

**NORTHWEST COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
(TELECONFERENCE)**

February 8, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: President MARK WESTERHOLD; Vice President/Secretary JOHN HOUSEL; Treasurer RICK LAPLANTE; Trustees CAROLYN DANKO, PAUL FEES, NADA LARSEN and JIM VOGT participated by phone.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ms. JILL ANDERSON; Ms. LORILYN BECK; Ms. HOLLY BERRYMAN; MR. DEAN BRUCE; MR. SHELDON FLOM; DR. GERALD GIRAUD; Ms. NICKIE PROFFITT; MR. JIM VANEK; Ms. KATHY LICHTENDAL; MR. DENNIS DAVIS, the *Northwest Trail*; Ms. ILENE OLSON, the *Powell Tribune*; and Ms. Cynthia Cicci, Executive Secretary to the President and Board of Trustees.

CALL TO ORDER: A special meeting of the Northwest College Board of Trustees was held Friday, February 8, 2013, at 1:30 p.m. in the DSC Trapper Room.

A APPROVE THE AGENDA: **A motion was made by Trustee Danko and seconded by Trustee Fees to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.**

A SELECTION OF NEW PRESIDENT AND CONTRACT APPROVAL: Board President Westerhold reported that Northwest College had three exceptional presidential candidate finalists; however, the majority of the feedback had strong support for Dr. Stefani Hicswa. She has the background, education and leadership skills necessary to lead the College. Dr. Hicswa's contract will begin July 15, 2013 and go through July 1, 2015. The salary is \$162,000 plus campus housing for up to one year after which she will receive a housing allowance of \$1,000 per month. Contract renewals, extensions and negotiations are prescribed for May each year. Further details are included in the contract. Final signing of the contract will be completed upon a satisfactory background check.

A motion was made by Trustee Vogt and seconded by Trustee Larsen to offer Dr. Stefani Hicswa a two-year contract as described. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: An interim president will be appointed for the gap between June 30th when President Prestwich's contract ends and the beginning of Dr. Hicswa's contract on July 15th. The appointment will be made at the May or June Board meeting.

A ADJOURNMENT: **On a motion by Trustee Danko which was seconded by Trustee Fees, the special meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.**