

September meeting. With no further trustee or public discussion, the motion, as revised, passed with five (5) “yes” votes.

B. Approve FY2024 & FY2025 Enrollment Projections and FY2024 Budget Proposal per Outcome of July 21, 2022 Work Session Discussion (see MCA 20-15-315 Funding for new community college district for statutory responsibility/reference)

i. Trustee Sue Smith made a motion, seconded by Trustee Butler, to approve FY2024 & FY2025 Enrollment Projections and FY2024 Budget Proposal per Outcome of July 21, 2022 Work Session Discussion. Trustees provided their thoughts about the submission of a FY2024 budget. Statements included concerns how the public will interpret the request for monies while Bitterroot College (BC) UM C is continuing to function and suggestions of submitting the budget on a contingent basis. Trustees agreed immediate discussions concerning the budget submittal and its contingent status based upon BC’s status will occur with Representatives David Bedey and Senator Jason Ellsworth. Trustees discussed workforce training as the most important desire of this community. Trustee Ashcraft stated the public needs to hear the BVCC Board affirm it will not push forward if BC UM is meeting the workforce training needs of the community, however BVCC stands ready to provide if BC UM does not provide the training the public desires. The preparation of a public statement was discussed. Trustees discussed the timing of first offerings of programs, whether that might be in early 2023, spring 2023 or fall 2024. The importance of BVCC not appearing to be in competition with BC was emphasized. It was agreed UM’s BC program has failed the residents in this district and noted just two and a half months ago UM was more than happy to turn educational responsibility over to BVCC. Trustees discussed the importance of meeting with the BVCC Foundation to determine their support. Trustee Butler noted in the first election in 2007, UM stated it planned to open another Missoula College-style program in our district. That has not materialized. A common theme among trustees was looking forward to the time when BVCC can focus on BVCC and not on UM/BC. Trustees agreed BVCC would not put a levy on the ballot in November 2022. Sandra Amsden agreed with the trustees’ decision to ensure BVCC has a common public message. It was agreed the communications committee would create a draft public message. Trustee Butler stated the importance of creating a formal BVCC immediate strategic plan and 5–10-year strategic plan, and offered to begin work on them. Clark suggested forming a special committee in September to find and contract with an accreditation partner. Clark was requested to revise the draft budget as requested and distribute it to all trustees for review. Chair Marci Smith made a motion, seconded by Trustee Guarino, to approve FY2024 & FY2025 Enrollment Projections and the FY2024 Budget Proposal per the revisions from the outcome of July 21, 2022 work session discussion, with a verbal and/or written funding commitment from the BVCC Foundation, and a conversation with Representative David Bedey concerning the conditions of acceptance or rejection of state apportionment money assuming BVCC is the lead public provider of post-secondary education and work force training in the BVCC District. With no further trustee or public discussion, the motion passed with five (5) “yes” votes.

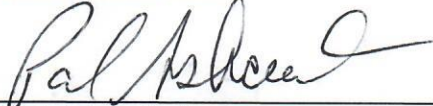
5. Adjournment – 8:55 PM

A. Trustee Sue Smith made a motion, seconded by Trustee Butler, to adjourn the special meeting. With no trustee or public comment, the motion passed with five (5) “yes” votes.



Marci Smith, Chair

8/1/22
Date



Paul Ashcraft, Secretary

8/1/2022
Date