

MINUTES  
BOARD RETREAT  
OF McHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE

A Retreat of the Board of Trustees of McHenry County College was held on Saturday, July 27, 2013, in Room SCC105 at the Shah Center in McHenry, Illinois. Chair Parrish called the retreat to order at 8:04 a.m. When Mr. Jenner called the roll, the following were present:

Mr. Jenner  
Ms. Kissler  
Ms. Liddell  
Ms. Miller  
Ms. Walsh  
Mr. Wilbeck  
Mr. Parrish

Ms. Lambert was absent. Dr. Gary Davis was present as facilitator.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The agenda was briefly discussed and accepted as presented.

OPEN FOR RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Skinner addressed the Board regarding the tax levy and asked the Board to use a reasonable assumption.

CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Miller moved to go in to Closed Session to discuss matters covered under Illinois Open Meetings Act 120/2(C), Exception #16, *Self evaluation, practices and procedures or professional ethics, when meeting with a representative of a statewide association of which the public body is a member*, and Ms. Kissler seconded the motion. During discussion, Ms. Walsh stated she does not want to go into Closed Session. Ms. Kissler stated that Board members have a lot of responsibilities, and must balance a lot of interests. She stated that the Board cannot always accomplish something that will satisfy every group at the same time. She stated that in her experience, retreats are extremely beneficial and do a good job of team building. She stated that competing interests would like the Board to go beyond what the law requires in the Open Meetings Act and added that Trustees would be able to work less freely for team building in open session, and that information will be immediately disseminated for critique. She noted that the Board must weigh both those interests and asked that Trustees think about which interest the greatest

priority is being placed on. Ms. Miller stated that she did not feel comfortable in a retreat with Mr. Skinner present, adding her opinion that Mr. Skinner has a tendency to distort some of the facts. Mr. Jenner reiterated Ms. Walsh's comment at the July 25 Board meeting, where she stated that she would say the same things, whether the meeting was open or closed. He stated that the College is a public body, funded by public money, and needs to be public.

The roll was called; Mr. Jenner, Ms. Walsh and Mr. Wilbeck voted against going into closed session and Ms. Kisser, Ms. Liddell, Ms. Miller and Mr. Parrish voted to go into closed session. The motion carried and Closed Session began at 8:14 a.m.

#### SUMMARY COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Walsh stated that the retreat had good, healthy discussion. She would like the Board to consider holding another retreat with Dr. Davis in six months.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, the retreat was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

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Patricia Kriegermeier, Recording Secretary

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Chris Jenner, Board Secretary