

THE OCTOBER 12, 2004 SESSION
OF THE
WALWORTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Walworth County Board of Supervisor's Committee of the Whole was called to order by Chairperson Lohrmann at 5:00 p.m. in the County Board Room at the Walworth County Courthouse, 100 W. Walworth Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin.

Roll call was taken and all Supervisors were present except Supervisors Arnold, Kuhnke, Polyock, Schaefer, Stacey, and Van Dreser. Supervisor Arnold was excused and Supervisors Kuhnke, Polyock, Schaefer, Stacey, and Van Dreser arrived late.

County Administrator Bretl addressed the Board and explained that the Gateway presentation arose out of an invitation to him to attend a meeting with the Board of Directors of the Gateway College. Bretl said that the Gateway Board wanted to present what Gateway Technical College has to offer and its applications for economic development to the Walworth County Board.

Bretl introduced John Thibodeau, Vice President/Provost Elkhorn Campus, Gateway Technical College.

Mr. Thibodeau said that present at the meeting tonight were the President of Gateway, Dr. Sam Borden, Dennis Schultz, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Ron Jandura, Trustee, and Julie White, the President's assistant.

Mr. Thibodeau began the presentation with a brief history of Gateway. Mr. Thibodeau said that Gateway is the oldest technical college in the United States, founded in 1911 in Racine. The Kenosha Technical Institute extended its offerings to Walworth County in 1967 and the Elkhorn Campus opened its doors in 1970. The three-county district was formed in 1971. The name became Gateway Technical Institute in 1972 and in 1987 the name was changed to Gateway Technical College.

Mr. Thibodeau introduced Dennis Schultz, Chairperson of the Gateway Board. Mr. Schultz said that Gateway is one of 16 technical colleges in the Wisconsin Technical College System. Mr. Schultz said that the Gateway Board of Trustees is structured according to state statute with nine members serving three-year terms. He said that the Board operates under a Policy Governance model and establishes Ends Policies that communicate the wishes of the "owners" (taxpayers). Mr. Schultz said that the Board employs a President to fulfill the Ends Policies through leadership and management of the college.

Mr. Thibodeau again addressed the Supervisors and gave the demographics of the College. He said that the Elkhorn Campus has a full range of programs and student services and is host to the Alternative High School, Upper Iowa University to complete a bachelor's degree, and the Walworth County Job Center. Mr. Thibodeau reviewed the programs at the Elkhorn Campus outlining programs with Associate Degrees, Technical Diplomas, Advanced Certificates, and

other certificates, as well as the Adult High School program. He said there are also three unique programs at Elkhorn and they are Interpreter Technician, Robotic Welding, and Hotel/Hospitality Management. The Elkhorn Campus has an Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center with an Automated Manufacturing Systems Technician program. Mr. Thibodeau said that Gateway also has programs to improve basic skills. He said that the Elkhorn Campus added 500 graduates to the local workforce last year and trained 1700 students for Protective Services.

Mr. Thibodeau introduced Dr. Sam Borden to present the District-wide and Walworth County Initiatives. Dr. Borden said that there are three unique things about Gateway and they are: open campuses for business and industry training, advanced technology centers, and future economic development initiatives such as cluster development and advanced technology centers. Dr. Borden explained each of these unique areas about Gateway. He said that Gateway offers the only advanced career education program in the United States sanctioned by IBM, and the testing for this program is offered only at Gateway. He said that in July this year they signed a contract to be the hub for training other colleges and universities to do the training. Gateway also signed a contract this summer and will be the only one to do on-line assessments to certify people to work for IBM systems worldwide. Dr. Borden outlined other initiatives in the computer and medical devices area and cluster development. Dr. Borden said that other initiatives are in broadband and inoperability services in Walworth County. Dr. Borden entertained questions.

On motion by Supervisor Grant, seconded by Supervisor Hilbelink, the Committee of the Whole adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Kimberly S. Bushey
County Clerk

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I, Kimberly S. Bushey, County Clerk in and for the County aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the County Board of Supervisor's Committee of the Whole for the October 12, 2004 meeting.

(These minutes are not final until approved by the County Board at the next regularly scheduled County Board meeting.)