

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, May 17, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., in Room K315 of the John Lewis Student Community Center, South Campus, 14500 Twelve Mile Road, Warren, Michigan, pursuant to notice.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kelly at 6:28 p.m.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Present: James F. Kelly, Chairperson  
Christine Bonkowski, Vice Chairperson  
Connie Bolanowski, Secretary  
Nancy Falcone, Treasurer  
Joseph DeSantis, Trustee  
Roseanne DiMaria, Trustee  
Charley Jackson, Trustee

Absent: None

Also present: James Jacobs, President  
Elizabeth Argiri, Vice President for Business  
Elizabeth Ferguson, Associate Vice President for  
Human Resources  
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  
Casandra Ulbrich, Vice President, College Advancement and  
Community Relations  
Hunter L. Wendt, General Counsel  
F. Jack Witt, Vice President, Human Resources

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried.

4.0 AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Linda Bajdo, professor of psychology, was present in the audience, along with several students and other faculty and expressed appreciation to the Board of Trustees on the students' behalf for considering a revision to the EEO/Affirmative Action policy to include sexual orientation as protected under that policy.

5.0 REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS AND MATERIAL

None

6.0 ISSUES AND UPDATES

6.1 Questions Regarding Proposed 2011/2012 Budget (Budget Hearing)

Ms. Argiri referred to regular meeting agenda item 7.3C, the Initial 2011/2012 General Fund Budget, and reviewed the budget highlights. She stated that the projected property tax value declines of 13% in 2011/12 and 10% in 2012/13 have been revised by the county assessor to only 7% and 5% respectively. She then reviewed the major changes in budgeted expenditures which included the significant increase in the Michigan Employees Retirement System contribution. In summarizing, Ms. Argiri stated that the combination of increased revenues and increased expenditures results in a balanced budget with budgeted revenues exceeding expected expenditures by \$1,689,873, which will provide flexibility should the state aid reduction be greater than projected and will help with future budget planning.

6.2 Executive Leadership Alignment

Dr. Jacobs informed the Trustees about the recent realignment in administrative leadership which will help to implement the institutional goals of student success and develop more effective and efficient institutional practices. He indicated that one vice president position has been eliminated, further reducing the non-bargaining unit level administration. Ms. Little's title will become Vice President of Student Services, and her former responsibilities as Vice President of Administration are being reassigned to the Office of General Counsel, the President's Office and the Business Office. For most of the staff, the only change will be in the reporting relationship.

6.3 July Board Retreat

Dr. Jacobs distributed the agenda for the Michigan Community College Association's annual summer workshop scheduled for 20-22. He informed the Trustees that he would like to hold a board retreat on Friday, July 22, at 2:30 p.m., a time which has been set aside by the MCCA for individual college meetings.

6.4 Space Optimization and Utilization Project (SOUP) – CH Building Renovation

Ms. Little referred to regular meeting agenda item 10.1, Construction Status Report. She reminded the Board that in December 2009, they approved the SOUP project and it was agreed at that time that they would receive updates throughout the project. She reviewed the current status of the SOUP project indicating that occupancy of the renovated Center Campus H Building is expected by November 11, 2011. Ms. Little also distributed copies of the current floor plan for that building.

6.5 Lansing Update

Dr. Jacobs informed the Trustees that the state appropriations for community colleges is still uncertain. Legislation has been passed by the House which calls for a 15% reduction in appropriations to community colleges and legislation has been passed by the Senate which calls for a 4.3% reduction in appropriations. He stated that the recent announcement of a

\$400 million surplus, which may be available to public education, could compensate for some of the cuts, and the Michigan Community College Association (MCCA) is optimistic.

He further informed the Trustees regarding two pieces of legislation which would require all higher education institutions receiving funding to publish the names and salaries of its employees and for publication of financial information on the website. He stated that administration is monitoring this legislation and he will keep the Board updated.

7.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Falcone, supported by DiMaria, to move into executive session.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Falcone, DiMaria, Bolanowski, Bonkowski, DeSantis, Jackson, Kelly

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

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The meeting recessed at 6:52 p.m.

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The meeting reconvened at 8:04 p.m.

Motion carried.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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Secretary