

**Approved Minutes of the  
Alpena Community College Board of Trustees Regular Meeting**

February 20, 2020

Roger C. Bauer Board Room, Charles R. Donnelly Natural Resources Center  
665 Johnson Street, Alpena, MI 49707

On Thursday, February 20, 2020, the Alpena Community College Board of Trustees gathered for its regular monthly meeting. The meeting began at 7:01 p.m.

Present: John Briggs, Teresa Duncan, Lisa Hilberg, Susan Stender, Florence Stibitz, and Tom Townsend. Absent: Joseph Gentry II.

Seated at the Board Table: President Don MacMaster and Board Secretary Jay Walterreit.

Trustee Duncan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Townsend that the agenda be approved as presented; seconded by Trustee Stibitz. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion approved.

### **Approval of the Proposed Minutes from the January 16, 2020, Regular Board Meeting**

Trustee Hilberg moved to accept the proposed minutes from the January 16, 2020, regular board meeting; Trustee Stender seconded the motion. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion approved.

### **Introduction of Guests and Public Comment**

Guests attending the regular meeting included: Julie Goldberg, The Alpena News; Ben Stevens, WATZ; Richard Sutherland, ACC administration; Dawn Stone, ACC administration; Mark Grunder, ACC administration; Officer Chet Spencer, Alpena Police Department; Andrew Paad, ACC faculty; Charlie Rieman, ACC student; Peter Huizinga, ACC student; Deborah Bayer, ACC administration; and Yvonne White, ACC retiree.

### **Communication(s)**

None.

### **Board Member and Subcommittee Reports**

Chairman Briggs mentioned the February 18, 2020, ACC Board of Trustees retreat session. Follow-up from that meeting was in the works.

### **Student Report**

ACC manufacturing students Peter Huizinga and Charlie Rieman updated the trustees on Manufacturing Club activities, including two upcoming skills competitions. They noted the club had raised enough money to pay for the entry costs of the skills competitions.

## **Faculty Reports**

None.

## **President's Report**

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### Spaceport Site Selection in Oscoda

Michigan Aerospace Manufacturing Association (MAMA) announced Tuesday at the state capitol in Lansing that Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport (OWA) has been selected as a target location for establishing space vehicle launch facilities. Specifically, OWA has been identified as a strong candidate to serve as a Spaceport in support of horizontal launches when deploying small and midsize satellites into Lower Earth Orbit. Horizontal launch facilities utilize large-body jet aircraft and a traditional runway to serve as the first stage of a space vehicle launch sequence. OWA was among four Michigan airports under consideration.

Among the attributes that contributed to Oscoda's selection is the runway, which is 200 feet wide and 11,800 feet long, plus the proximity to unpopulated airspace over Lake Huron. Additionally, there are already significant aerospace support capabilities at OWA, including those currently provided by Kalitta Air, Phoenix Composite Solutions and Oscoda Engine Services. According to MAMA, OWA's available development site properties and broad community support have also contributed to this selection.

MAMA has named this project "The Michigan Launch Initiative," which it envisions as a public-private partnership organized to position Michigan as a competitive location from which to launch space vehicles into Lower Earth Orbit. The Michigan Launch Initiative is being pursued in response to the considerable demand for the services provided by lower earth orbit satellites, which is expected to grow significantly in the next decade and beyond.

Aerospace-related businesses at the Oscoda Wurtsmith Airport, including Oscoda Engine Services, Phoenix Composite Solutions and Kalitta Air, employ more than 1,200 workers. Alpena Community College through its Oscoda Campus is currently providing pre-apprentice training for 60 entry-level workers in partnership with Kalitta Air. The opportunity for ACC to play a key role in regional economic development around the proposed spaceport is substantial.

### EDTech Magazine Article on Videoconferencing at Alpena Community College

Videoconferencing at Alpena Community College is the lead article in the current issue of EDTech Magazine, the industry-leading publication covering technology and innovation in higher education. Entitled *Telepresence Tools Help Colleges and Communities Pursue Rich Partnerships*, the article highlights ACC's recent efforts deploying videoconferencing technology for dual enrollment opportunities along with supporting health care professionals in the ongoing struggle against opioid addiction. Kudos to Mark Grunder, Sarah Burt, Mike Kollien, Darrin Lightner, Debbie Bayer, and ACC faculty and adjunct instructors for their

inspired work in this area. First deployed in fall semester 2017, VCS enrollment in fall 2019 numbered 422 students.

