

# PUBLIC MEETING

John Tierney noted the immense stress that K-12 teachers are under because of the pandemic. John is reaching out to school superintendents and would like to eventually meet with them as well as GBC IAC members from Ely and Winnemucca.

#### **4. IAC Member Reports**

Billie Crapo reported the Elko Area Chamber of Commerce has been very busy in a different way from the past. Businesses have suffered and there is concern that 2021 will be tougher as far as jobs. The chamber is working on resources for grants and funding. There will be many people reaching out to GBC to continue their education to obtain jobs.

Barbara Gallagher reported from the legal community perspective. Jury trials have recently resumed. There are delays in legal system as criminal cases are taking priority. Injury law is what she does so it has been a challenge to get things moving. Jury trials are currently being conducted at the Convention Center.

Caroline McIntosh expressed gratitude to Adam Young, White Pine County Superintendent as and Bret Murphy on the dual credit program and other workforce development courses. It is a partnership.

President Helens reported she meets remotely two times per week with the GBC leadership group and every other week with all of GBC. GBC does the contact tracing and she is very concerned with their mental health. One thing is consistent; if people would just wear a mask and maintain distance most of this can be avoided. This really brings them down. People curse at them and think it's a hoax. We want everyone safe and healthy here at GBC, so we have strict protocols. The cases GBC has had have been contained. We are going back to limited access to facilities and appointments only.

GBC and Elko county are partnering in a new campaign entitled "I Wear a Mask Because..." Since we are an educational institute we will speak to the science, but it is an economic thing as well.

There is a new president at UNR, former Nevada governor Brian Sandoval. We will be continuing our amazing collaborations with UNR. We have good teams working together and we want to do great things. We are still in discussions with UNR and the Mackay School of Mines to create the Mining Center of Excellence which perhaps could be located in Winnemucca to coincide with the new technology building being erected there.

GBC's virtual accreditation visit in September was successful. Amid difficult times we are still moving forward.

Wil Moschetti asked

equipment in the Health Sciences area including medical visualization tables and a SIM profile imaging system.

Bret Murphy reported we are doing the best we can with the hybrid model doing half face to face and half on-line. It has been difficult keeping everyone wearing masks. The HVAC Construction program at Elko High School is entirely online. He is hopeful that sometime in spring we can go live with part of it.

Mary Doucette reported the teachers who graduated last year are teaching this fall. Many of our former students are helping other K-12 teachers with the transition to on-line.

Karl Stevens reported his department has worked extensively with CTE and feels the transition to on-line has gone well. Faculty and student attitudes have been positive and has led to our success.

#### **7. Faculty Senate Update**

Brian Zeizler reported Faculty Senate is hard at work within the standing committees. Some highlights are the continued work on updating the faculty workload policy and updating the Faculty Senate Bylaws. Strategic planning is moving forward. Faculty Senate is expanding its partnership with Classified Council to see how best to serve one another.

#### **8. Vice Chancellor for Community Colleges Report**

Nate Mackinnon gave thanks to all staff and faculty at GBC for the great work they continue to do during these hard times. All state employees including everyone at NSHE are taking furloughs and the level of work remains or more.

Nate reported on several grants that the NSHE has received and some of this funding will be distributed to the community colleges. NSHE received \$15 million from the Reimagining Grant and some

legislative advocacy and how the IACs can help their institutions and the second hour was focused on the IAC chairs talking about ideas. It was an enjoyable meeting. They did also discuss the terms for IAC members.

**9. New Business**

John Tierney had an interaction with the optometrist at Walmart. She is certified to teach/train for an optometric technician program. It is a field that can pay between \$34,000 to \$40,000 and needs a High School diploma and certification. Jake Rivera will take this information and investigate.

**10. Public Comment** *(see foregoing notation regarding public comment)*

No public comment.

**11. Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 am.