

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
McHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE DISTRICT #528

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Board of Trustees of McHenry County College was held on Monday, December 15, 2008, in the Board Room, Room A217, of Building A on the Campus. In Vice Chair Miller's absence, Chair Lowe called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

When the roll was called, the following were present:

Mr. Summers
Ms. Walters
Ms. Kurtz
Mr. Lowe
Dr. Glosson
Ms. Larson
Mr. Kendzie

Trustee Miller was absent. Attorney Kerrick was present as legal counsel.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Item #6, Overview of Merit-Based Pay System at District 155, will be rescheduled.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of November 18, 2008 and Committee of the Whole, Closed Session of November 18, 2008 were accepted as presented.

OPEN FOR RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

No one signed in to address the Board.

REVIEW OF STRATEGIC QUESTIONS

Dr. Packard requested input on the list of strategic questions provided to the Trustees. The Board reached consensus on the questions as presented.

FOLLOW-UP – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SERVICES

Dr. Plinske introduced Ms. Haggerty, who provided additional information about Board Report #08-265, Request to Purchase Community Engagement Services. She provided handouts detailing several possible scenarios, and outlined several proposed changes in response to Trustees' requests regarding the original Board Report. Ms. Haggerty explained the proposed cost-saving measures and pointed out that the

revised costs would be expended over the course of two fiscal years. After the presentation, Ms. Haggerty answered questions and received comments from the Board.

PREPARATION FOR LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

A legislative breakfast is tentatively scheduled for January 6, 2009. Dr. Packard requested that the Trustees determine a list of topics to be discussed at the breakfast, and provided a list of proposed legislative goals from the Illinois Community College Trustees Association as a starting point. Trustees agreed that talking points should include: Funding for Community Colleges (Rescission in FY 2009 Higher Education, Illinois Veterans Grant, College Insurance Program), Capital Programs (Transportation Infrastructure, Educational Facilities Planning), and Member Priority Efforts.

TELEPHONIC PARTICIPATION IN BOARD MEETINGS – BOARD POLICY 1.8.4.4.5

Chair Lowe explained this proposed change in policy to no longer allow trustees to participate in closed session via telephone grew out of discussion at an Illinois Community College Trustees Association session. As per Board Policy, action on this item will be postponed for thirty days.

BRIDGER REPORT – OVERVIEW OF FINDINGS AND ACTIONS

Dr. Sager presented an update and identified actions that have taken place as a result of the findings on the Bridger Report. After the presentation, Dr. Sager answered questions and received comments from the Board.

DISCUSSION AND IMPLICATIONS OF HOLDING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Trustees held a discussion on the implications of holding the Committee of the Whole meeting and the Regular Board meeting on the same evening. The Board reached consensus that it may often not be feasible to hold both meetings on the same day, but requested that Dr. Packard use his judgment to identify meetings that might have a short agenda to accommodate such a schedule.

OPEN FOR BOARD MEMBERS

Dr. Glosson expressed her disappointment at Ms. Richmond's resignation. Mr. Kendzie inquired about the collateral development for community engagement. Ms. Kurtz inquired about the status of the adjunct faculty contract; Dr. Sager responded that another negotiating session is scheduled for December 18. Ms.

Kurtz and Mr. Kendzie inquired about wireless access. Dr. Packard mentioned that two staff members recently attended training regarding changes in the G.I. bill.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no Closed Session.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Kurtz inquired about binding the Board Packets and separating the sections with tabs. Ms. Kurtz asked about grant preparations in relation to alternate energy/green projects. Ms. Walters requested that security items be placed on the agenda for Board review. Mr. Summers requested a briefing on upper level administrative searches.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

Patricia Kriegermeier, Recording Secretary to the Board Dr. Frances Glosson, Secretary