

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES  
December 16, 2024**

Call to Order: Secretary Margaret Tyne called the public hearing on the Adoption of the 2024 Tax Levy to order at 6:00 p.m., and the following members answered roll call:

Lisa Wiersema	Danelle Burrs
Sam Ramirez (remote)	Tom Demmer
Student Trustee, James Curl	

Excused: Bob Thompson  
Brian Duncan

SVCC Staff: President, Dr. David Hellmich  
Vice President of Academics and Student Services, Dr. Jon Mandrell  
Vice President of Advancement, Dr. Lori Cortez  
Vice President of Business Services, Kent Sorenson  
Director of Facilities, Rich Groleau  
Director of Human Resources, Kathryn Snow  
Director of Research and Planning, Aaron Roe  
Director of Software and User Services, Kathy Dirks  
Board Assistant, Peggy Eshleman  
Associate Professor of English, Rae Brunner  
Grounds Worker, Mike Worrell

Guests: George Howe, Shaw Media  
Amanda Wike, Executive Director, Dixon Chamber of Commerce and Main Street  
Robyn Roe  
Ryder Roe  
Flora Brunner

Conduct public hearing concerning the Adoption of the 2024 Tax Levy: Secretary Tyne explained the reason for the public hearing, opened the floor for Board comments, asked for written testimony, invited public comments, asked again for anyone in the audience to address the Board, and asked a third time for anyone to address the Board. No comments, oral or written, were made. It was moved by Member Wiersema and seconded by Member Burrs the Board adjourn the public hearing concerning the Adoption of the 2024 Tax Levy. In a roll call vote, all vote aye. Student Trustee Curl advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

The public hearing on the Adoption of the 2024 Tax Levy adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Call to Order: Secretary Tyne called the regular Board meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., and the following members answered roll call:

Lisa Wiersema	Danelle Burrs
Sam Ramirez (remote)	Tom Demmer
Student Trustee, James Curl	

Excused: Bob Thompson  
Brian Duncan

SVCC Staff: President, Dr. David Hellmich  
Vice President of Academics and Student Services, Dr. Jon Mandrell  
Vice President of Institutional Advancement, Dr. Lori Cortez  
Vice President of Business Services, Kent Sorenson  
Dean of Information Technology, Kathy Dirks  
Director of Facilities, Rich Groleau  
Director of Research and Planning, Aaron Roe  
Director of Human Resources, Kathryn Snow  
Board Assistant, Peggy Eshleman  
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Main Street  
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Consent Agenda: It was moved by Member Demmer and seconded by Member  
Wiersema the Board approve the consent agenda. In a roll call vote,  
all voted aye. Student Trustee Curl advisory vote: aye. Motion  
carried.

President's Report: Dr. Hellmich acknowledged Deana and Scott Seeley who passed  
away on November 28, 2024, in a tragic automobile accident.  
Deana had taught nursing at Sauk from 2003-2010, and Scott  
was a facilities, maintenance, and security staff member at the  
College for 33 years from 1979-2012.

Dr. Hellmich commented that as a college, we take great pride in  
our partnerships with local agencies, and asked Dr. Jon Mandrell  
and Kent Sorenson to expand on the recent community support  
given to Open Sesame Child Care Center in Dixon as it faced  
challenges. Amanda Wike, Executive Director of Dixon  
Chamber of Commerce and Main Street, was a key partner in  
the team effort and thanked Jon, Kent, partners at the Regional  
Office of Education, and Rich Groleau and Mike Worrell who  
provided expertise in readying the Open Sesame playground for  
the safety of the children.

Reports/Comments from Board Members: Student Trustee James Curl had no report this month.

Dr. Lori Cortez reported the *Chocolate Rendezvous* will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2025, and the ticket prices remain the same as the previous three years. She continued with points of pride of student success in the TRIO program and the completion of the West Mall Plaza outdoor project including the works of art that have been added under the leadership of Dr. Patrice Hess. Lori concluded by reporting the Polo Impact Campaign is closing in on its \$600,000 goal by being at \$501,000.

There was no ICCTA Report this month.

Delete Board Policies  
*423.01 Policy for Substitute Instruction of Regularly Scheduled Classes and 515.01 Computer Software –*  
Second Reading:

It was moved by Member Wiersema and seconded by Member Burrs the Board delete Board Policies *423.01 Policy for Substitute Instruction of Regularly Scheduled Classes* and *515.01 Computer Software*, as presented for a second reading. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Curl advisory vote: aye. Motion carried

Mission, Vision, Values, and Strategic Plan:

It was moved by Member Demmer and seconded by Member Tyne the Board reaffirm Sauk Valley Community College's mission, vision, values, and strategic plan as presented. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Curl advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

2024 Tax Levy:

It was moved by Member Demmer and seconded by Member Wiersema the Board adopt the attached resolution regarding the 2024 aggregate levy for the stated amounts. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Curl advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Economics Faculty Resignation:

It was moved by Member Demmer and seconded by Member Burrs the Board reluctantly approve the resignation of Dr. Jon Devereueawax as a Professor of Economics effective January 9, 2025. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Curl advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

English Faculty Resignation:

It was moved by Member Demmer and seconded by Member Wiersema the Board reluctantly accept the resignation of Rae Brunner as an Associate Professor II of English effective January 2, 2025. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Curl advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Mathematics Faculty Resignation:

It was moved by Member Wiersema and seconded by Member Burrs the Board reluctantly approve the retirement of Scott VanZuiden as a Professor of Mathematics effective May 31, 2025. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Curl advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Request to Serve Alcohol:

This item was removed from the Agenda with no action taken.

Closed Session Minutes: It was moved by Member Wiersema and seconded by Member Burrs the Board approve the closed session minutes of November 25, 2024. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Curl advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Since the scheduled business was completed, it was moved by Member Wiersema and seconded by Student Trustee Curl the Board adjourn. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Curl advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Next meeting: The next regular meeting of the Board will be at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 27, 2025 in the Riverview Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa Wiersema, Acting Secretary