

# SWC Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## Board Present:

Long Hollow: Izola Flying Horse, Vice-Chairman  
Lake Traverse: Jessica Redthunder, Secretary  
Big Coulee: Mary Jo Keeble  
Old Agency: Joey Bird (In at 5:16 p.m.)  
Buffalo Lake: Heather Larsen (In at 5:16 p.m.)  
Heipa/Veblen: Marie Renville (Out at 6:06 p.m.)

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Approved

Motion: #2

Date: 2/20/2024

## Board Absent:

Janell Williams, Enemy Swim, Chairman (Medical)

## Administration Present:

Interim SWC President Rhonda LaBatte  
SWC HR Director Deb Anderson  
SWC Dean of Academics Scott Morgan

Quorum established at 5:01 p.m.

Prayer by Long Hollow Representative Izola Flying Horse

Roll Call: Long Hollow, Lake Traverse, Big Coulee, Heipa present at time of quorum.

**Motion #1** to approve agenda. Motion by Heipa, seconded by Lake Traverse. No Question. 4/0 MVC

Public Concerns: None presented.

Reading of the SWC Mission Statement.

District Concerns: Heipa Representative brought concern to the table for an employee who was terminated with no justification. Discussion held. Big Coulee Representative asking about a geriatric degree to assist elders in their homes.

**Motion #2** to approve December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 minutes, December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 minutes, and January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 minutes. Motion by Heipa, seconded by Big Coulee. No question. 4/0 MVC

No SWC BoT Chairman report this month.

SWC Interim President Report and Comptroller Report as presented. Discussed Annual General Council Report, SWC Christmas Party, Advertising Spring Semester Registration, Voc-Ed roof repair update, and Instructional Build update.

Question by Heipa on if THPO had cleared space for Instructional Building. Noted it will be checked into since it's in the planning stages.

Question by Long Hollow about response letter from SWC to HLC. Letter was presented to board prior and presented again for reference. SWC has NOT been formally sanctioned by HLC. HLC will post information online in 30 days.

Question by Big Coulee on Tribal Proceeds line item on Comptroller Report, Lake Traverse in agreement with the question of this line item. Zero percent currently on this line item. Also, Big Coulee question on Travel and Training/Profession Development line item.

Motion #3 to approve SWC Interim President Report and Comptroller Report. Motion by Old Agency, seconded by Lake Traverse. No question. 6/0 MVC

HR Report as presented. Six new hires added to SWC. Current vacancies: President and Sponsored Programs Officer.

Question by Buffalo Lake if new hires have Indian Preference. HR answered question.

Motion #4 to go into Executive Session at 5:29 p.m. Motion by Lake Traverse, seconded by Big Coulee. Question by Buffalo Lake. 6/0 MVC

Out of Executive Session at 6:20 p.m.

Motion #5 to approve HR Report. Motion by Lake Traverse, seconded by Old Agency. Question by Buffalo Lake. 5/0 MVC

Dean of Academic Report and I.R.P.P. Report as presented by Scott Morgan. Discussed highlights for report: finals submitted in December with some accommodations provided as needed, 10 graduates this Fall with 4 bachelor graduates, 138 courses this semester with increasing the number of Faculty to provide these courses, 209 students for Spring Semester 2024, open admissions policy change, visit with TZTS students on dual credits, possible summer "college boot camp" course for incoming college freshmen, new proposal for CHAI program, estimates on Food Processing building (looking into other funding to accomplish this project), IT Dept. is still giving away old computers to students, planning on future programming for Addiction & Diversity Program at SWC.

Motion #6 to approve SWC Open Admissions Policy change as presented by SWC Dean of Academics. Motion by Lake Traverse, seconded by Buffalo Lake. Question by Old Agency. 4/0 MVC, 1 not voting.

Question by Old Agency on testing TZTS students for Accuplacer Test. Discussion on TZTS high school students being able to attend classes to prepare for college programs at SWC.

Question by Buffalo Lake on Summer Bridge classes/college credit classes.

Question by Big Coulee on GED program. Waiting for re-certification. Discussion on the need for GED testing.

Discussion on setting SWC BoT Retreat date.

Motion #7 to approve Dean of Academics Report and I.R.P.P. Report. Motion by Lake Traverse, seconded by Buffalo Lake. Question by Old Agency. 5/0 MVC

Motion #8 to approve Financial Aid, Dakota Studies, Nursing Report, and Student Services. Motion by Old Agency, seconded by Big Coulee. Question by Lake Traverse. 5/0 MVC

Comment on making meeting more public for the community.

Motion #9 to adjourn. Motion by Lake Traverse, seconded by Big Coulee. Adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Jessica Redthunder  
SWC BoT Secretary