

MINUTES
BUDGET HEARING
OF McHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE

The Budget Hearing of the Board of Trustees of McHenry County College was held on Thursday, September 24, 2015, in the Board Room, Room A217, of Building A on the campus. Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Chair Smith asked Secretary Jenner to call the roll of those physically present. When Mr. Jenner called the roll, the following were present:

Mr. Jenner
Ms. Tirio
Ms. Walsh
Mr. Smith

Mr. Parrish and Mr. Memmen were absent. Dr. Smith was also present.

Upon reaching a quorum, Chair Smith announced that he was looking for a motion to allow Trustees Kissler and Liddell to participate in the meeting by telephone. Ms. Walsh so moved and Ms. Tirio seconded the motion. The roll was called, and all were in favor. The motion carried.

Chair Smith asked Secretary Jenner to call the roll again, including the Trustees participating by telephone. The roll was called and the following were present:

Mr. Jenner
Ms. Kissler
Ms. Liddell
Ms. Tirio
Ms. Walsh
Mr. Smith

Chair Smith announced that the meeting would then continue.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as presented.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Smith led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance

BUDGET HEARING / PUBLIC COMMENT

At 6:33 p.m. Chair Smith announced that the hearing was open and asked whether anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. There was no response. Chair Smith asked again whether anyone wished to address the Board. Chair Smith asked a third time whether anyone wished to address the Board. Chair Smith asked one final time whether there were any additional comments. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve the Resolution for the Adoption of the Budget.

RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET

Ms. Walsh moved to approve the Resolution for the Adoption of the Budget and Ms. Tirio seconded the motion. During discussion, Mr. Jenner asked for clarification that the budget was split evenly between two levy years; Me. Tenuta so confirmed. Mr. Jenner asked what the assumption is in this budget and Mr. Tenuta confirmed the assumption was what is allowed under PTELL. Mr. Jenner asked what would happen if the Board votes for a flat levy; Mr. Tenuta replied that should a flat levy be passed, the College would have to make adjustments in the budget. If adjustments are not possible, then contingency funds would be used. Mr. Jenner asked whether last year's budget had that same assumption and Mr. Tenuta confirmed that it did.

Ms. Walsh asked Mr. Tenuta to explain the rationale of a budget that is in deficit; Mr. Tenuta stated that the budget is balanced in the sense that a conscious decision was made to draw down on accumulated fund earnings, tapping into the College's savings primarily for capital costs that last two years. To make sure there is compliance with the new fund balance reserve policy, the College would not be able to schedule as many capital expenditures if new revenues are not anticipated. Mr. Tenuta noted that the College came in well under the amount budgeted for capital projects. A lot carried over, and some projects were placed on hold until further information is provided on space utilization.

Mr. Smith asked Mr. Tenuta to talk to the driving factors in a materially sizeable increase in projected investment revenue. Mr. Tenuta replied that his consultation with PFM increased projections of return. The College has the capability to change from three-year to five-year duration, but Mr. Tenuta would prefer to wait to do that once he has a comfort level with PFM.

The roll was called and all were in favor; the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Mr. Smith declared the hearing closed at 6:40 p.m.

Patricia Kriegermeier, Recording Secretary

Chris Jenner, Board Secretary