

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 Thursday, May 28, 2009, in the Board Room, Room A217, of Building A on the Campus. Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Chair Lowe asked for a motion to allow Trustee Kurtz to participate telephonically. Mr. Lowe moved to allow Trustee Kurtz to participate by telephone; Ms Larson seconded the motion. The roll was called and all were in favor; the motion carried. Trustee Kurtz indicated that she was unable to participate in tonight's meeting. Trustee Summers confirmed he would distribute a handout from Trustee Kurtz; Ms. Kurtz then spoke briefly about it. The motion was not needed since Trustee Kurtz was unable to participate.

When the roll was called, the following were present:

Mr. Summers
Ms. Miller
Mr. Parrish
Ms. Larson
Mr. Sheriff
Mr. Lowe

Trustee Kurtz was absent. Trustee Walters was absent at roll call and arrived at 6:07 p.m. Attorney Perkoski arrived at 6:40 p.m. as legal counsel.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as presented.

OPEN FOR RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mr. James Campbell, adjunct faculty member, addressed the Board.

CURRENT ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT AND ITS IMPACT ON THE COLLEGE AND ITS FUTURE

An open discussion among Board members ensued. General discussion included the reduction of state support, tax revenues, Consumer Price Index projections, the MCC Promise program and possible cost-saving measures the College can implement.

PRESENTATION: EARLY PRELIMINARY DRAFT OF FY2010 BUDGET

Dr. Ally distributed a handout regarding the College's travel procedures, and a preliminary draft of the FY 2010 budget. He noted the budget, while a draft, is balanced after adjusting for the ERP project, which was a planned large one-time expenditure of the fund balance. Dr. Ally also noted that while the Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) of the College district grew by 100% from 1980 to 1990, and by another 125% from 1990 to 2000, operating fund reserves were still only 2.5% of operating fund expenditures as of June 30, 2000. From 2000 to 2008, the district EAV increased another 105%, but operating fund reserves increased to 48.9% of operating fund expenditures as of June 30, 2008. This provided sufficient reserves to fund the ERP project and to fund the sunseting of the early retirement program. Dr. Ally then answered question and received comments from the Board.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no Closed Session.

SUMMARY COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

There were no comments.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Larson spoke about a potential grant to teach English as a Second Language; the opportunity will be shared with the College's Grants Office.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Patricia Kriegermeier, Recording Secretary

Donna Kurtz, Secretary