<https://edtechmagazine.com/higher/article/2020/02/telepresence-tools-help-colleges-and-communities-pursue-rich-partnerships>

### **Action Items**

#### 2.761 Resolution of Appreciation and Emeritus Status for Lori Dziesinski and Yvonne White

The following resolution was proposed by Trustee Townsend and seconded by Trustee Hilberg:

*WHEREAS* Lori Dziesinski and Yvonne White have had continuous, honorable regular service with Alpena Community College as valued members of the administration and staff prior to their retirement; and

*WHEREAS* nominations for emeritus status were initiated by the eligible retirees' primary academic unit or the President; and

*WHEREAS* Lori Dziesinski has ably served the College for 43 years in a variety of roles, and since Yvonne White has ably served the College for 31 years in a variety of roles; and

*WHEREAS* the Alpena Community College Board of Trustees recognizes the efforts of Lori Dziesinski and Yvonne White on behalf of the College, its students, and the Northeast Michigan community, and wishes to convey its deep appreciation;

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED* that the Board of Trustees of Alpena Community College unanimously applauds Lori Dziesinski and Yvonne White for their service to the College and its students, and, recognizing their distinguished attributes, confers upon them the title of EMERITUS, as appropriate with all the rights and privileges appertaining thereunto.

Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion approved.

#### 2.762 Bids for the Purchase of Videoconferencing Equipment

The following resolution was proposed by Trustee Townsend and seconded by Trustee Stender:

The Alpena Community College Board of Trustees approves the purchase of 18 CISCO videoconferencing delivery systems to be installed in schools and health centers and one dedicated delivery system for installation at the Oscoda Campus from CDWG for a cost not to exceed \$148,250.34. Funding for the purchase will come from the USDA Distance Learning and Telemedicine grant (85% of the cost) and the College (the remaining 15% as match funds).

Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion approved.

## **Information Items**

Vice President of Administration and Finance Richard Sutherland drew the trustees' attention to the Federal Awards Supplemental Information report distributed to each trustee. He explained the report was a standard yearly task related to receiving federal financial aid from students.

New hires, terminations, and status changes from January 9 to February 14, 2020.

### New Hires:

- Kathryn (Lisa) Blumenthal, Office Assistant for SIP Grant and Workforce Development, effective 01/16/20.
- Lauren Mantlo, ESP2 Learning Technology Technician, effective 02/10/2020.
- Mary Eagan, Director of Alumni Relations, effective 03/02/2020.

### Re-Hires:

- None.

### Transfers:

- None.

### Resignations:

- None.

### Retirements:

- None.

The Gifts and Grants Report showed the following activity between December 10, 2019, and January 8, 2020:

Total Donors: 48

New Gifts:	\$13,593.00
Pledge Payments:	\$5,645.00
New Pledges:	\$50,250.00

## **Board Discussion**

None.

## **New Business**

Chairman Briggs noted the March 10, 2020, election which includes a millage proposal from Alpena Public Schools. Chairman Briggs noted the long and fruitful partnership between Alpena Community College and Alpena Public Schools and the shared commitment to improving the

Northeast Michigan community through educational opportunities. He suggested it would be appropriate for the Alpena Community College Board of Trustees to advocate for the passage of Alpena Public Schools' millage request because the money raised will directly and positively affect the quality of education for APS students.

Trustee Stibitz then proposed the following resolution, and Trustee Duncan seconded the motion:

2.763 ACC Board of Trustees Support for APS Bond Proposal (New Business)

The Alpena Community College Board of Trustees supports Alpena Public Schools' March 10, 2020, zero mill increase bond issue proposal.

Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Abstains: 1 (Hilberg). Motion approved.

**Suggested Future Agenda Items**

None.

**Next Regular Meeting**

The next regular Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, 2020, in the Roger C. Bauer Board Room, Room 400 of the Charles R. Donnelly Natural Resources Center, 665 Johnson Street, Alpena, MI 49707. **Please note the date change.**

**Adjournment**

The regular meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:48 p.m.

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