



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE  
DISTRICT NO. 522  
Seibert Conference Room  
Belleville Campus  
December 21, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Southwestern Illinois College, District No. 522, was held Monday, December 21, 2020 in the Seibert Conference Room at the Belleville Campus, 2500 Carlyle Avenue, Belleville, Illinois. Chairman Robert G. Morton called the special meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and stated the purposes of the special meeting were a full-time administrative appointment and an emergency purchase of IT servers.

**ROLL CALL**

Trustees present:	John S. Blomenkamp Robert G. Morton Nick Raftopoulos (remote) Richard Roehrkasse (remote) Sara Soehlke (remote) Eugene Verdu (remote)
Trustee absent:	Steve Campo

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF IT SERVERS**

Executive Director of IT Linda Andres reported SWIC was notified December 13, 2020 it was a target of an attack, presumably from Russia. The FBI has been working with SolarWinds Orion requesting its customers reinstall the software with a new version. The SWIC server on which the software is hosted is nearing end of life. Additionally our F5 application firewall is nearing end of life and does not have sufficient capabilities to put rules in place to continue to sufficiently block the attacks.

Ms. Andres requested the purchase of an application and database server to host a new version of SolarWinds Orion Monitoring Software from Dell, Round Rock, TX in the amount of \$8,765.15 and the purchase of an F5 Application Firewall Load Balancing Device from CDW-G, Chicago, IL in the amount of \$42,003. Both purchases would be made from departmental funds.

**MOTION 12-21-20:01**

Mr. Blomenkamp moved, seconded by Mr. Verdu, to approve the emergency purchases from Dell, Round Rock, TX and CDW-G, Chicago, IL as presented in the amounts of \$8,765.15 and \$42,003 respectively. Upon a roll call vote those trustees voting aye were Mr. Blomenkamp, Mr. Raftopoulos, Mr. Roehrkasse, Ms. Soehlke, Mr. Verdu and Mr. Morton. Nays: None. Absent: Mr. Campo. **PASSED**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Mr. Blomenkamp moved, seconded by Mr. Verdu, to move into Executive Session at 5:10 p.m. to discuss personnel (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)). Upon a roll call vote those trustees voting aye were Mr. Blomenkamp, Mr. Raftopoulos, Mr. Roehrkasse, Ms. Soehlke, Mr. Verdu and Mr. Morton. Nays: None. Absent: Mr. Campo. **PASSED***

*There was consensus to return to regular session at 5:20 p.m.*

**ACTIONS TAKEN AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION 12-21-20:02**

Mr. Blomenkamp moved, seconded by Mr. Verdu, to rescind the Voluntary Separation Incentive Program participation of Christina Kasten, Director of Compensation. Upon a roll call vote those trustees voting aye were Mr. Blomenkamp, Mr. Raftopoulos, Mr. Roehrkasse, Ms. Soehlke, Mr. Verdu and Mr. Morton. Nays: None. Absent: Mr. Campo. **PASSED**

**MOTION 12-21-20:03**

Mr. Blomenkamp moved, seconded by Mr. Verdu, to accept the retirement notification of Christina Kasten, Director of Compensation, effective close of business December 31, 2020. Upon a roll call vote those trustees voting aye were Mr. Blomenkamp, Mr. Raftopoulos, Mr. Roehrkasse, Ms. Soehlke, Mr. Verdu and Mr. Morton. Nays: None. Absent: Mr. Campo. **PASSED**

**MOTION 12-21-20:04**

Mr. Blomenkamp moved, seconded by Mr. Verdu, to appoint Betty Parks to the full-time administrative position of Director of Compensation effective January 4, 2021 at an annual salary of \$70,000 at salary grade 5 and subject to the provisions of the Personnel Procedures for Administrators. Upon a roll call vote those trustees voting aye were Mr. Blomenkamp, Mr. Raftopoulos, Mr. Roehrkasse, Ms. Soehlke, Mr. Verdu and Mr. Morton. Nays: None. Absent: Mr. Campo. **PASSED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Blomenkamp moved, seconded by Mr. Verdu, to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. The motion carried.

Approved: **01.20.21**

Respectfully submitted,

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Robert G. Morton  
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

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Beverly J. Fiss  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees