

MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
of MCHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of McHenry County College was held on Thursday, November 21, 2013 in the Board Room, Room A217, in Building A on the Campus. Chair Parrish called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. When Mr. Jenner called the roll, the following were present:

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

Ms. Kisser and Ms. Miller were absent at roll call and arrived at 6:02 p.m. Dr. Smith was also present.

Attorney Daniel Curran was present as legal counsel.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Katrine Poe addressed the Board, asking that consideration be given to disability accountability for existing buildings and future buildings.

ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES (ACCT) PRESENTATION

Chair Parrish announced that the presentation would be heard. Mr. Capalbo passed out handouts and Ms. Patrick began the presentation, which covered the challenges facing McHenry County College, State of Illinois trends in college readiness, addressing the challenge, responding through strong partnerships, objectives of partnership, results and lessons learned. The presentation document can be viewed at the Board web page at <http://www.mchenry.edu/board/index.asp> by clicking on the link entitled “College and Career Readiness” under the November 21, 2013 Special Board meeting link. The entire meeting can be viewed at the College website at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/mcc-trustee-meetings>.

SUMMARY COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Miller noted the passing of Mr. Bob Popovich, who taught psychology at McHenry County College for many years. She noted that Mr. Popovich was her first teacher when she came back to school and added that memorial contributions can be made to an MCC scholarship fund in his name.

Ms. Liddell thanked the presenters for giving the presentation; she noted that the original presentation was so well received when given at the national level that audience members did not want to leave the session.

Dr. Smith stated she was proud of all the efforts of faculty and staff in their commitment to help students achieve at the college level and noted that for two years, partnerships have been working wonderfully.

Ms. Kissler stated that the first presentation she saw as a Trustee was on the same topic; she stated it was gratifying to have this presentation now to benchmark where efforts started and where the College is now.

Mr. Jenner stated that he echoes Ms. Liddell's comments; he has read for years about the gap between high school graduates and readiness for college, and how much money is spent on remedial courses at the community college and university level. He stated he is glad to see this issue being address and it is good to see progress.

Mr. Parrish stated that mathematics preparation for college has got to have a major benefit even if students do not come to college and thanked the presenters.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Chair Parrish adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Patricia Kriegermeier, Recording Secretary

Chris Jenner, Board Secretary