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NORTHWEST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECEIVE UPDATE FROM ALEXANDER & BEBOUT FOR RENOVATION PROJECTS

ARCHBOLD, OHIO – The Northwest State Community College Board of Trustees met in regular session on Friday, August 15th at Willow Bend Country Club in Van Wert. After roll call and an Executive Session, representatives from Alexander & Bebout provided the Board with renovation updates for the Van Wert Campus facility.

ALEXANDER & BEBOUT UPDATES...

Alexander & Bebout representatives Sara Zura, Mike Cress, and Shawn Hovlid provided the Board with some milestone updates on the Van Wert Campus facility, as well as an update on an expected certificate of occupancy to begin campus operations. Some major milestones achieved in the renovation include gas line inspection, city water meter operation, main power, HVAC startup, and the beginning of needed elevator updates. The certificate of occupancy is now expected to be issued on October 10th, at which time campus operations can begin. This date aligns with the second 8-week fall semester classes, which begin on October 15th. Interested students are encouraged to apply for 8-week fall classes now at NorthwestState.edu/VanWert.

TUITION INCREASE, WHICH NSCC WILL SCHOLARSHIP...

As part of the Board meeting, the Board approved a tuition increase of \$10 per credit hour, which is in alignment with the Governor's approved state budget allowance. The resulting tuition rates, beginning spring 2026 semester, will be \$207.33 per credit hour for in-state students, and a total of \$408.66 for out-of-state students. The Board then approved using scholarship funds go offset the \$10 per credit hour tuition increase, so as not to pass the expense on to learners for the spring 2026 semester.

In other Board action:

- Approved the employment of Jim Lammers as Training Coordinator – Electrical & Automation, and Brynn Ballmer as Clerk-Bookstore / Retail & Food Services.
- Approved the promotion of Robert Duncan to Executive Director of Network Systems & Technology Support, and Krista Maassel to Administrative Assistant – Community & Workforce Development.
- Approved the transition of Jodi Adams to Custodian, and Tracy Hoffman to Executive Administrative Assistant – Vice President / Chief Information Officer.
- Approved miscellaneous student and course fees, that were previously approved by the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE).
- Accepted a Guard Shack for the Commercial Driver License students and instructors by Pepsi Company (approximate value: \$2,000).
- Approved prohibition of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion practices policy (per Ohio Senate Bill 1).
- Approved the Duplicate Program Report for the Ohio Department of Higher Education.
- Approved suspending the Institutional Learning Outcomes (per Ohio Senate Bill 1).
- Approved amending the College Values Statement: People ("We believe in the power of teamwork, bringing people and communities together to excel.")
- Approved miscellaneous employment contracts, and three resignations.

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