

## Warren County Board of Supervisors

**Committee: Joint - Community College and Finance**

**Date: May 23, 2013**

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### **Community College Committee**

#### **Members Present:**

Supervisors Strainer  
Dickinson  
McDevitt

### **Community College Committee**

#### **Members Absent:**

Supervisor Westcott  
Montesi

### **Finance Committee Members**

#### **Present:**

Supervisors Taylor  
Sokol  
Monroe  
Bentley  
Wood  
Kenny  
Frasier

### **Finance Committee Members**

#### **Absent:**

Supervisors Conover  
Merlino

### **Others Present:**

Representing SUNY Adirondack:

Dr. Ronald Heacock, President  
William Long, Vice President of  
Administrative Services  
Brian Durant, Vice President for Academic &  
Student Affairs  
Daniel Silvey, Chief Financial Officer  
Rachael Hunsinger Patten, Executive  
Director, SUNY Adirondack Foundation  
Alan Redeker, SUNY Adirondack Audit &  
Finance Committee  
John Strough, SUNY Adirondack Audit &  
Finance Committee  
Kevin Geraghty, Chairman of the Board  
Paul Dusek, County Administrator  
Joan Sady, Clerk of the Board  
Frank Thomas, Budget Officer  
Supervisors Girard  
Loeb  
Mason  
Don Lehman, *The Post Star*  
Nicole Livingston, Second Deputy Clerk

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Mr. Strainer called the Community College Committee meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. McDevitt, seconded by Mr. Dickinson and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

In the absence of the Committee Chairman, Vice-Chairman Taylor called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 10:16 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mrs. Wood and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

The SUNY (State University of New York) Adirondack Proposed 2013-2014 Operating Budget was distributed to the Committee members, a copy of which is on file with the minutes.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Dr. Ronald Heacock, SUNY Adirondack President, who stated the purpose of today's meeting was to present the proposed 2013-2014 Operating

Budget and he noted it had not been presented to their Board of Trustees (BOT); however, he continued, it would be presented this evening and to the Washington County Board of Supervisors next week. He announced that due to his upcoming retirement he would not be present when the final approval of the budget occurred.

Directing the Committee members to the Highlights of the 2013-2014 budget, Dr. Heacock reported the approved Operating Budget for 2012-2013 was \$25,717,454; the 2012-2013 Estimated Actual Budget was \$25,486,556; and the 2013-2014 Proposed Operating Budget was \$26,989,241, a proposed increase over budget of 4.95% and over estimated actual budget of 5.57%.

Dr. Heacock apprised it was projected that the FTE's (Full Time Enrollments) for next year would remain flat, with no increase or decrease. He stated they were proposing a 3% tuition increase, bringing the cost of tuition to \$3,774 per year for full-time students and \$158 per credit hour for part-time students. He added they anticipated an increase in State Aid of \$150 per FTE for 2013-2014. He noted they were requesting a 2% increase from their sponsors, Warren and Washington Counties, and in addition to that they were proposing \$200,000 from the Applied Fund Balance. Dr. Heacock pointed out an anticipated increase in the Chargeback Rate of \$120, for a total of \$1,780 per FTE, compared to \$1,660 for 2012-2013. He mentioned there were no new positions planned or significant changes for 2013-2014. He said the proposed budget had a decrease in expenditures of \$110,249 in total equipment and software.

In response to an inquiry, Dr. Heacock clarified the total increase to Warren County for 2013-2014 would be \$8,085 and \$54,038 for Washington County. Mr. Dickinson asked what the Fund Balance would be after the \$200,000 was applied and William Long, Vice President of Administrative Services, replied the balance would be \$1,970,696.

Mr. McDevitt referred to the new dormitories and questioned the occupancy status and if there were any limitations or restrictions as to who could reside in the dorms. Brian Durant, Vice President for Academic & Student Affairs, responded they currently had a sign-up for 65% of the dorms to be occupied and the only restriction was that students must be full-time. Mr. Long added they had approximately 250 applications to fill the 406 beds, and 60% of those applications were in-County and 40% were out-of-County which would potentially increase Chargeback monies.

Mr. Strainer asked if there were any significant changes in the proposed budget compared to last year and Mr. Long referenced the Highlights portion of the packet, noting increases in retirement benefits, health insurance costs, facility rental for classroom and conference space, security and maintenance. He added they were still in negotiations with regard to contract wages and salary costs.

Mr. Long pointed out that the State of New York was still only contributing under 30%, as opposed to the expected 33½ to 40% contribution according to the State Education Law, and Warren and Washington Counties were contributing 19% each.

Mr. Bentley expressed his pleasure with the proposed budget given all the expansion the College had undergone. Mr. Monroe acknowledged an increase of 27.25% in the maintenance line which he attributed to the new housing and Mr. Long confirmed that was correct.

Mr. Strainer requested a motion from the Community College. Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. McDevitt and carried unanimously to approve the proposed 2013-2014 Operating Budget as presented.

Mr. Taylor requested a motion from the Finance Committee. Motion was made by Mr. Bentley, seconded by Mr. Monroe and carried unanimously to approve the proposed 2013-2014 Operating Budget as presented and to set a Public Hearing for same. The necessary resolution was authorized for the June 21, 2013 Board meeting.

Mr. Strainer announced arrangements could be made for anyone that was interested in touring the new dormitories on the SUNY Adirondack campus. He also thanked Dr. Heacock for his service to the College and wished him well in his future endeavors. Dr. Heacock responded it had been a pleasure working with the Board of Supervisors.

As there was no further business to come before the Community College Committee, on motion by Mr. McDevitt and seconded by Mr. Dickinson, Mr. Strainer adjourned the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

As there was no further business to come before the Finance Committee, on motion by Mr. Monroe and seconded by Mrs. Wood, Mr. Taylor adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Livingston, Second Deputy