

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, August 21, 2012, 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 6:30 p.m. Trustee Bonkowski was appointed Acting Secretary.

2.0 ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Connie Bolanowski, Secretary (excused)
Roseanne DiMaria, Trustee (excused)
Charley Jackson, Trustee (excused)

Also present: James Jacobs, President
Elizabeth Argiri, Vice President for Business
Patricia Martz, Executive Secretary to the President
Gerri Lynn Pavone, Executive Director, Research
and Planning
James Sawyer, Provost/Vice President, Learning Unit
Casandra Ulbrich, Vice President for College
Advancement and Community Relations
Hunter L. Wendt, General Counsel
Elizabeth Ferguson, Associate Vice President for
Human Resources

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried.

4.0 AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

5.0 REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS AND MATERIAL

6.0 ISSUES AND UPDATES

Dr. Jacobs reported that enrollment is slightly down, -2.4% in headcount and -2.7% in credit hours; the Kresge Foundation has awarded the College a grant in the amount of \$110,000 to support the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts and the Lorenzo Cultural Center; and Mary Kramer, Publisher of Crain's Detroit Business, has been appointed to serve as a member on the College's Foundation Board. Dr. Jacobs distributed an article which appeared in the Community College Journal regarding his recent participation on a panel at the White House on June 27 with the White House Council on Environmental Quality regarding innovation in the automotive industry. The Chair of the Council also has plans to visit the automotive area at South Campus on August 28.

6.1 Lansing Update

Senate Bill 1040 was passed by the legislature last week which will substantially change the pension plans for college employees. The Bill is awaiting the Governor's signature, and if signed, the election period for employees will be September 4 through October 26 with all changes taking effect on December 1, 2012. Information will need to be communicated to staff immediately who will need to make a choice on a retirement plan. The information from the Office of Retirement Services (ORS) will provide information on options and administration will communicate that information to the employees but cannot make any recommendations to staff. Trustee DeSantis inquired about college employees who are currently in the TIAA-CREF system and what impact, if any, that has on the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System (MPERS). Ms. Ferguson responded that TIAA-CREF is only offered to faculty and administrators and she believes it has no impact on MPERS.

Relating to the issue of the 80/20 health care legislation, Mr. Wendt stated that he is currently looking at various plans and meeting with the health care consultant to review the bids. These will be reviewed and then shared with the health care coalition. Most of the employees will still fall under the current contracts. However, the 80/20 legislation for administrators and non-bargaining employees will be effective when their contracts expire on June 30, 2013. Once the contracts expire, the legislature dictates the 20% health care contribution by the employees and the college can only offer an array of health care options that will fit within each person's budget.

6.2 Bond Proposal Update

Dr. Jacobs stated that the August 15 breakfast event was well attended and successful. The public informational portion of the campaign has begun throughout the campuses. Dr. Ulbrich reported on the activities of the bond campaign, including the advocacy committee which has been established and is being chaired by Ken Sanborn, the amount of money that has been raised, the endorsements from business and labor, sponsorships, speakers bureau, senior center visits, cable television interviews. She also distributed information on the various events scheduled in September and October, including the 10th anniversary celebration of MTEC, and extended an invitation to the Trustees to all of the events scheduled. She further stated that in mid-September a tracking poll will be conducted to determine if the 60% support has increased or decreased.

Dr. Jacobs distributed and reviewed his schedule to meet with the municipal leaders throughout the County and added that he shares information with each leader on alumni and students specific to their municipality.

6.3 MCCA Membership and Designation of Trustee Representatives

Dr. Jacobs stated that the Board will need to vote at the regular meeting on the college's membership with the Michigan Community College Association (MCCA) at the regular meeting under agenda item 5.2. It was agreed that if the membership is renewed, Trustee Bonkowski will continue to act as trustee director and Trustee Kelly as the alternate director.

6.4 Pay for Print System

Mr. Wendt reminded the Trustees that at the board meeting in February they approved a contract with Konica Minolta Business Solutions to provide a pay for print system, with a key bid specification being the integration of the printer with the card reader system. Konica was the lowest bidder on the responses to the request for proposals, and in their response indicated their ability to fulfill that requirement. Mr. Wendt stated that it was necessary to terminate their contract with the company in July due to a misrepresentation of the company's ability to deliver the system. Administration is recommending that the Board approve second lowest bidder who has demonstrated an ability to comply with the college's requirements as specified in the request for proposals.

6.5 Revised Smoking Policy

Mr. Wendt informed the board that the language in the second reading has been slightly revised from the first reading, which he indicated is permissible. He pointed out that he further defined college property to include owned or leased property which clarifies that individuals will be able to smoke in non-college vehicles.

6.6 Board Retreat

Dr. Jacobs offered a few options on when to schedule a board retreat which was followed by a brief discussion. Trustee Kelly suggested contacting the three absent Board members to get their thoughts. Ms. Martz will follow up and confirm a date, time and location with the Trustees and President's Council.

6.7 Boardbook

Since three of the Trustees were absent, it was determined that the Boardbook presentation should take place at the September meeting.

Due to the absence of three Trustees, an executive session could not held, so Trustee Kelly suggested that Dr. Jacobs' evaluation be mailed to the Trustees for discussion at the board retreat.

Dr. Jacobs referred to regular meeting agenda item 8.1 and explained the salary determination for the position of Director, Center for Health Careers.

7.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session could not be held due to an insufficient amount of Trustees present.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Motion carried.

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Acting Secretary