

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
OF McHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on Tuesday, May 13, 2014, in the Board Room, Room A217, of Building A on the Campus. Vice Chair Liddell called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. When Ms. Walsh called the roll, the following were present:

Mr. Jenner
Mr. Parrish
Ms. Walsh
Mr. Wilbeck
Mr. Peters
Ms. Liddell

Ms. Miller was absent. Ms. Kisser was absent at roll call and arrived at 6:55 p.m. Dr. Smith was present. Attorney Nanci Rogers was present as legal counsel. Ms. Liddell stated her goal was to end the meeting no later than 9:00 p.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as presented.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting, April 15, 2014, were accepted as presented.

OPEN FOR RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Draga Cairone, student, spoke to the Board about student space. She stated that her life changed through friends met at the Belly of the Whale; she emphasized that connections made outside the classroom may be the most important.

Mr. Elinio Pucci, student, spoke about student space. He stated that student lounge space would bring more people to MCC and make them feel more at home.

Ms. Nancy Hultstrand stated that she was laid off from an IT position, was unable to find another position, and began Early Childhood Education classes at MCC. She now works as an assistant preschool teacher and praised the quality of the education she received from instructors Pam Peters and Lisha Linder.

Ms. Katrine Poe, Instructor of English, spoke about the retirement of Ms. Bev Albright, Manager of Special Needs, and stated that Special Needs is the gilt-edged investment in student success which insures the future of the College. She asked that there be no delay in replacing Ms. Albright.

Ms. Cheryl Rudd, Director of Friendship House childcare center and a member of the Early Childhood Education Advisory Committee, spoke about the value of McHenry County College's Early Childhood Education program in the community. She stated that the College supplies the community with qualified graduates to run and staff quality childcare centers, and hopes the program will continue to do so.

Mr. Peter Daley, adjunct instructor of economics, spoke about the economic impact and return on investment of early childhood education on the community. He stated that the Early Childhood Education program is something that should be eagerly supported.

Dr. Christine Grela, Instructor of Psychology, passed around two letters. One was from former faculty member Mr. Justin Hoy, and another from Ms. Jan Fox, a member of the Early Childhood Education Advisory Committee. She stated that Early Childhood Education staff need support from the Board and administration.

Mr. Scott Janus, student, spoke about the importance of providing space for the student body. He noted that students are not interacting at MCC well. He stated that students must be mature enough to enter college as juniors and seniors, and need student space to provide that experience with diverse groups of people.

Ms. Allison Murray, speech pathologist, spoke about the importance of early intervention, provided by the Early Childhood Education program. She urged the Board to hang on to the program and noted its importance in the community.

Ms. Lisha Linder, Department Chair for Early Childhood Education/Education, distributed copies to the Board giving information she hopes will answer some of their questions. She asked that the full-time instructor be replaced and noted the department can manage with a part-time administrator.

Dr. Bev Dow, Instructor of Biology, clarified a question from the last Committee of the Whole meeting on how populations age: she noted that India has a young population while Sweden has an old population,

and noted that migration is a factor that makes it entirely possible for different populations to age at different rates. Dr. Dow also stated that the College does not currently have a safe place to store a cadaver. She added that the Anatomage table was purchased as an option until a cadaver room could be provided and stated the table will always be used; it was never intended to give up the use of a cadaver. She stated that the current labs are 40 years old and are in need of repair. She urged the Board to schedule a retreat as soon as possible to discuss space needs.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Smith provided an update on MCC's nomination from the Aspen Institute; the College will participate in a phone interview soon. She thanked faculty and staff who have focused efforts on student success, completion of degrees and certificates, and increasing the graduation rate. She noted that a request will be coming to the May Board meeting for the solar project at the Shah Center, adding that quotes are being sought to replace the parking lot and parking lot lighting at the Shah Center. Dr. Smith spoke about a proposed addition of furniture to the A building atrium, which could provide more student space.

PRELIMINARY APRIL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mr. Tenuta spoke about the April draft statements; he noted that the College is in a positive position with two months left in the fiscal year. He noted that expenses are tracking quite well against revenue, which is at 68% of expenditures. In response to Ms. Walsh's question about where expenditures are lagging behind, Mr. Tenuta replied that some of the difference is related to timing, some related to capital expenditures. He noted that some ISES projects will not be completed this year and will carry over to the next year. Mr. Tenuta noted there was some salary savings since the College is not always fully employed.

DISCUSSION ON FY 2015 BUDGET

Mr. Tenuta reported that he is close to having a completed budget for FY 2015; the tentative budget will be brought to the June Board meeting. Mr. Tenuta answered questions from the Trustees on utility cost projections, capital outlay costs, and how the Strategic Plan has influenced the budgeting process.

SERVING OUR STUDENTS WITH THE RIGHT SPACE: A HISTORY

Dr. Smith gave a presentation which provided historical data on the College's space, along with statistics on national averages for community college space, percentages of space used by credit and non-credit classes, discussed ramifications of repurposing current space, and outlined next steps in meeting the College's space needs, which include creating a Request for Qualifications to seek an architect to analyze and conceptualize the College's space needs. After the presentation, Trustees offered comments and questions.

DISCUSSION ON HEALTH AND SCIENCES EDUCATION BUILDING

Discussion on this topic was blended with discussion on Dr. Smith's presentation.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Future agenda items include the following: selection of a date for the Board retreat and follow-up on alternative solutions for the staffing issue in the Early Childhood Education/Education program and the Children's Learning Center.

SUMMARY COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Jenner reiterated Ms. Walsh's request that alternative solutions be sought for the Early Childhood Education/Education and Children's Learning Center staffing issue.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:49 p.m., Ms. Kisser 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.*, Exception #2, *Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees,* and Exception #21, *Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-*

annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06. Mr. Parrish seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The roll was called and all were in favor; the motion carried.

A break was taken at 8:50 p.m. and Closed Session began at 8:57 p.m.

At 9:32 p.m., Ms. Walsh moved to come out of Closed Session and Mr. Wilbeck seconded the motion.

There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken and all were in favor; the motion carried. Closed

Session ended at 9:33 p.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES, Committee of the Whole, April 15, 2014

Ms. Kissler moved to accept the closed session minutes of the April 15, 2014 Committee of the Whole meeting and Ms. Walsh seconded the motion. Mr. Jenner noted there was too much detail in the minutes.

The roll was called and all were in favor except Mr. Jenner, who voted against. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Vice Chair Liddell adjourned the meeting at 9:34 p.m.

Patricia Kriegermeier, Recording Secretary

Chris Jenner, Board Secretary