

personnel, bids, budget cuts, and more topics highlight a busy night for NCMC board of trustees

News

Posted by : John

Posted on : 2013/5/29 16:40:00

Trustees of North Central Missouri College processed 13 personnel-related matters and several requests involving bids.

The board also approved revisions to Green Hills Head Start and Workforce Investment program budgets due to reductions in federal funding. Discussion also was held on the next three year strategic plan to guide operations of the two year community college.

Tyson Otto of rural Trenton was employed as Chief Financial Officer/Director of Operations at an annual salary of 65-thousand dollars. He'll begin June 24th to facilitate a positive transition. Otto has been employed since 2011 at assistant controller at A-T Still University in Kirksville and previously worked for the Green Hills community action agency at Trenton. Otto fills the position vacated by Vice President of Administrative Services Sharon Barnett who is retiring this summer.

Former Trenton resident Beth (Craig) Caldarello of Lee's Summit was hired as college Librarian on an 11-month contract beginning July 1st. She's been employed since 2009 as Director of Library Services and Academic Support Center at Devry of Kansas City.

Quentin Albrecht of rural Trenton was hired as a history and national government instructor at the college beginning in August. In the Trenton school district, Albrecht was an American History Instructor (12 years) & Media Specialist (2 years).

A Springfield woman, Margaret Sue Quinn, was hired for the grant funded CTE Recruiter and Retention Specialist beginning June 3rd.

Another employment by NCMC was for a newly created position. Cory Crawford of Trenton will be the MoHealthWins recruitment and advisement specialist who provides various services to students as part of a three year grant. He'll begin June 3rd. His current position of Business Services Specialist/Job Developer at the Workforce Investment office in Trenton has been eliminated due to cuts in federal funding.

Jeremy Esry of Hamilton was hired as Ketcham Community Center Coordinator/Assistant Men's Basketball Coach beginning August 1st.

Miss Jamie Tanno of Smithville was employed as a Residence Life Coordinator/Assistant Women's Softball Coach beginning July 1st.

Lesli Wyatt of Trenton transfers from Residence Life coordinator to a Ketcham community center coordinator as of July 1st. She'll continue as the Assistant Women's Basketball Coach.

In other personnel matters, Trustees also approved a recommendation to create a new position in response to a Higher Learning accreditation commission suggestion and a new strategic plan: associate dean of assessment, curriculum and distant or on-line learning. It's a 12 month position with on-line teaching requirements. College President Neil Nuttall told trustees NCMC has experienced significant growth with on-line instruction complimenting the on-ground classes.

Three resignations were accepted.

Science Instructor Roxanne Hoover will be leaving at the end of her North Central contract to accept a teaching position at Stanberry high school that she describes is closer to her home.

Miles Moore of Trenton has resigned effective June 7th from duties as cashier in the financial aid office.

Kitty Daugherty is leaving her position this Friday as a Ketcham community center coordinator and assistant softball coach.

Three pair of exteriors door for Ketcham community center will be purchased from Sargent's Glass Company of Chillicothe. The bid includes installation of the doors and access central hardware at a total cost of nearly 20-thousand, 800. (\$20,791). It was the lowest of two bids.

Joe DeVorss of Spickard was selected for concrete work for the Barton Campus fishing dock, parking lot, and sidewalks located within the Hoffman-Robbins Conservation Area. The low bid was for \$15-thousand 850 dollars.

A Single Vault Toilet Building will be purchased via a state contract for over 15 thousand dollars. (\$15,100) The unit will be installed over a septic tank at Barton pond. A 12 by 18 foot, covered fishing dock will be purchased for 24-thousand, 600 dollars. It's to be handicap accessible and have hand rails around the perimeter.

Each of the Barton projects is funded through an agreement with Missouri Department of Conservation paying 75 percent and North Central Missouri College 25%.

Federal sequestration is leading to budget cuts for the Green Hills Head Start and the Workforce Investment Programs—both under the umbrella of North Central Missouri College. Trustees approved recommendations from the respective program directors: Bev Hooker for Head Start and Lisa Hostetler with the Workforce Investment.

Bev Hooker outlined steps to be taken to address a five and a quarter (5.27%) loss of federal funds. The plan reduces Head Start funded enrollment by 40 children (will be 237 for nine counties.) It eliminates one of the two Head Start classroom centers in Trenton but maintains nine sites. The plan restructures home-based visitor services to have one person for Grundy and Daviess counties and one for Mercer and Harrison.

The plan eliminates six jobs — three by retirement; and reduces one full time position to part time. There also was some savings when six attendance days were missed due to wintry weather and not made up. T

he previously authorized purchase of a vehicle also has been postponed. A revised budget for the remainder of the Fiscal Year totals a million, 800 thousand (\$1,792,516.)All federal training funds (\$27,406) remain intact. Indirect costs payable to NCMC will be reduced to \$101,194. The reduction plan will now be forwarded to the federal Office of Head Start.

Center Base: 9 Center Classrooms Bethany, Brookfield A/B, Chillicothe A/B, Hamilton, Milan, Trenton, and Unionville)

Home Base: 6 Home Visitors/8 Counties (Caldwell, Daviess/Grundy, Harrison/Mercer, Linn, Livingston, and Sullivan

Total Staff: 51 Employees 9 Teachers, 6 Home Visitors, 19 Teacher Aides, 9 Cooks, 8 Management staff

Lisa Hostetler said Workforce Investment will experience an 11 to 12 percent cut in federal funds prompting the agency to have to serve more customers across 18 counties while receiving less money. She noted there's a 91 thousand dollar reduction in administration expense including the

elimination of one staff position (Cory Crawford) at the downtown Trenton office. Ms. Hostetler stated reductions were made in program expenses in an effort to reach a 276 thousand dollar balanced budget. She noted there's no change in career centersâmaintaining four sites in northwest Missouri. NCMC is the fiscal agent and provides the building at 912 Main in Trenton for the Workforce staff.

College President Neil Nuttall led discussion about three action plans and corresponding objectives in the next three year strategic plan. He's also recommending trustees have a special meeting in July to explore facilities including renovations of Geyer Hall and the transition of academic reinforcement center, student support services, Upward Bound, and the college bookstore.

Vice President Sharon Barnett reported there's no anticipated increase in health insurance premiums with Blue Cross Blue Shield absorbing new fees stemming from the federal health care law.

Trustees approved the 2013 to 2015 college catalog which includes several changes and updated information. An information technology purchase was approved (with Zones of Auburn, Washington) for replacement equipment costing over 27-thousand dollars. (\$27,456) This involves replacement of lab computers at Geyer Hall (room 209) and older faculty and staff computers. Bids from six companies were considered. Approval was given to renew the Microsoft campus agreement at a cost of over 34 thousand dollars for the second year of a three year agreement. (It's with C-D-W-G of Vernon Hills, Illinois) The purchase allows the college to use specified Microsoft software. Funding for the purchases comes from the Instructional Technology services budget of the college.

Development Director Teresa Cross announced the tenth annual alumni gala in October will have what she called a âgreek scholarly theme.â Nominations for distinguished alumni are accepted through the 1st of June. She also spoke about North Central's recruitment efforts with high school students and family members when the District Lions All Star basketball games are played Saturday June 1st at Ketcham Community Center in Trenton.

Plans also are progressing for the annual NCMC Foundation golf tournament over Labor Day weekend at Trenton.