Special Meeting Community Discussion South Walton Center Room 119-120, Allyn C. Donaldson Entrepreneurial Center June 15, 2021, 1:07 p.m.

Lori Kelley, Chair Shane Abbott, Vice Chair Charlotte Flynt Graham Fountain Reynolds Henderson Don Litke Rudy Wright Hayward Dykes, Board Attorney

Present:

Anthony Boyer, Dean of College Pathways/Principal, Collegiate High School; Deidre Price, VP of Academic Affairs; Pauline Anderson, AVP of Research and Assessment; Charlotte Kuss, Dean of Health Sciences, Wellness & Public Safety; Sam Renfroe, Executive Director of Grant Development; Randy White, VP of Business Operations and Finance; Cristie Kedroski, Senior Vice President; Melissa Wolf-Bates, Executive Assistant to the President; Whitney Rutherford, AVP/General Counsel; Heather Dietzold, Director of K-12 Partnerships; Julie Schrodt, Executive Director of Strategic Communications; Cole Allen, Chief Information Officer; Dana Stephens, Dean of Arts & Sciences, Director of Mattie Kelly Environmental Institute; Aaron Murray, Executive Director of Campus Safety, Chief of Police; Alison McDowell, Director of Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance; Amanda Briant, Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance Education Coordinator; Nicholas Vlahos, Seacoast Collegiate High School; Scott O'Prey, Seacoast Collegiate High School; Laurie Von Kaenel, AmeriCorps Grant Supervisor; Philip Justiss, Seacoast Collegiate High School; Joy Robbins, Seacoast Collegiate High School; Marek Bakun, Seacoast Collegiate High School

Call to Order

Lori Kelley, Chair

Approval of Agenda

The Board of Trustees approved the Agenda, as presented (Motion: Litke; Second: Flynt; Voted For: Henderson, Wright, Abbott, Flynt, Fountain, Kelley, Litke; Absent: Barker).

Dual Enrollment

The discussion centered on transportation needs of students seeking to participate in and how to offer more dual enrollment opportunities.

It was noted transportation or proximity and time of travel are some of the biggest obstacles for students deciding to participate in dual enrollment. Articulation agreements and state requirements limit the number of online classes dual enrollment students may take.

Educational Programming

With tremendous growth in Walton County, an educated and skilled labor shortage was discussed. Areas of need mentioned include: hospitality and tourism. Recommended expansion in offerings include: management, culinary, business, and general accounting.

It was noted the current culinary program on the Niceville campus is at capacity for current offerings.

Seacoast Partnership

The campus identity and branding were discussed with regards to the Seacoast partnership noting the need for continued conversations to ensure the needs of both institutions are met.

Arts Programs

The discussion focused on creating a community hub with mention of local songwriters and arts festivals in conjunction with arts and cultural alliances.

Ms. McDowell presented an overview of the Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance and current programs with potential expansion.

Economic Development Initiatives

The areas of hospitality, real estate, development, and conservation were discussed as economic areas of need and opportunity.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

Dr. G. Devin Stephenson, President Northwest Florida State College

And Corporate Secretary

Lori Kelley, Chair Board of Trustees

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