

MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
OF McHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of McHenry County College was held on Thursday, June 10, 2010, in the Board Room, Room A217, in Building A on the Campus. Chair Lowe called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. The following Trustees were present:

Mr. Sheriff
Ms. Kurtz
Mr. Parrish
Ms. Larson
Dr. DeWitt
Mr. Lowe

Ms. Miller was absent at roll call and arrived at 5:20 p.m. Ms. Walters was absent.

CANDIDATE INTERVIEW FOR PRESIDENT

Dr. DeWitt stated that the same format as the June 8, 2010 Special Board meeting would be used tonight.

Dr. Thomas Coley began with an opening statement, reaffirming his interest in the position. He feels there is a good fit between what he can offer and what the College needs.

Dr. Coley spoke about the relationship between the Board and the President; he emphasized the importance of clear communication and reciprocal interaction in determining how to achieve success for the College. He stated that the Board and the President would advocate for the College both internally and externally, looking at new programs and areas for improvement, providing support for Foundation and fundraising efforts. He expressed his belief that the President must forge community connections, citing his experience with civic organizations and private partnerships. He spoke about the importance of regular Board self-assessment and Board retreats, as well as communication with internal and external groups. He added that the creation of a work plan to track progress and stay focused on issues, would allow the Board to be proactive, visionary and future-oriented. He then spoke about internal checks and balances to ensure accountability, employee training, updating and documenting processes.

Dr. Coley spoke about the College's relationship with the community. He stated that aside from being active in community organizations, he would plan to hold a series of public forums throughout the county to listen to the community.

After the presentation, Trustees provided comments and asked questions. Dr. Coley spoke about educating students to become self-reliant learners. A question-and-answer session then followed.

SUMMARY COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

There were no comments.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting recessed at 6:55 p.m. for dinner at Jameson's Charhouse in Crystal Lake. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Patricia Kriegermeier, Recording Secretary

Donna Kurtz, Board Secretary