

FIRST MEETING
OF THE NEWLY ORGANIZED BOARD
OF McHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE

The First Meeting of the Newly Organized Board of Trustees of McHenry County College was held on Thursday, April 25, 2013, in the Board Room, Room A217, in Building A on the Campus. Chair Parrish called the meeting to order at 11:54 p.m. When Secretary Jenner called the roll, the following were present:

Ms. Miller
Ms. Kisser
Mr. Wilbeck
Ms. Liddell
Ms. Walsh
Mr. Parrish
Ms. Lambert
Mr. Jenner

Attorneys Nanci Rogers and Daniel Curran were present as legal counsel.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as presented.

OPEN FOR RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Jane Collins addressed the Board, wishing all good fortune in their new hard work and noted that she has put together a wish list.

Ms. Patricia Kennedy addressed the Board to ask that the Board Room sound system be improved so that those in the back of the room can hear the Trustees. She wished the new Board well.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no discussion.

SUMMARY COMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Miller welcomed the new Board members. Mr. Jenner thanked all for welcoming him and asked about Trustee attendance at the upcoming community forum on April 30. Ms. Kisser stated that if Trustees sit in the audience and do not deliberate on College business, it is not a violation of the Open

Meetings Act. Ms. Rogers clarified that the Open Meetings Act requires interactive conversation among a quorum of Trustees on a matter of public business. Mr. Parrish concurred with Ms. Rogers' statement.

Mr. Jenner proposed items to be addressed: 1) he would like to see his personal contact information (email and cell phone) on the College website; 2) FOIA requests and responses posted on the College website; 3) PowerPoint presentations given at Board meetings posted on the website; 4) when the agenda includes closed session, exceptions are listed; 5) a public monthly update on negotiations; 6) when applicable, see recommendations on policies that are in compliance, 7) a review of travel and borrowing policies, and 8) data that shows the College is performing the best it can regarding students and education, not adult constituencies.

Mr. Wilbeck concurred with Mr. Jenner's issues, and would like to see a public access channel, would like to see where the College stands on debt service, how employees in the Foundation are paid, and would like to see the Board involved with faculty 360 reviews.

Mr. Wilbeck stated the voters have spoken loudly and want transparency and honesty and asked whether the Board could look into rescinding the contract extension action passed tonight. Attorney Rogers responded to Mr. Wilbeck's question, noting that the action was a valid act of the Board and is not something that can be rescinded at a subsequent meeting. Ms. Rogers stated that the new Board will go forward as a group, representing the College, making additional decisions and taking additional actions.

Ms. Rogers stated that the Board can take action within the context of Dr. Smith's contract now that it has been extended.

Ms. Kisser responded to Mr. Wilbeck's comment about the voters speaking loudly. She saw a very small turnout, and felt the registered voters did not speak loudly at all. She clarified that she was not saying this to minimize that Mr. Wilbeck was on the Board. When the voters spoke, they spoke disjointed things. She stated that a portion of the voters may have voted to get rid of Dr. Smith's contract, a portion may have voted to get rid of the \$42 million gym they think is already being built, a portion may have voted on taxes. She asked that the Board forget about rhetoric and focus on the issues.

Ms. Walsh stated she feels the College has a perception problem. She stated that she decided to become a Trustee to work with the Board, and noted that great things are done here, but somehow they don't get out to the community.

CLOSED SESSION

No Closed Session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:12 a.m. Mr. Wilbeck moved to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Walsh seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The roll was called and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 12:12 a.m.

Patricia Kriegermeier, Recording Secretary

Chris Jenner, Board Secretary