

MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
OF McHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of McHenry County College was held on Tuesday, June 8, 2010, in the Board Room, Room A217, in Building A on the Campus. Chair Lowe called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. The following Trustees were present:

Mr. Sheriff
Ms. Kurtz
Ms. Miller
Mr. Parrish
Ms. Larson
Dr. DeWitt
Mr. Lowe

Ms. Walters was absent.

CANDIDATE INTERVIEW FOR PRESIDENT

Dr. Vicky Smith gave a presentation to the Trustees. She explained that the role of the Board is to 1) develop strategic direction for the institution, 2) model the highest standards of integrity, 3) be informed and educated about plans and processes in order to make the best decisions, 4) work as a team, 5) reach consensus and speak as one voice, 6) work to secure adequate support for the College, and 7) develop policy and leave the administration to the professional leadership of the institution.

Dr. Smith spoke about the role of the President, which includes 1) keeping the Board fully informed about major issues facing the institution, 2) educating the Board, 3) involve the Board in ownership and College events, 4) inspiring the Board to create an overarching vision for the College, 5) preparing well-planned meetings, 6) conducting periodic Board retreats, 7) operationalizing the strategic direction set by the Board, and 8) creating a partnership between the Board and the President.

Dr. Smith spoke about Board Level Planning, which includes strategic visioning and evaluation of the President.

She then spoke about the concept of “Trust, But Verify,” emphasizing that a relationship of trust must be built between the Board and the President, built on a foundation of good communication.

After the presentation, Trustees asked questions and commented about Dr. Smith’s presentation; she responded to questions and comments. Dr. DeWitt concluded by asking Dr. Smith if she had any questions for the Board. She asked the Trustees what they were looking for and what they expect from a President and each of the Trustees outlined their expectations. The Board thanked Dr. Smith for her interview.

SUMMARY COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

There were no comments.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting recessed at 7:28 p.m. for dinner at Rock’s Bar and Grill in Crystal Lake. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Patricia Kriegermeier, Recording Secretary

Donna Kurtz, Board Secretary