

MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES FEATHER RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

1. Call to Order:

President McNett called the Regular Meeting of the Feather River Community College District (FRCCD) Board of Trustees to order at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 18, 2023, at Feather River College, LRC Room #871, 570 Golden Eagle Avenue, Quincy, California, and via a Zoom virtual platform.

Trustees present: McNett, Johnston (via Zoom), Marshall, Sheehan, Ware,
Trustees absent: Student Trustee

Trustee Johnston joined the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

2. Agenda:

President McNett requested that Regular Agenda Items #6B1, Resolution #22/23-07 through #6B10, Resolution #22/23-16 take place after the board takes action on the Consent Agenda. There being no objection or further discussion, the agenda for the May 18, 2023, meeting of the FRCCD Board of Trustees held at Feather River College, LRC #871, 570 Golden Eagle Avenue, Quincy, California, and via Zoom was approved as amended, (Sheehan/Marshall) unanimous.

3. Minutes:

The minutes from the April 20, 2023, Regular Meeting of the FRCCD Board of Trustees held at Feather River College, LRC #871, 570 Golden Eagle Avenue, Quincy, California, and via Zoom were approved as presented, (Ware/Johnston) unanimous,(McNett Abstained).

4. Items from the Public:

None

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

*** A. Motion Items**

There being no objection or further discussion, 1) Ratification of Personnel Requisitions, 2) Personnel Actions, 3) Payroll and Commercial Warrants, 4) Budget Transfers, 5) Budget Augmentations/Reductions, 6) Approval of Phase I Security Health Check Assessment for \$12,040 (reimbursed by the Chancellor's Office) between Feather River College and Forsyte IT Solutions for professional services to assist Feather River College (FRC) in assessing the security of capabilities, challenges and strengths of FRC, 7) Approval of Proposal #LANQ4178 for \$38,638.73 between Feather River College (FRC) and Lanlogic, Inc., for installation, configuration and testing of Sonicwall firewalls (2) in highly available configuration with advanced security service subscriptions and extended reporting 8) Approval of Proposal #LANQ416612 for \$1,727.90 between Feather River College and Lanlogic, Inc., for 12 refurbished IT units as described in proposal, 9) Approval to Purchase Microsoft Defender for Endpoint P2 for 400 machines and Microsoft Defender for Endpoint Server for 45 servers from Computerland of Silicon Valley for \$2,600

prorated for the five months remaining in the term as of May 1, 2023, and 10) Approval of Agreement for Legal Services between Feather River Community College District (FRCCD) (Client) and School and College Legal Services (Counsel) for Counsel to provide legal and labor relations services effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2027, and continuing thereafter were approved as presented, (Johnston/Marshall) unanimous.

6. REGULAR AGENDA

*** B. Roll Call Items**

1) Kevin Trutna, Superintendent/President, requested Approval of Resolutions #22/23-07, Dr. Chris Connell, #22/23-08, Merle Rusky, #22/23-09 Randy Rick, #22/23-10, Merle Trueblood, #22/23-11, Jan Rennie, #22/23-12, Lisa Noia, #22/23-13, David Burris, #22/23-14, Greg Lawrence, #22/23-15, Nick Boyd, and #22/23-16, Cathy Riley. He recognized those retirees present at the board meeting including Jan Rennie, Dr. Chris Connell, and Merle Rusky, and he read from the appreciation and recognition plaques written by their respective administrators. After further discussion and there being no objection, the request for Approval of Resolutions #22/23-07 through 22/23-16 were approved as presented in one roll call vote.

Ayes:	McNett, Johnston, Marshall, Sheehan, Ware, de bois
Noes:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

