hires here in the recent past
 - 2.3.3 RJCD Board’s contribution this year was \$1,128,751 and that is the lowest it has been in a LONG time. (10 years)
 - 2.3.4 MCAJCD Board has historically provided 75% buy down then 50% buy down and this year just approved 100% buy down at the last meeting which also included pulling \$386,000 from the colleges funding from MCAJCD Board.
 - 2.3.4.1 With this change Craig will have to undergo some changes that include cutting personnel and programs. These cuts in personnel and programs will affect the Craig campus only.
 - 2.3.4.2 This was addressed with Craig during the meeting this morning with the MCAJCD Board.
 - 2.3.5 The mill levy for the RJCD Board consists of 5 mils general levy and 1.6 mils for maintenance
 - 2.3.6 Dr. McCallin is here to hear what everyone in the room has to say and thanks the Board for showing their support of Ron and CNCC.
 - 2.3.7 MCAJCD Board wants a complete breakdown of financial records for all programs.
 - 2.3.7.1 MCAJCD recently submitted a CORA request to the RJCD Board, including financials.
 - 2.3.7.2 Community colleges have programs that simply don’t break even or make money but that’s not the point of a community college.
 - 2.3.7.3 The RJCD Board feels that the MCAJCD Board is out stepping their boundaries and responsibilities of the board.

- 2.3.7.4 The Board's jobs are to make sure the tax payers dollars are spent appropriately, for Rangely that means those mill levy funds cannot be spent outside of Rangely.
- 2.3.8 CNCC offers concurrent enrollment to a wide region in Northwest Colorado.
 - 2.3.8.1 Concurrent enrollment is offered in Oak Creek, Hayden, Meeker, Rangely, Delta, Montrose and more.
 - 2.3.8.2 It serves four school districts, Meeker, Rangely, SOROCO and Hayden.
- 2.3.9 Ron wants the boards to understand that he has an open door policy and that he wants to hear from them. He wants them to run their ideas by him and be able to talk about current issues or happenings.
- 2.4 Tim Webber spoke up and expressed his opinion on Craig and the recent actions that have been taken. He does not agree with what Craig has done! He feels they have caused a stink for NO REASON! Tim is done and ready to fight. He stated that if Craig wants to leave the system, let them!
 - 2.4.1 Dr. McCallin feels that both campuses need each other in order to sustain themselves.
- 2.5 After 14 years as the President of the State system, Dr. McCallin feels there has been a turn of events in Craig in the last year.
 - 2.5.1 Craig wants a strategic plan, with measurable goals and a strategic plan will be available July 1.
- 2.6 Craig has been beaten up time and time again because of ups and downs in the economy
 - 2.6.1 Town, County, and the College Board have constantly asked for more taxes over and over again.
- 2.7 RJCD Board felt that it was not right that MCAJCD Board didn't have the courtesy to call the RJCD Board and discuss their current concerns.
- 2.8 It was brought up that the \$14,000 spent by MCAJCD Board on the strategic plan and the gentleman they hired was done unjustly. The gentleman has ties to Andrew Daniels, Treasurer of the MCAJCD board and that is a lot of tax payer dollars to spend on a project like that.
- 2.9 MCAJCD Board is looking for someone to blame and they chose Ron. The RJCD Board feels this attack was strategically planned.
- 2.10 Jennifer is more concerned about the impact this could have on Ron's career.
- 2.11 The board asks that the State provide legal support to Ron during this time.
- 2.12 The RJCD Board wants to know "What the Craig community wants?" because all they are hearing is what the MCAJCD Board wants
 - 2.12.1 Craig campus doesn't market their programs appropriately and the marketing isn't being done in the right way.
- 2.13 The RJCD Board stated that they have been trying to blend and connect with the MCAJCD Board over the last several years and struggle because all Craig wants to do is complain.
 - 2.13.1 The RJCD Board wants to know how to get past this because they are fearful that the different boards are going to start losing members and the college is going to start losing faculty and staff.
- 2.14 Dr. McCallin stated that the incoming President, Joe Garcia knows what is happening and she will continue to brief him regarding the issues. She has also notified the State Board and hopes that Ron feels supported from the State.
- 2.15 Dr. McCallin stated that she made it very clear to Craig that by cutting the \$386,000 from the budget it is going to result in personnel and program cuts. She addressed the fact that CNCC received \$1 million from the State in the last year, to insure sufficient reserves, which allows the college to invest in the community.
- 2.16 The RJCD Board wants to know what the next steps should be? How do they ensure that CNCC keeps Ron?
 - 2.16.1 Per Dr. McCallin, prior to July 1, the college will have to determine where the \$386,000 cuts will come from and this is going to put the spotlight on Ron again. She recommends that we start providing positive publicity in the newspaper allowing locals to hear the other side of the story, which in turn hopefully helps build or reinstate the credibility of CNCC within the communities.

3.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.