

MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
of MCHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of McHenry County College was held on Monday, July 27, 2015 in the Board Room, Room A217, in Building A on the Campus. Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. When Mr. Jenner called the roll, the following were present:

Mr. Memmen
Mr. Jenner
Ms. Kisser
Ms. Liddell
Ms. Tirio
Mr. Parrish
Mr. Smith

Ms. Walsh was absent. Dr. Smith was also present. Attorney Nanci Rogers was present as legal counsel.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Smith led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The agenda was amended; Item 6. A. 2, Appointment of Replacement Instructor of Culinary Management, was removed from the agenda. The agenda was accepted as amended.

OPEN FOR VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Joseph Monack addressed the Board, requesting that the College consider holding open gym sessions. He noted that a study has shown that students participating in extracurricular activities have higher grades and are more likely to earn a degree.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Liddell moved to approve the Consent Agenda, minus item 6. A. 2, Appointment of Replacement Instructor of Biology, and Mr. Memmen seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The roll was called and all were in favor; the motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH PROCESS

Chair Smith introduced Ms. Liz Rocklin and Mr. Jesse Thompson from R. H. Perry & Associates and asked them to provide a synopsis of their visit to the College so far. Ms. Rocklin spoke about meeting with seven constituent groups, which met to answer questions and provide information to create the Presidential Profile to be used for the search. Ms. Rocklin and Mr. Thompson were here to find out what the College community believes are the next level of goals and expectations for the next president. She noted there was a lot of interest in the next president to focus outwardly with an emphasis on building community, as internal operations are running smoothly.

Ms. Rocklin and Mr. Thompson summarized the search process so far, noting that they heard consistent and recurring themes from all groups who met in focus groups today; those meetings will continue tomorrow. Ms. Rocklin and Mr. Thompson want to hear from the Board what their goals and objectives are for the next president. Once the Presidential Profile is complete, they will begin recruiting candidates. They encourage members of the McHenry County College community to send directly to them the names of those who might be interested in applying for the position and provided their business cards. Extensive discussion followed, and Trustees provided their input.

The Profile will be completed in time for the Board to approve in August, after which advertising and recruiting will be conducted. The Presidential Search Committee will review applications and select ten to twelve candidates for the semifinal interviews, after which the list will be narrowed to three to five candidates to bring to campus for interviews with the Board and meetings with College and community constituencies. Ms. Rocklin stated that there are four key factors in a successful president: 1) experience and education, 2) intelligence, 3) interpersonal skills, and 4) motivation and the ability to motivate others. She noted that the last two factors are the most important.

CLOSED SESSION

No Closed Session was needed.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Patricia Kriegermeier, Recording Secretary

Chris Jenner, Board Secretary