6. REGULAR AGENDA

*** A. Motion Items**

- 1) Kevin Trutna, Superintendent/President, requested Approval of Curriculum Actions. There being no objection or further discussion, the request for Approval of Curriculum Actions was approved as presented, (Marshall/Johnston) unanimous.
- 2) Kevin Trutna requested Approval of Faculty Equivalency. There being no objection or further discussion, the request for Approval of Faculty Equivalency was approved as presented, (Sheehan/de Bois) unanimous
- 3) Kevin Trutna requested Approval to Purchase Hay in Excess of Delegated Limits at the Most Advantageous Price Available. He provided background information on the reason for the annual request, and Russell Reid, Ag. Chair and Equine Studies Professor described some of the many factors involved when purchasing hay, and indicated that he uses his experience and trusted vendors to obtain the best quality product at the lowest possible price possible for the District. There being no objection or further discussion, the request for Approval to Purchase Hay in Excess of Delegated Limits at the Most Advantageous Price Available was approved as presented, (de Bois/Johnston) unanimous.
- 4) Kevin Trutna requested Approval to Award Degrees and Certificates. He explained that commencement would take place at the Brennan Stadium, weather permitting, at 1 p.m. on Friday, May 26, 2023. There being no objection or further discussion, the request for Approval to Award Degrees and Certificates was approved as presented, (Ware/Marshall) unanimous.

- 5) Kevin Trutna requested Approval to Award Bid #32-C1, 23-01, Roof Replacement Project FRC Multi-Purpose Building to Pacific Polymers, Incorporated (Inc.). He acknowledged Trustee Sheehan had a question on insulation, and Trustee Sheehan noted the bid documents contain an amendment that seems to talk about eliminating insulation. Tony Warndorf, Director of Facilities (I) explained that the amendment is an add-on regarding compliance. There being no objection or further discussion, the request for Approval to Award Bid #32-C1, 23-01 Roof Replacement Project FRC Multi-Purpose Building to Pacific Polymers, Inc., was approved as presented, (Johnston/Marshall) unanimous.

***B. Roll Call Items**

None

C. Special Items/Reports

- 1) Morgan Turner, Director of Fiscal Services (I), presented the District's Monthly Financial Status Report as of April 30, 2023. She explained that there had been discussion about including budget transfers and augmentations for the Final Budget in this month's report, but she did not have solid enough numbers to share, so it would be next month along with a better estimate of the expenses to take the District through the fiscal year. She reported that the governor's May revise came out with an 8.2% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA), and a reduction to the COVID-19 state recovery block grant of 53%. She reported that the chancellor's office has decided to delay awards for additional student housing projects, and that it would reconsider these in one year.
- 2) Kevin Trutna provided introductory remarks about Will Lombardi, English Professor, and Eagle Pride Club Advisor, and his update on FRC's Gay-Straight Alliance and Eagle Pride club from a diversity, equity, and inclusion perspective. Dr. Lombardi explained the ebb and flow of student engagement on two-year community college campuses, and that right now Eagle Pride is in an ebb that seems to have been magnified by the COVID-19 pandemic and the epidemic of isolation and loneliness in America. He reported that that FRC provides a safe space and trusting environment for gay students, and there are more allies from faculty now, which is an indication of the health of the support system. Dr. Lombardi introduced Jamie Johnson, and reviewed her work on the webpage, and other club activities as an active member that is transferring to Chico State University in the fall.

Jamie Johnson shared that she enrolled at FRC as a local Plumas County student, and has resided in student housing, and is graduating with an associate's degree in general agriculture along with several certificates. She shared that she plans to transfer to CSU-Chico and obtain her bachelor's degree in soil science, and eventually a master's degree. Dr. Lombardi added that because of Jamie's identity, she was unhoused and FRC helped her find housing, which is no small thing. He added that finding time for meetings is difficult, and he sees having a space for Eagle Pride students that could be staffed with members or volunteers as the missing piece here at FRC. Jamie Johnson described her FRC experience and shared that, as someone majoring in agriculture, there was a clear divide at the equine/ag facility. She stated that FRC in general does a great job and the support systems are in place, and finding a small space on campus for meetings and

conversation would be a great way to provide additional support for Eagle Pride students.

- 3) Walter Parham, Athletic Director, and Valerie Campa, Program Coordinator, provided the board of trustees with an update on Name, Image, Likeness, (NIL) in the athletics department. Walter Parham stated that NIL, or the ability of college athletes to be compensated for the use of their name, image, likeness, and/or their athletic reputation passed into California law in 2021. He reported that he has reviewed FRC's policy on NIL, and it covers all aspects of compliance in clear detail. Mr. Parham added that FRC has received two disclosures over the previous 12 months, where student athletes disclose to the athletic department their NIL intentions. He shared plans to increase engagement and remain in compliance and he explained that NIL software technology called *Spry* tracks NIL data for athletic departments, and is a great resource for information.

