Minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 530, Counties of Williamson, Jackson, Franklin, Perry, and Randolph, State of Illinois, held at Carterville, Illinois, on Wednesday, March 8, 2023, commencing at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was open to the public and available via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Kilquist.

The Chairman directed the recording secretary to call the roll.

Rebecca Borgsmiller   -- present  
Brent Clark           -- present remotely  
Bill Kilquist         -- present  
Mandy Little          -- not present  
Glenn Poshard         -- present remotely  
Jake Rendleman        -- not present at roll call  
Aaron R. Smith        -- present remotely  
Jeremiah Brown        -- not present  

Joining the meeting in person were President Kirk Overstreet, Legal Counsel Rhett Barke, Provost Melanie Pecord, Rachel Sveda-Webb, Director of College Readiness and Student Life, Abby Porter, Assistant Manager of Dual Credit and Recruitment, Joseph Dethrow, Professor of Math, and Recording Secretary Susan May. Superintendents and others present via Zoom included Daniel Booth, Carbondale; Kathy Clark, Johnston City; Adam Cross, Trico; Matt Donkin, West Frankfort; Dr. Andrea Evers, Murphysboro; Matt Hickam, DuQuoin; Keith Liddell, Carterville; Keith Oates, Marion; Kevin Spain, Elverado; Sy Stone, Crab Orchard; and Nathaniel Wilson, Herrin;

Chairman Kilquist led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES REGARDING BOARD POLICY REVISIONS

President Overstreet stated that the administration had responded to questions proposed by the district high school superintendents regarding proposed revisions to Board Policies 8239, Early College, and 8243, Dual Credit. President Overstreet reread the questions and responses submitted to provide additional opportunities for clarification.

President Overstreet noted that the term, Early College, would replace Dual Enrollment to clarify the difference between Dual Credit and Dual Enrollment. Dual Credit courses are listed explicitly in the formal Memorandum of Understandings with the high schools, and Early College encompasses all courses not listed in the MOU. The College will continue to provide eight (8) credit hours of Early College classes tuition-free each semester.

Trustee Jake Rendleman joined the meeting at 10:29 a.m.
The proposed Dual Credit policy formally states that students must complete at least half of their program at the College’s approved instructional site (i.e., Carterville main campus, DuQuoin, or West Frankfort Extension Center) or online. This requirement is a specific directive from the Higher Learning Commission. President Overstreet clarified that this requirement equates to one-half of the total program credit hours and felt it was necessary to formally state this in policy to provide transparency with our high school partners and students.

The proposed Dual Credit policy also provides clear definitions of the different types of Dual Credit provided by JALC per the ISBE/ICCB Model Partnership Agreement. There was discussion regarding tuition and fee charges, and it was noted that students in dual credit courses taught at the high school by a college-qualified high school instructor would not be assessed tuition or fees. However, nominal fees are assessed to students in dual credit courses taught by JALC faculty, whether at the high school, JALC-approved instructional site, or online, hybrid, or distance learning. Students are also assessed fees for Early College Courses. Books are considered course materials and are the responsibility of the student or high school. Dr. Sveda-Webb also clarified variables that may occur between the different high schools and explained some billing issues for fees that JALC has experienced with the new technology system.

Other items clarified through the discussion included the Administrative Procedure 806 referenced in the policy, which could not formally be adopted until the Board of Trustees approved the policy revisions. Rachel Sveda-Webb agreed to share the draft of the procedure with the superintendents. In addition, high school students are determined eligible for dual credit opportunities the summer after they complete their sophomore year.

President Overstreet concluded that the policy updates were basic housekeeping issues for JALC. Student benefits will continue, strengthening the commitment to the ISBE/ICCB Model Partnership Agreement MOU with the high schools. Chairman Kilquist thanked everyone for their comments and added that the Board supported addressing their concerns.

Becky Borgsmiller and Jake Rendleman moved and seconded that the special meeting of the Board of Trustees be adjourned.

Upon roll call, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.
(Resolution #16-4302)

The meeting was duly adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Susan May, Recording Secretary to the Board of Trustees

William J. Kilquist, Chairman
Jacob “Jake” Rendleman, Secretary