

RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES' SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 28, 2020

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Raritan Valley Community College was held via teleconference on Tuesday, April 28, 2020. Chairman Robert P. Wise called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m., and made the following statement in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey:

“Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey.”

II. Roll Call of Members

The roll call was taken as follows:

Present:	Caren Bateman	Absent:
	Thomas Boon	
	Paul J. Hirsch	
	W. Timothy Howes	
	Roger Jinks	
	Roger Locandro	
	Andrew McNally	
	Donald Rica	
	Donna M. Simon	
	Helena Swanicke	
	Juan Torres	
	Robert P. Wise	
	Tracy DiFrancesco Zaikov	
	Margaret Windrem	

Also in attendance: Michael J. McDonough, President; Philip Stern, Esq., College Counsel; Richard Flaum, Labor Counsel; and members of the faculty, administration, and staff.

A quorum was present.

III. Agenda Items

Chairman Robert Wise presented Resolutions #47-2020 through #50-2020, to be considered as a Consent Agenda. On motion by Trustee Hirsch, seconded by Trustee Bateman, the above stated resolutions were approved by voice vote. Trustee Simon then requested that her opposition to Resolution #47-2020 be recorded (although it had not been extracted from the Consent Agenda as a separate vote.)

RESOLUTION #47-2020 Operating Budget FY 2021

WHEREAS, the President and Executive staff of the College have reviewed the various budgetary requests in the preparation of the FY 2020/2021 Operating Budget for Raritan Valley Community College and presented same to the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees of Raritan Valley Community College; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has thoroughly examined and reviewed the proposed operating budget for the College for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee recommends adoption of the proposed budget to the Board of Trustees and deems the amounts requested as necessary to continue operating the College during 2020/2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Raritan Valley Community College does hereby adopt a total operating expense budget for the fiscal year 2020/2021 of \$52,418,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Board of Trustees is hereby instructed and authorized to prepare and deliver to each member of the Board of School Estimate of Raritan Valley Community College a copy of this Resolution duly certified by the Chairman and said Vice President of Finance & Facilities.

/s/ Robert P. Wise, Chairman

/s/ John Trojan, VP of Finance & Facilities

RESOLUTION #48-2020 Major Capital Budget 2020/21

WHEREAS, the President and Executive staff of the College have prepared a major Capital Budget request for 2020/2021 and presented same to the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees of Raritan Valley Community College; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has examined and reviewed the proposed Capital Budget of up to \$5,160,000 for the College for 2020/2021 which is subject to the availability matching funding from Somerset and Hunterdon counties and the availability of NJ State Chapter 12 program funding;

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has determined that components of this request relate primarily to building and infrastructure projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Raritan Valley Community College does hereby adopt a Capital Budget for the 2020/2021 year up to \$5,160,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Board of Trustees is hereby instructed and authorized to prepare and deliver to each member of the Board of School Estimate of Raritan Valley Community College a copy of this Resolution duly certified by the Chairman and said Vice President of Finance & Facilities.

/s/ Robert P. Wise, Chairman

/s/ John Trojan, VP of Finance & Facilities

RESOLUTION #49-2020 Minor Capital Budget FY 2021

WHEREAS, the President and Executive staff of the College have prepared a Minor Capital Budget request for 2020/2021 which is designated primarily for technology, other instructional and building related equipment and presented same to the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees of Raritan Valley Community College; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has examined and reviewed the proposed Minor Capital Budget of \$750,000; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Raritan Valley Community College does hereby adopt a Minor Capital Budget for the 2020/2021 year of \$750,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Board of Trustees is hereby instructed and authorized to prepare and deliver to each member of the Board of School Estimate of Raritan Valley Community College a copy of this Resolution duly certified by the Chairman and said Vice President of Finance & Facilities.

/s/ Robert P. Wise, Chairman

/s/ John Trojan, VP of Finance & Facilities

RESOLUTION #50-2020 Chapter 12 FY 2021

WHEREAS, the College requires the completion of several projects to support academic programming and major infrastructure repairs; and

WHEREAS, up to \$5,160,000 has been allocated by the State and the NJ Council of Community Colleges through the Chapter 12 Capital Program in the upcoming fiscal year, 2020/2021, to be used by

Raritan Valley Community College for these projects; and

WHEREAS, the President and the administrative staff of the College have prepared a Chapter 12 budget request for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and presented it to the Board of Trustees of Raritan Valley Community College (see attached project list);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Raritan Valley Community College authorizes the President to submit an application for Chapter 12 funds in an amount up to \$5,160,000 for the aforementioned capital projects subject to the availability of matching funding from Somerset and Hunterdon counties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President is authorized to take the necessary actions as required to secure this funding for the College; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Board of Trustees is hereby instructed to prepare and deliver to each member of the Board of School Estimate of said Raritan Valley Community College a copy of this Resolution duly certified by the Chairman and said Secretary of said Board as and for a statement of the estimated cost of said purpose herein above described and of the amount of money estimated by the Board to be needed for said purpose.

/s/ Robert P. Wise, Chairman

/s/ John Trojan, VP of Finance & Facilities

IV. Public Questions/Comments.

Chairman Wise read the following statement into record:

“The Board will take any comments from the public at this time. The Board will not respond to comments made and speakers are limited to two minutes.”

There were no public comments at the time.

V. Adjournment

There being no further business to bring before the Board, the Regular Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri Lang Pontarollo
Manager, Executive Office and
Secretary to the RVCC Board of Trustees