

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
of McHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of McHenry County College was held on Wednesday, November 18, 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 Secretary Jenner called the roll, the following were present:

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

Ms. Liddell was absent. Ms. Walsh was absent at roll call and arrived at 6:32 p.m. 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.

COLLEGE MISSION STATEMENT

Student Trustee Memmen recited the Mission Statement.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as amended. Item #15-124, Destruction of Closed Session Recordings, was struck from the agenda due to a clerical error.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The minutes were accepted as amended.

OPEN FOR RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Skylar Buetow addressed comments made on her artwork; she spoke about the value the art department has held in her life and noted that in her paintings she explores pressures on women and how those pressures translate into visual images.

Ms. Gloria Stewart stated she has attended art classes at McHenry County College for twelve semesters.

She emigrated from Britain forty-five years ago to a country that she felt offered more freedom and opportunities. She noted that one of the paintings referred to as pornographic was her work. She noted that a suggestion was made to give gallery space to veterans, noting that she found it ironic since our veterans fought in wars to keep our democratic views intact.

Ms. Sarah Ruthven, Instructor of Art, cited three criteria to judge artwork, and commended Trustee Kisser for calling out a Trustee who publicly denigrated the work of budding artists.

Dr. Amy Ortiz, Instructor of Art, and Chair of the Art Department, thanked Board members who leapt to the defense of the gallery artwork. She extended an open invitation to the Board and others to enter the art classrooms to see how they deal with scholarship of issues. She noted that the College's literary publication, *Voices*, has been awarded a gold medalist critique and passed out copies of the publication.

Mr. Tony Capalbo, Dean of College and Career Readiness, spoke in support of the athletics program.

Student Trustee Jason Memmen spoke on behalf of Angela Clemens, who wrote that the students would rather wait for new buildings than see programs cut.

Ms. Jasmine Brown spoke in support of the athletics program and spoke about the late Chris Schauer's contribution to that program.

Ms. Sandy Smith spoke in support of the athletics program, and read a letter from Coach Kyle McCall.

Mr. Casey Oliver spoke in support of the athletics program, noting how it has benefited his life.

Mr. Matthew Tegtmeier spoke in support of the athletics program, on behalf of Karl DeMarco.

Ms. Sarah Crain spoke in support of the athletics program, and hoped the College would find another way to fund the new health and sciences building.

Mr. Wally Reynolds, retired MCC Athletic Director, spoke in support of the athletics program and noted it was crucial to the development of students.

Mr. Mason Martin spoke on behalf of Austin Podgett in support of the athletics program, and stated that MCC transforms lives.

Ms. Bonnie Marcukaitis read a letter from Ms. Sherry Maynard in support of athletics.

Mr. Don Biere, former coach and instructor at MCC, spoke in support of the athletics program.

Mr. Kent Jones spoke in support of the athletics program and quoted scholarship rates for community colleges.

Ms. Karen Wiley shared participation numbers for MCC sports, noted that student athletes are engaged and have a higher level of retention and persistence than non-athletes.

Mr. David Pettit, head mens' basketball coach, spoke in support of athletics and spoke about tutoring opportunities.

Ms. Kate Varnado, director for sports medicine, provides athletic training services at MCC. She spoke in support of the athletics program.

Ms. Kayla Baron, athletic trainer, spoke in support of the athletics program and the life skills it teaches.

Ms. Patty Domin spoke in support of the athletics program and noted she had been a student athlete at Oakton Community College.

Ms. Rebecca Biando spoke on behalf of Kaylee Trausch, who shared her support for the athletics program.

Ms. Laura Crain spoke about the role student athletes play in the community and spoke in support of the athletics program.

Mr. Kaz Woodward spoke on behalf of Nick Richter, who supports the athletic program.

Mr. Gregg Wikierak, former head baseball coach at Marian Central, spoke in support of the athletics program.

Mr. Chase Matheson spoke about his experiences at MCC and his support of the athletics program.

Mr. Nick Kostalek spoke about the importance of teamwork and his support of the athletics program.

Mr. Kyran Gaffney spoke in support of the athletics program and noted that participation in sports is integral to the development of young women and men.

Mr. Alec Walters read a letter on behalf of Daniel Dale, who now practices as a doctor of physical therapy. He urged the Board to consider other programs if cuts need to be made.

Mr. Jared Wacker, Coordinator of Student Athlete Success, spoke in support of the athletics program and noted his experience as a student athlete made him a better person.

Mr. Karl Smith, men's soccer coach, spoke about the value the athletics program has brought to hundreds of young people and noted how the program brings cultures together.

