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**KANSAS CITY KANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
Board of Trustees Special Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, August 18, 2022 – 5:30 P.M.**

**CONSENT AGENDA – Item A2  
Meeting Minutes**

The Board of Trustees held a virtual meeting hosted on the KCKCC Zoom meeting platform on Thursday, August 18, 2022.

Trustees present were Chairwoman Evelyn Criswell, Vice Chair Pat Brune, Mr. Donald Ash, Ms. Rosalyn Brown, Dr. Ray Daniels, Ms. Linda Hoskins Sutton and Mr. Brad Isnard.

They were joined by Dr. Greg Mosier, President, and Ms. Lesley Strohschein, Controller, Interim Chief Financial Officer.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Board Chair, Ms. Evelyn Criswell.
2. **Action Item:** Chair Criswell invited Dr. Greg Mosier and Ms. Lesley Strohschein to begin the County Mill Levy Rate conversation.

Dr. Greg Mosier shared background slides explaining the development in Wyandotte County and employment by industry is continuing to grow yet there are still 6,500 unfilled jobs in the County. Respectively, Manufacturing and Construction employment opportunities are the second and fifth highest paid industries in the County. These are the types of industries the College is focused on and focusing on for the downtown area. There is a tremendous amount of job opportunities but Wyandotte County does not have the workforce to fill the jobs. Vice Chair Brune indicated that she shared this data with some individuals in the community.

Dr. Mosier continued with the Wyandotte County Economic Opportunities, pointing out that the County has the second highest weekly wage of all counties in Kansas, but only one-third of the jobs in Wyandotte County are held by county residents due to a lack of skillsets. A skilled workforce is needed.

Dr. Mosier continued with sharing a breakdown example of the property tax allocation for a USD 500 resident, showing that KCKCC is the lowest taxing entity at \$0.16 per dollar of taxes paid.

Dr. Mosier shared a final slide indicating the cost to the College by reducing a half mill and a full mill. Taxpayers are seeing an increase due to their property value and tax rate increasing. If the College reduced the mill rate a half mill, this would save the average resident \$14.14 per year; if reduced one mill rate, this would save the average resident \$28.29 per year.

Vice Chair Brune commented that residents do not feel richer due to property values increasing. Trustee Brune shared awareness of the perception of the mill levy rate. The College needs to answer questions with more than numbers.

Chair Criswell shared it will be more encumbered on the Board to provide clarification to the community with ongoing communication.

Dr. Mosier answered the College is investing in the community, lives can be changed in a short amount of time with the programs and services provided by KCKCC.

Vice Chair Brune agreed the numbers are correct. The robust image of the College needs to be shared with the community. Chair Criswell agreed that the informational stories need to be shared.

Trustee Isnard commented that due to inflation and costs the College needs to invest in the community and make connections with the community. Making educational investments now will enable mill rates to be lowered later.

Trustee Daniels agreed it is not the right year to lower the mill levy as there are many items to be fulfilled with facilities, curriculums and program work.

Trustee Ash agreed with the discussions. Trustee Ash asked Dr. Mosier for a study previously shared in the past indicating for every dollar invested in a community college translated to a certain amount of dollars for the community.

Dr. Mosier answered the data referenced by Trustee Ash was an economic impact study he contracted that reflected one out of every 50 jobs in KCKCC's service region has been positively impacted by KCKCC.

Vice Chair Brune mentioned life-changing stories need to be shared with the community.

Trustee Isnard and Trustee Ash pointed out there is a cost for not taking action.

Trustee Brown stressed that it is encumbered on the Board to ensure the community is informed that the investment is for the betterment of the entire community.

Dr. Mosier mentioned the importance of sharing information of what is trying to be accomplished at the downtown site including the academic programs that offer the highest paying wages in the County and State - the programs that can benefit the community the greatest.

Chair Criswell asked if there were any additional comments. Chair Criswell indicated that the comments are all very well received as the Board was elected to be aware and informed and to make a decision on the community's behalf.

Trustee Hoskins Sutton indicated that the mill levy rate should be left where it is and to communicate with the community regarding the betterment of the College.

There was no action to be taken as a result of the meeting.

Vice Chair Brune mentioned it will be important to announce the Board is 100% in agreement with the mill levy decision and thanked the Board and all for the reception of the discussion.

Trustee Ash shared a phone call was received from former Athletic Director Tony Tompkins for the support he was given during his employment with the College.

3. **Adjournment:** Chair Criswell called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Daniels made the motion. Trustee Ash seconded the motion. **The Motion Carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

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Chairperson, Ms. Evelyn Criswell

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Secretary, Dr. Greg Mosier