

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
McHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Board of Trustees of McHenry County College was held on Monday, October 22, 2007, in the Board Room in Building A on the Campus. Dr. Glosson, Chair of the Committee of the Whole, called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

The roll was called and the following were present: Dr. Glosson, Mrs. Larson, Mr. Lowe, Mr. Summers, Ms. Kurtz and Ms. Walters. Attorney Kerrick was in attendance.

Trustee Miller and Student Trustee Claypool arrived after roll call.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Walters asked that Agenda Item 6. Green Technology, Item 7. Bridger Report, and Item 8. Next Steps with Health, Wellness, Athletic Complex (HWAC) and Land Purchase, be postponed until a future meeting. All were in agreement, with the exception of Trustees Kurtz and Summers who were not. Trustee Summers spoke about going into Closed Session to discuss Real Estate and Board Development, and Ms. Kurtz questioned the amendments to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Committee of the Whole Meeting September 17, 2007
Finance Committee Meeting July 18, 2007

Ms. Walters expressed approval of both sets of minutes. Hearing no objections, Chair Glosson stated that both sets of minutes stand approved as presented.

OPEN FOR RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

Don Peters addressed the Board about the baseball diamond project and stated that he would support a referendum and work hard at it.

Patricia Kennedy spoke to the Board about the College planning to provide entertainment, and her and her husband's opposition to the baseball stadium.

Rosemary Kurtz stated that she contacted people who had an early involvement with the College, and stated that she would support a referendum to further the mission of the College.

Bill Hollenstein addressed the mission and program of higher education.

Katherine Gooding spoke about our doing a partnership with Centegra, or another local business. She commended the integrity and courage of Mr. Summers and Ms. Kurtz for speaking out at the City Council meeting.

Barry Glasgow said that he holds the Board responsible for not getting information to the public, and talked about the Board getting the contention out of the way and working things out. The Board needs to work together.

Al Wilson spoke about the watershed, and preserving the preserve. He noted that the Board needs to do their homework regarding management of stormwater runoff, and needs to take the plans to the right people who can review them with expertise.

Kim Willis thanked Trustees Kurtz and Summers for being brave enough to state that they had reservations about the HWAC project. She stated that she appreciates the Board's creativity, and stated that the College has an unlimited supply of people who would support it.

John Darger stated that possibly that citizens dropped the ball in getting information on this, or the College did not get information out. He spoke about people who are very bitter at the result of the City Council vote, and stated that this is not just against a baseball field, but is for the College.

GREEN TECHNOLOGY

BRIDGER REPORT

- A. Section 17 - Information Technology
- B. Section 18 – Telecommunications

NEXT STEPS WITH HWAC AND LAND PURCHASE, Board Report #07-207

OPEN FOR BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Larson read a statement and followed with the reading of Resolutions of Censure for Trustee Kurtz and Trustee Summers. Consensus of opinion was called and Trustees Miller, Lowe, Walters and Larson were in agreement. Trustees Glosson, Summers, Kurtz, and Student Trustee Claypool were not.

At this time Student Trustee Claypool announced that she will leave at 7 p.m. to go to class.

Mr. Summers objected to the proceedings and stated that this is an abusive process and he feels as though he was ambushed, that he would not participate in a trustee development session this evening.

Ms. Kurtz stated that she has made comments at several times, and that any session on the subject of teamwork would not be appropriate at this time. Ms. Kurtz refused to participate, and Mr. Summers stated that he would not go into Closed Session, but would discuss this in Open Session. Ms. Kurtz stated that she is against this mean spirited witch hunting. She stated that she would not stay if the resolutions were not withdrawn.

Trustee Glosson encouraged Mr. Summers and Ms. Kurtz to stay and participate in the session with Mr. Newton.

Mr. Newton introduced himself and spoke of his qualifications to lead this discussion on doing what is best for the stakeholders and the students. The following were identified by the discussion that followed:

- Should have a process in place for the development of a project.
- Look at Board policies and have a best practices manual in place.
- Look at how we can document models.
- Have no surprises – communication is the name of the game.

Comments were heard from Board members regarding their reactions to the statements by Trustees Kurtz and Summers at the recent Crystal Lake City Council meeting.

Dr. Packard spoke about the Board and the College being in a precarious place at this time, and the trustees' willingness to look at the public/private partnership idea as a creative way of pushing the HWAC project forward.

Mr. Newton talked about the good use of trustees' time. He spoke about the importance of having all Board members in agreement with requests made from individual Board members, and suggested having a motion and second that shows that all Board members agree.

Ms. Kurtz stated that it is absolutely fundamental to have community input, and that we have not embraced community involvement.

Mr. Newton encouraged the Policy Committee to look at perfecting our public input policy. He noted that decorum is important, and that we need to do a thorough review of practices, look at what caused the current problem, record how we got out of it, and record that for future information.

Mrs. Larson suggested adding the reading of goals along with mission statement.

Mr. Newton stressed the fact that the Board needs to get this behind them.

Mr. Summers stated that it is not in the best interest of the College for him to preside at Thursday's Board meeting. Vice Chair Glosson will preside at the Board meeting on Thursday evening.

Dr. Glosson stated that the Board will take a five-minute recess after which they will move into Closed Session to discuss the following: (1) the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired; and, (2) the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body.

CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Walters made a motion to move into Closed Session for the above reasons, and Mr. Lowe seconded the motion. When the roll was called, Mr. Summers abstained. All others voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Mr. Lowe made a motion to move out of Closed Session. Ms. Walters seconded the motion. The roll was called and all were in favor. The motion carried.

Dr. Packard responded to a comment by Trustee Summers, and asked other Board members if they felt that they received insufficient information. Chair Glosson asked to contact Dr. Packard with their response on their own.

Following discussion regarding having the two Resolutions for Censure on the Regular Board Agenda, agreement was reached that this should be done. The agenda will be revised to reflect the addition of these two items.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:10 p.m., with no further business, the meeting adjourned.