Mr. Reilly Peltier spoke on behalf of Nick Richter's parents, in support of the athletics program.

Ms. Carmisha Chavers spoke about her transition from Bradley-Bourbonnais to McHenry County and praised the athletics program for improving her quality of life.

Mr. Matthew Schmidt, MCC alumnus, spoke in support of the athletics program and the life skills it provides students.

Mr. Chris Loustanau, former MCC soccer player, spoke about the importance of the soccer program.

Mr. Erik Gustafson, media personality, challenged MCC to keep the athletics program.

Mr. Ken Ruud, former women's basketball coach, spoke about former students who have gone on to achieve success after participating in the MCC sports program.

Ms. Jennifer Koeser read a letter on behalf of Sherry Williams in support of the athletics program.

Mr. Rafael Arellano, 1996 MCC alumnus, spoke in support of McHenry County College's soccer program and how it changed his life.

Ms. Destiny North spoke on behalf of Maricela Fernandez, mother of two students in the athletics program.

Ms. Ashley Kaempf spoke on behalf of Zoe Lindsay, women's volleyball player, in support of the athletics program.

Ms. Lindsey Skinner spoke on behalf of Megan Petrot, in support of the athletics program.

Ms. Hanna Passarella noted that MCC is 12th in the nation for baseball, the academic success program, a and spoke in support of the athletics program.

Ms. Marianne Devenny, Dean of Enrollment Services, spoke in support of the athletics program.

Ms. Robin Deak spoke in support of the program and noted the skills athletics teaches students.

Mr. Jim Stockwell spoke about the pleasure of having student-athletes in his classes.

Ms. Lidija Baltabols spoke about concerns over the proposed building plan.

Mr. Colin Worden spoke in support of the athletics program, asking the Board not to cut it.

Ms. Barb Gessert reminded the Board that many county residents are struggling and cannot bear an increased tax burden. She did not support a levy increase.

Ms. Susan Handelsman spoke about extraordinarily high tax rates in the county; she asked the Board to seek evidence based rationales for funding decisions.

Ms. Cyndi Hemauer stated that the College has not made its case for expansion.

Ms. Emma Hendrieth, Director of Learning Support Services, Sage Learning Center, spoke in support of student-athletes and the services the Sage Learning Center provides them.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Smith noted there was a printed copy of her report at each Trustee's place. She spoke about the report's highlights: MCC is one of the top ten finalists for the Bellwether Award; MCC Night was a huge success with over 1,500 attending and 503 applications filled out. She provided statistics on reduction in electrical usage with the solar array at the Shah Center. She reminded Trustees about the nurses' pinning ceremony in December.

PRESENTATION

Meteorological Data Tower Study

Mr. Ted Erski, Instructor of Earth Science and Geography, gave a presentation on the study undertaken to determine whether McHenry County College should entertain the idea of a wind turbine. Two summers ago, a free study collecting wind data for a year was offered to the College. The findings showed that McHenry County College should not invest in a wind turbine. Mr. Erski's presentation can be viewed at

www.mchenry.edu/Board.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Faculty Report

Ms. Anne Humphrey provided copies of her report to the Trustees and reported on its highlights.

B. Adjunct Faculty Report

Ms. Marybeth Linse reported that the adjunct association has elected new officers: Ms. Karen Schumann (Speech) is the president, Ms. Linse (Biology) is the vice president, Mr. Bill Zingrone (philosophy) is secretary. She noted that the adjunct officers will be attending the Board meetings.

C. Staff Council Report

Ms. Trimble provided copies of her report at each Trustee's place.

D. Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Memmen reported on recent student life and College events during November, including the Veterans' Day ceremony, the student activities conference, the Skyway Conference Jazz Festival, and the Día de los Muertos celebration.

E. Update on Presidential Search

Chair Smith thanked the members of the Presidential Search Committee for their extraordinary efforts, and noted that semifinal interviews were held. He asked Trustees to provide dates they are unavailable so that Special Board meetings can be held to interview the finalists.

Mr. Memmen announced that Mr. Jeremy Sacramento has been chosen as the new Student Trustee. He will be installed at the January Board meeting.

F. Attorney Report

There was no report.

A break was taken at 9:37 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 9:40 p.m.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Parrish asked to remove item B.1., Treasurer's Report, from the agenda. Mr. Memmen moved to approve the Consent Agenda, minus item B. 1., Treasurer's Report, and Ms. Walsh seconded the motion.

During discussion Ms. Walsh asked for clarification on the Salary Adjustment/Advance Placement report.

