

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, November 12, 2007, in the Board Room in Building A on the Campus. In the absence of Dr. Glosson, Mr. Lowe, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

The roll was called and the following were present: Mrs. Larson, Mr. Lowe, Ms. Miller, Mr. Summers, Ms. Kurtz, Ms. Walters, and Ms. Claypool. Trustee Glosson was absent.

Attorney Kerrick was in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Hearing no changes, Chair Lowe stated that the agenda stands approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Committee of the Whole Meeting October 22, 2007
Finance Committee Meeting October 4, 2007
Board Policy Review Committee Meeting July 19, 2007

Trustees Summers and Kurtz stated that they had changes to the Committee of the Whole and Finance Committee minutes. Mr. Summers handed out a sheet listing his proposed changes. Ms. Kurtz stated that she would send her changes to Ms. Kopala to send to the Board. Approval of these two sets of minutes will be added to the Regular Board Meeting agenda for Thursday, November 15, 2007.

Chair Lowe stated that hearing no objections to the minutes of the Board Policy Review Committee, these minutes stand approved as presented.

OPEN FOR RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Collins addressed the Board.

GREEN TECHNOLOGY, James Falco, Executive Dean of Business and Technology

Mr. Falco reported on Green Technology and career opportunities. He spoke about programs in renewal energy considerations for MCC, including a possible Global Technology AAS Degree articulation with ISU. Mr. Summers spoke about legislation permitting community colleges to generate their own energy.

Dr. Packard reported on the possible creation of a multi-district consortia in order to identify a suitable

location for this. Mr. Summers stated that he was grateful for the progress on this, which he proposed since he came on the Board two-and-one-half years ago. He recommended a “green coordinator” and having a way of pulling it together to make sure it is all coordinated. Dr. Packard stated that this is not currently in the plans.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, Joseph Perkoski and Howard Metz, Robbins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton and Taylor

Attorneys Perkoski and Metz, of Robbins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton and Taylor, gave information on the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, in particular the process to be followed when a request is received. They also spoke about the exceptions to the Act and the appeal process. Ms. Kurtz asked about the Board being informed of the FOIA requests that are made and the status of them, and Attorney Perkoski stated that he knows of no institution where this is being done. Mr. Metz spoke about the Open Meetings Act with regard to email communications. Mr. Summers suggested crafting another level to the FOIA appeal process, that of review by the Board chair. He noted that this should be brought to the Policy Committee.

BRIDGER REPORT

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

Mr. Linehan gave an update on Section 17 of the Bridger Report, Information Technology, using a slide presentation. Trustee Kurtz complimented Mr. Linehan for addressing the Bridger concerns the way he has. Mr. Summers questioned a couple of areas, and Mr. Linehan responded with information.

Mr. Naleway spoke about Section 18, Telecommunications. In response to a question from Mr. Summers about a contingency plan, Mr. Naleway explained that we are already doing this with Cellular One.

Dr. Packard explained that trustees will be provided individual email accounts, and that a brief workshop will be held. Following discussion, the Board decided on Thursday, November 15, 2007, as a good time for this training.

OPEN FOR BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Lowe reported that the Board will not have committees as such, but will do business as a Committee of the Whole. He explained that the Board member in charge of an individual item will work with that portion of the Committee of the Whole agenda.

Mr. Summers referred to a letter from Mr. Larsen regarding the recent Minuteman presentation at the College.

Mr. Summers expressed his opinion that former Board action on the HWAC project be mooted, and anything done in the future requires a new Board action.

Ms Kurtz asked that Dr. Packard not respond to Mr. Larsen's letter until after Thursday's Regular Board meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:35 p.m., with no further business, the meeting adjourned.