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**NORTHWEST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE APPROVES 2023-2024 COLLEGE AUDIT**

*Archbold, Ohio* – The Northwest State Community College Board of Trustees met in regular session on Friday, December 13th at the College’s Archbold Campus. As part of the meeting, the Board approved the 2023-2024 College Audit, with details following below.

**2023-2024 COLLEGE AUDIT, BEHIND THE NUMBERS**

The 2023-2024 College Audit was prepared by Plattenburg & Associates, and was reviewed by Jen Thome, NSCC Chief Financial and Administrative Officer, and the State of Ohio’s Auditor’s Office. Plattenburg & Associates reviewed the outcome of the audit findings twice with NSCC Board of Trustees members – first on November 22, 2024 with the Board Budget Committee members, and then again during the December 13th meeting for the entire Board of Trustees.

NSCC earned an “unmodified” result, which means neither material weakness or significant deficiencies were found throughout the process. The College has total assets of $32,711,264, total revenue and gains for the year equaled $38,423,239, with expenditures totaling $37,764,952.

**PROGRAM ADDITIONS AND UPDATES AT NSCC**

During the meeting, the Board approved two new agriculture programs, and also approved the deactivation of one STEM/Industrial Tech. certificate program. The new agriculture programs –Agriculture Technician-Associate of Applied Science, and Agriculture Technician-Certificate – are designed to prepare learners for the future of agriculture, which is very technology-driven. “Graduates should expect to be able to analyze, integrate, and act on data collected by agricultural equipment,” per the provided descriptions. Both programs are scheduled to be available for enrollment in the Fall 2025 semester. The deactivated program is the IT Specialist Short-Term Certificate. To access available degree and certificate programs at Northwest State, please visit **NorthwestState.edu**.

**In other Board action:**

* Approved the employment of Jamie Krupp as Workforce Sales Coordinator, Jennifer Burghardt as Administrative Assistant-Community & Workforce (Maumee), and David Schaub as Custodian-2nd Shift
* Approved the transfer of Zachory Tucker to Custodian-1st Shift
* Approved probationary and non-teaching faculty contracts, as well as miscellaneous employment contracts
* Approved the 2024 Affordability & Efficiency Report
* Approved a date change for the February 2025 Board meeting from February 28, 2025 to February 21, 2025
* Approved four resignations and one retirement

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