Dr. Miksa explained that the last contract contained language that when faculty move a lane, they have to move over a step, with no diagonal movement, which is why the salary is the same. Faculty receive a bonus when coursework is finished and receive a higher final salary if they keep moving down the lane.

Ms. Walsh also asked whether a grant position was for just a year, and Dr. Miksa confirmed the position was for one year, from July to June.

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

For Approval

- A. Executive Summary, Board Report #15-118
- B. Financial Statements
 - 1. Treasurer's Report, Board Report #15-119
- C. Ratification for Accounts Payable Check Register, Board Report #15-120
- D. Request to Lease/Purchase/Renew
 - a. Cisco ASA 5545 Firewalls and Firepower 7125 Security Appliance, Board Report #15-121
 - b. Internet Services, Board Report #15-122
- E. Approval of New Position Coordinator of Young Adult Student Success Program, Board Report #15-123
- F. Destruction of Closed Session Recordings, Board Report #15-124
- G. Personnel
 - a. Salary Adjustment/Advance Placement, Board Report #15-125

ACTION ON ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Memmen moved to approve item B. 1., Treasurer's Report, Board Report #15-119 and Ms. Walsh seconded the motion. During discussion, Mr. Parrish spoke about how the report was grouped in the past and was not arranged that way this month. Ms. Kisser clarified the difference between the Check Register, which lists all payments made in a month's time, and the list of vendor categories requested through the Finance and Audit Committee. Ms. Kisser stated this can be taken up at the January 12 meeting of that committee. The roll was called; Mr. Parrish voted against and all others voted in favor. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE 2015 ESTIMATED TAX LEVY AND ADOPTION OF ESTIMATED TAX LEVY RESOLUTION, Board Report #15-129

Ms. Kisser moved to approve Board Report #15-129 and Mr. Memmen seconded the motion. During extensive discussion, it was determined that the Board would not approve a levy increase. The roll was

called. Mr. Memmen abstained, Ms. Kisser voted in favor. Mr. Parrish, Ms. Tirio, Ms. Walsh, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Jenner voted against. The motion failed.

APPROVAL OF THE 2015 ESTIMATED TAX LEVY AND ADOPTION OF ESTIMATED TAX LEVY RESOLUTION, Board Report #15-130

Mr. Parrish moved to approve Board Report #15-130 and Mr. Jenner seconded the motion. During discussion, Ms. Kisser commented that presuming this will pass, she intends to vote no. She stated that she will support the Board's position in December. The roll was called. Mr. Memmen abstained, Ms. Kisser voted no. Ms. Tirio, Ms. Walsh, Mr. Smith, Mr. Jenner, and Mr. Parrish voted in favor. The motion carried.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING DEBT CERTIFICATES (LIMITED TAX) OF THE DISTRICT, EVIDENCING THE RIGHTS TO PAYMENT UNDER AN INSTALLMENT PURCHASE AGREEMENT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING CERTAIN OUTSTANDING DEBT CERTIFICATES OF THE DISTRICT AND PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF SAID CERTIFICATES TO THE PURCHASER THEREOF, Board Report #15-128

Ms. Walsh moved to approve Board Report #15-128 and Mr. Memmen seconded the motion. During discussion, Mr. Jenner asked and Mr. Tenuta explained what a debt certificate is, the process for issuing debt certificates, the authority required, and limitations. Mr. Tenuta noted that it is an obligation for the College to pay off, with a maximum of twenty years. He noted that this is paid out of operating funds. The bonds noted in the board report will be refinanced at a lower rate, through 2027. Mr. Tenuta added there is a statutory debt limit of 2.875% of the College's total Equalized Assessed Valuation. Mr. Tenuta expects that this refunding will save the College \$160,000.00, slightly over a 6% return on investment. Ms. Kisser pointed out that the College is not issuing debt, but refinancing debt that already exists. The roll was called and all were in favor; the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF EDUCATIONAL MASTER PLAN 2015-2019, Board Report #15-126

Ms. Kisser moved to approve Board Report #15-126 and Ms. Walsh seconded the motion. During discussion, Ms. Tirio asked whether approving the plan meant agreement with the expansion; Ms. Kisser replied that it did not mean agreement with expansion. Mr. Jenner asked for assurance that approving

this item does not obligate him to approve a future item. Hearing no such confirmation or objection, Mr.

Jenner stated he was fine with approving this plan.

Ms. Kisser noted this is the second Educational Master Plan the Board has approved; by focusing on the master plan, the College has been able to increase the number of degrees and certificates earned, develop new degrees, reduce the need for developmental education, and has received national awards for academic excellence. She would like to see an annual update to the figures and appendices. Ms.

