



## SEWARD COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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### Trustees repackage capital lease

#### *Start-of-year meeting includes personnel report, IT information*

With a new academic year about to begin, the Seward County Community College Board of Trustees took care of business, from bills to building projects, at its regular meeting Monday, Aug. 7. Vice-chair Marvin Chance Jr. sat in for Chairman Ron Oliver, who was absent. The board voted unanimously to adopt the 2018 FY budget as presented.

Enrollment at SCCC continues, with numbers slightly lower than usual for part-time, service area students. Vice President of Student Services Celeste Donovan explained that she expects the numbers to level out with previous years' totals once area high schools complete their enrollment and the forms are processed. In all, nearly 1,000 area high school students enrolled in concurrent-credit coursework last year.

The board tidied up ongoing fiscal projects with the purchase of the current capital lease with First National Bank, to be purchased at its current value, and acceptance of the capital lease proposed by Bank of Beaver City to combine the existing and future lease totaling \$900,500.00 for a five year term at an interest rate of 3.35%; and to adopt a resolution authorizing the college to execute and deliver a site lease and lease purchase agreement with Beaver City Bank, subject to approval of terms by college legal counsel. The future capital lease funds were designated for deferred maintenance projects completed on campus over the summer; the current lease continued as part of upgrades to the Industrial Technology campus over the past few years.

In other action, the board:

- Accepted the personnel report, which included resignations listed two resignations —corrosion technology instructor Neal Cann, and English instructor Bret Swanson. Applications are currently being accepted for those positions, as well as the following full-time openings: Dean of Ag, Business, and Personal Services; Executive Director for Institutional Advancement; Admissions and Recruiting Coordinator; Agriculture instructor; Director of Adult Basic Education; Maintenance custodian supervisor; Maintenance carpenter; and Softball assistant coach.
- Heard a report from the newest member of the Executive Team, Chief Information Officer J.J. Widener. He shared goals for his department, including exploration of more Virtual Reality “VR” experiences for various classrooms. The IT department continues to strengthen the college’s information security measures, and will present new policies that meet risk-assessment requirements. Overall, Widener said, he is focused on “encouraging new attitudes in IT, with smiling faces and a service-oriented approach. We want to treat everybody as our customer.”
- Heard a report from Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Todd Carter, who is planning a trip to Salt Lake City Community College in preparation for a move to more competence-based education. A new grant will help the college continue to offer more options to adult and continuing education students in career and tech ed. The college has also put the finishing touches on an apprenticeship program with Tatro Plumbing. Students who complete the four-year rotation, with on-the-job experience and classroom instruction, will be prepared to sit for a journeyman license, Carter said.
- Heard an update from VP of Finance and Operations Dennis Sander, outlining repairs and maintenance for the SCCC bus, the former Bee Jays bus, and an online auction of college vehicles and property.