

MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
OF McHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of McHenry County College was held on Friday, June 11, 2010, in the Board Room, Room A217, in Building A on the Campus. Chair Lowe called the meeting to order at 5:13 p.m. When Secretary Kurtz called the roll, the following Trustees were present:

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

Ms. Miller was absent at roll call and arrived at 6:15 p.m. Ms. Walters and Mr. Sheriff were absent.

CANDIDATE INTERVIEW FOR PRESIDENT

Dr. Marge Skold opened her presentation to the Board by speaking about what she sees as an effective Board, as strong leadership for the College, and what the image of the College can or could be. She began by asking the question, “What is it that we want to do?” She believes that together, the Board and President want to create management systems and structures that will enable student success and academic excellence, fiscal integrity, positive working relationships and good, sound governance in a model that will sustain itself. She spoke about Board effectiveness, and has observed that the best Board, whether a policy governance model or a debate and vote model, is one that is cohesive, collaborative and has strong intra-Board relationships. Dr. Skold feels it is important that there be mutual respect, mutual integrity, mutual honesty, and that the respect is shared by the administration toward the Board. She defined respect, which means 1) listening to understand, 2) sharing a common vision and mutually striving toward that vision, and 3) debating with integrity and mutual interest to find consensus in decisions.

Dr. Skold stated that a strong Board is one that works with its executive leadership to develop policies and establish mutual goals that move the institution forward. She spoke about leadership that includes all

employees who are creating a positive environment and provides accountability to taxpayers and the Board, adding that strong fiscal leadership is key to accessing needed resources. She stated her personal philosophy that relationships are all there is, and that information informs us all. Dr. Skold spoke about her experience in building relationships and partnerships with external groups and how those relationships benefit students and the College. A question-and-answer session followed.

SUMMARY COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

There were no comments.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting recessed at 7:00 p.m. to reconvene for dinner at Dunnhill's in McHenry. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Patricia Kriegermeier, Recording Secretary

Donna Kurtz, Board Secretary