D. Communications, Presentations, and Reports

- 1) **Board of Trustees**

Trustee Ware reported that Seneca Hospital has announced June 1, 2023, as the date of a groundbreaking ceremony for a new hospital, and when asked about a completion date, she responded early 2025.

President McNett praised the collaboration he observed while attending a recent meeting of the environmental studies fire wise group as they discussed next steps and curriculum development for FRC's new bachelor's degree.

- 2) **Associated Students**

No Report

- 3) **Academic Senate**

Chris Connell, Academic Senate President, reported that this meeting would be his last board meeting as Academic Senate President, and he feels great having been part of FRC's instructional and college leadership over the previous 27 years. He reported that the Academic Senate has completed committee assignments for the next fiscal year and elected Will Lombardi, Chair, Liberal Arts Division, and Becky Easley, Academic Senate President. Dr. Connell mentioned that it is an interesting time to retire having lived and taught through the COVID-19 pandemic, and he sees Artificial Intelligence (AI) as a future challenge for institutions of higher education.

- 4) **Classified Senate**

Sean Whaley, Classified Senate President, reported that the group held its second meeting and voted to approve its consent agenda, held productive conversations on other issues, and awarded the Rose Cortez Memorial Scholarship this spring after a several year hiatus.

- 5) **Instruction**

Derek Lerch updated the board of trustees on the Licensed Vocational Nursing Program (LVN) to Registered Nurse (RN) Step-Up Program that FRC has been working on with Butte Community College for some time. He reported that Butte Community College is now allowing priority registration for up to six qualified Plumas County residents in to its RN program, which is a hybrid of online lecture,

in-person lecture, and then clinical onsite participation. Dr. Lerch also reported that FRC is planning to hold its third annual summit with local high school partners on August 15, 2023, and he extended an invitation to board members to attend the on campus event if their schedules allow. He explained that FRC invites principals, counselors, and teaching teachers from different disciplines to gather on campus to discuss as a group and in breakout sessions issues that institutions are facing. In closing, Dr Lerch reported that FRC just completed its spring production of *Guys and Dolls*, and he acknowledged Trustee Sheehan's participation in the theatre production enjoyed by the community.

6) Student Services

Derek Lerch on behalf of Carlie McCarthy, Vice-President Student Services, reported that Student Services held its annual Student Recognition Awards ceremony on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, where faculty and staff recognized students on a variety of traits of excellence they felt the students achieved in and outside the classroom. He also reported that FRC held its Ninth Grade Navigation Day on Friday, May 12, 2023, where nearly every high school student in Plumas County visited campus to learn about college and view FRC facilities. Dr. Lerch added that FRC held two Day in the Mountains (DITM) enrollment events and discussions are leaning towards reducing it to one next year. He closed the report from Student Services by mentioning that FRC scholarship award notifications are going out including a variety of Finish Line Scholar awards.

7) Superintendent/President

Kevin Trutna reported that the beach volleyball team competed at the state championships and lost in the first round, but everyone celebrated a great season, and that the rodeo program is sending six students to the College National Rodeo Finals June 11, 2023, through June 17, 2023, in Casper, Wyoming. Dr. Trutna reviewed articles from his written report congratulating FRC students Britany Blomquist and Jamie Johnson on their Phi-Theta Kappa (PTK) All California Team awards, and he had Evi de Bois, Student Trustee, explain the Community College Innovation Challenge competition taking place in Washington, D.C. in June 2023. Dr. Trutna announced that FRC received notice of its acceptance into the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE), where qualified students accepted into the exchange pay \$69.00 per credit unit instead of \$328.00 per credit unit, and the District can claim up to 100 FTES as in-state apportionment. Dr. Trutna informed the board of trustees that he would attend the board of governor's meeting in Sacramento, California, on Monday, May 22, 2023, to watch Joan Jarrett, Program Coordinator, Instructional Resource Center, (IRC)/English Instructor, receive her 2023 Classified Employee of the Year Award.

After a brief discussion about the June 13, 2023, board retreat, the meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

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