Walsh spoke about increasing enrollment among older students to increase revenue. Dr. Miksa commented that the dual credit program began with 40 students and now has over 1,500 students. He noted the influx of dual credit students has lowered the average student age. Mr. Parrish spoke about the increase in attendees at the manufacturing breakfast, interested in training employees. Mr. Memmen noted that in the next five years, 6,000 to 8,000 veterans will return to McHenry County and will need higher education. The roll was called and all were in favor; the motion carried.

BOARD POLICY MANUAL: SECTION 1, FIRST READING, Board Report #15-127

It was noted that this was not up for a vote tonight, but just a first reading. Trustees may send any changes to Ms. Kriegermeier by December 3, 2015. If none are received, the item will be up for approval at the December Board meeting.

ICCTA REPORT

There was no report.

FOR INFORMATION

- A. Summary: Evaluation and Policies Committee
- B. Summary: Committee of the Whole
- C. Friends of McHenry County College Foundation Report
- D. New Employees
- E. Office of Marketing and Public Relations Update
- F. Office of Resource Development Update
- G. Office of Sustainability Center Update
- H. Upcoming Events

Chair Smith noted that in the interest of creating efficiencies in the agenda, reports were consolidated into this section. Ms. Walsh noted that a copy of the Foundation newsletter was at each place tonight.

SUMMARY COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Walsh was pleased when people take the time and effort to come out and speak on an issue. She noted that the Board must send a strong message that athletics is not to be eliminated. Ms. Kisser noted that this issue has not yet been considered, emphasizing that the Board has to be very careful not to press administration for information on the spot; no one ever said cutting athletics was on the table. Mr. Smith noted that the Board has not planned to cut the Athletics program.

Ms. Kisser stated that the Chair is to respond when a message is addressed to the entire Board. She stated that the Board has to keep its perspective. At some point, the Board will have to say that it cannot go to the taxpayers, must raise tuition or cut programs. She stated the Board is moving down a rabbit hole and cannot keep moving further down into it.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Memmen asked, with no levy increase, how the College's budget would play out over the next year. Mr. Tenuta noted that the College will lose between \$160,000.00 and \$180,000.00 that will have to be made up somewhere else. No future agenda item was scheduled.

CLOSED SESSION

At 11:04 p.m., Ms. Kisser moved to go into Closed Session to discuss matters covered under the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 120/2(c), Exception #2, *Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.*, and 120/2(c), Exception #21, *Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06.* Ms. Tirio seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The roll was called and all were in favor; the motion carried. A break was taken at 11:05 p.m. and Closed Session began at 11:10 p.m.

At 11:53 p.m., Mr. Memmen moved to come out of Closed Session and Ms. Tirio seconded the motion.

There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken and all were in favor; the motion carried. Closed Session ended at 11:53 p.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES, Regular Board Meeting, October 21, 2015

Mr. Memmen moved to accept the closed session minutes and Ms. Kisser seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The roll was called and all were in favor; the motion carried. Mr. Jenner complimented Ms. Kriegermeier on her description of the of the October 21, 2015 presentation during closed session.

APPROVAL OF MOTION TO RELEASE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES AS A RESULT OF THE SEMI-ANNUAL REVIEW OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Ms. Kisser moved that McHenry County College, having November 7, 2015 conducted the semi-annual review of its closed meeting minutes required by the Open Meetings Act, approve making public the minutes of its closed meetings held during the Board meetings identified by the dates below:

4/23/15 Final Meeting of the Retiring Board: Release 120/2(c) 1, Personnel, Release 120/2(c) 21 Review of Closed Session Minutes, do not release 120/2(c) 11, Litigation.

6/25/2015 Regular Board Meeting: Release 120/2(c) 21, Review of Closed Session Minutes, do not release 120/2(c) Personnel.

7/23/15 Regular Board Meeting: Release 120/2(c) 21, Review of Closed Session Minutes; do not release 120/2(c), Purchase of Land.

Ms. Kisser further moved that the following closed meeting minutes be found to continue to require confidentiality, and not be released at this time. Minutes of closed meetings held during the:

5/28/2015 Regular Board Meeting

9/23/2015 Regular Board Meeting

Closed meeting minutes or parts thereof, which McHenry County College previously determined to require continued confidentiality pursuant to semi-annual reviews previously conducted by the Board of Trustees. Mr. Jenner seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The roll was called and all were in favor; the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:57 p.m.

Patricia Kriegermeier, Recording Secretary

Chris Jenner, Board Secretary