MINUTES
BOARD RETREAT
OF McHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE

A Retreat of the Board of Trustees of McHenry County College was held on Saturday, May 5, 2012, in Room SCC105 at the Shah Center in McHenry, Illinois. Chair Miller called the retreat to order at 8:06 a.m. When Ms. Liddell called the roll, the following were present:

Ms. Miller
Mr. Adams
Ms. Kisser
Ms. Walters
Mr. Parrish
Ms. Larson
Ms. Rueda
Ms. Liddell

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as presented.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:07 a.m., Ms. Larson moved to go into Closed Session to discuss matters covered under the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 120/2 (c), Exception #1, The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. Ms. Kisser seconded the motion.

There was no discussion. The roll was called; all were in favor. The motion carried and Closed Session began at 8:08 a.m.

At 9:39 a.m., Ms. Larson moved to come out of Closed Session and Ms. Walters seconded the motion.

There was no discussion; a voice vote was taken and all were in favor. The motion carried. Closed Session ended at 9:40 a.m.

A break was taken at 9:42 a.m. and the meeting reconvened at 9:56 a.m.
BOARD SELF-EVALUATION

The Trustees reviewed the Board Self Evaluation forms which each completed and discussed the cumulative results. Discussion centered on the Board’s strengths, areas where the Board could improve, the Board’s role as a governing body, determining Board Policy, long-range planning, advocacy for the College, and Board self-development.

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

After discussion, it was agreed that beginning in May, 2012, the business of the Facilities and Planning Committee and the Finance and Negotiations Committee would be combined into one meeting, held the week before the Board meeting on a Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m. The Evaluation and Policies Committee will continue to meet on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. the week before the Board meeting.

MISSION STATEMENT

Discussion ensued on the College’s mission statement. It was agreed to hold another retreat in June, focusing on the mission statement, vision, purpose and strategic priorities.

VISION AND STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

This topic will be addressed at the next Board retreat in June.

A short break was taken at 11:47 a.m. and the discussion continued.

SUMMARY COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Adams commented on short-term parking, a bus lane for the PACE bus, and better bike and motorcycle parking. Ms. Kisser asked that the Board see a demonstration of the software used by the Foundation. Ms. Liddell asked that a presentation on the College’s online curriculum be given at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 12:18 p.m.

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Patricia Kriegermeier, Recording Secretary        Barbara Walters, Board Secretary