

MINUTES OF THE INFORMATION SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF MACOMB

An open information session of the Board of Trustees of the Community College District of the County of Macomb was held Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 6:00 p.m., in Room 125 of the Professional Development Center, University Center, Center Campus, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, Michigan, pursuant to notice.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kelly at 6:28 p.m. Trustee DiMaria was appointed Acting Secretary.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Present: James F. Kelly, Chairperson
Christine Bonkowski, Vice Chairperson
Nancy Falcone, Treasurer
Joseph DeSantis, Trustee
Roseanne DiMaria, Trustee

Absent: Connie Bolanowski, Secretary (excused)
Frank DeSantis, Trustee (excused)

Also present: James Jacobs, President
Elizabeth Argiri, Vice President for Business
Jill M. Little, Vice President of Administration
Patricia Martz, Secretary to the President
Gerri Pavone, Assistant to the President/Director of Institutional Relations
James Sawyer, Provost/Vice President, Learning Unit
Hunter L. Wendt, General Counsel
F. Jack Witt, Vice President, Human Resources

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Bonkowski, supported by DiMaria, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried.

4.0 AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

5.0 REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS AND MATERIAL

None

6.0 ISSUES AND UPDATES

6.1 Unit Update – Human Resources

Mr. Witt distributed and reviewed information pertaining to the Human Resources Unit which included the process of recruiting new hires, detailed information on full-time positions and total employment, the turnover in 2010 due mostly to retirements, an EEO profile and cost reduction initiatives.

6.2 Update on Bond Sale

Pursuant to approval by the Board in November 2010 to authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$14,320,000, Ms. Argiri informed the Trustees that the bond sale has been scheduled for Monday, February 28. The college, with the cooperation of its financial consultant and counsel, is in the process of finalizing the official bond statement, which is the information that potential investors review when making a decision to make an offer on the bonds. Ms. Argiri will provide an update at the March board meeting on the specifics of the sale.

6.3 House Appropriations Subcommittee on Community Colleges

Dr. Jacobs informed the Board that a public hearing of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Community Colleges is scheduled for Friday, February 25, at South Campus, to be chaired by Representative Ken Goike. The morning will begin with a tour of the South Campus technology area which will include Haas, mechatronics, robotics, the automotive lab, and electric vehicles. There will be an overview of the technology area, student testimonies, a presentation on educational partnerships, and presentations from other colleges, including Henry Ford Community College and Oakland Community College. The Trustees were invited to attend.

6.4 Auto Communities Network

Dr. Jacobs reported on the status of this initiative which began over a year ago with Macomb leading a consortium of community colleges located in auto communities, primarily in Midwestern states, in an effort to form a peer learning network to retrain dislocated workers in emerging industries. This involves 19 community colleges in eight states applying for a Trade Adjustment Act (TAA) grant in the amount of \$20 million. The participating community colleges met in January and made a decision to proceed with writing this grant. The first grant writing session is scheduled for Friday, February 18, at Lansing Community College with representatives from these 19 institutions. The proposal is due on April 21. Trustee J. DeSantis inquired how the percentage of distribution to each institution will be determined. Dr. Jacobs stated that Macomb will receive 10% of the \$20 million for administrative costs, or \$2 million. Approximately \$3 million will be held to pay vendors for data analysis, as well as for activities related to the peer learning network. The remainder will be divided per credit student among all of the participating institutions, of which Macomb will receive approximately \$1 million.

Miscellaneous Updates

Dr. Jacobs informed the Trustees that the new president and CEO of the American Association of Community Colleges, Walter Bumphus, has initiated a “Listening Tour” which involves meeting with community college leaders to discuss the needs and issues of the AACC on a national level. At Mr. Bumphus’ request, Wayne County Community College and Macomb will host their Detroit Listening Tour on the morning of Thursday, February 17, at WCCC’s Downriver Campus in Taylor. The Michigan Community College Association will be participating as well. Dr. Jacobs invited the Trustees to attend.

7.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was determined that it was not necessary to move into executive session.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Falcone, supported by Bonkowski, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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Acting Secretary