

MINUTES  
BUDGET HEARING  
OF McHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE

The Budget Hearing of the Board of Trustees of McHenry County College was held on Thursday, September 22, 2016, in the Board Room, Room A217, of Building A on the Crystal Lake campus. Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. When Mr. Jenner called the roll, the following were physically present:

Mr. Worden  
Mr. Jenner  
Ms. Kisser  
Mr. Parrish  
Ms. Tirio  
Ms. Walsh  
Mr. Smith

Chair Smith asked for a motion to allow Trustee Liddell to participate in the hearing by telephone. Mr. Worden so moved, and Ms. Walsh seconded the motion. Chair Smith asked Trustee Liddell to confirm that any closed session conversation would be kept confidential, and Trustee Liddell so confirmed. Chair Smith asked that the roll be called on the motion. When Mr. Jenner called the roll, all present voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Chair Smith asked Mr. Jenner to call the roll again, including the Trustees participating by telephone.

When Mr. Jenner called the roll the following were present:

Mr. Worden  
Mr. Jenner  
Ms. Kisser  
Ms. Liddell  
Mr. Parrish  
Ms. Tirio  
Ms. Walsh  
Mr. Smith

The Budget Hearing then continued. Dr. Gabbard was present. Attorney Nanci Rogers was present as legal counsel.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as presented.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Smith led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

BUDGET HEARING / PUBLIC COMMENT

At 6:32 p.m. Chair Smith announced that the hearing was open and asked whether anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. There was no response. Chair Smith asked again whether anyone wished to address the Board. Hearing none, Chair Smith asked for a motion to approve the Resolution for the Adoption of the Budget.

RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET

Ms. Walsh moved to approve the Resolution for the Adoption of the Budget, and Ms. Kisser seconded the motion. During discussion, Mr. Jenner noted that this budget has a deficit in it; he stated that voting for a deficit budget goes against his grain. He stated has never voted for a deficit budget but added that he was about to for two reasons: 1) the College has a pretty strong fund balance at the moment, and will likely not return money to the taxpayers to what he considers a reasonable level, and 2) he sees evidence that Mr. Tenuta is working toward a balanced budget for FY2018. He stated he was willing to go along with it this time.

Ms. Kisser stated that the budget contains items that must be carried and are not likely to be implemented. She stated that she feels the College will not be in a big deficit position.

Ms. Walsh stated she thought Mr. Jenner was right, in 2018 there will be a different approach.

Mr. Tenuta reminded the Board that \$2 million of the deficit is the commitment made to the science center project from the fund balance. He also rebudgeted some unfinished projects. He believes that the deficit will be reduced down to zero and will probably break even.

Mr. Worden noted he saw no money budgeted for student employees; Mr. Tenuta replied that there is money budgeted in the Academic and Student Affairs budget for this purpose.

Mr. Parrish stated he feels more comfortable this time than he has with the last several budget processes. He is hearing positive and favorable comments in the community and will support this.

Ms. Liddell stated she understands the validity of not having a balanced budget and understands where the College stands, and how it has managed and is comfortable with what is on the docket tonight.

Mr. Smith stated he, too, shares Mr. Jenner's sentiment about the imbalanced budget. He noted that oftentimes public or private budgets are falsely balanced by false dreams of revenue. He stated that the budget is as accurate as it can be at this point in time, adding that administration will strive to balance the budget during the course of the year.

The roll was called and all were in favor; the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Mr. Smith declared the hearing closed at 6:41 p.m.

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Patricia Kriegermeier, Recording Secretary

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Chris Jenner, Board Secretary