

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF MACOMB

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Community College District of the County of Macomb was held Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 7:30 p.m., in Room K324 of the John Lewis Student Community Center, South Campus, 14500 Twelve Mile Road, Warren, Michigan.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kelly at 7:51 p.m. Trustee Bonkowski was appointed Acting Secretary.

2.0 ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Connie Bolanowski, Secretary (excused)

Also present: James Jacobs, President  
Patricia Martz, Secretary to the President  
Hunter L. Wendt, General Counsel

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Information Session, February 18, 2014

4.2 Regular Meeting, February 18, 2014

MOTION by Bonkowski, supported by DiMaria, to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2014 Information Session and Regular Meeting, as read.

ALL IN FAVOR:

Ayes: Bonkowski, DiMaria, DeSantis, Falcone, Kelly

Nays: Cusumano

Absent: Bolanowski

Motion carried.

5.0 BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORTS/PROPOSALS

Trustee Cusumano stated that per a discussion at the information session, Chairperson Kelly has agreed to place on the April board meeting agenda his request to submit a proposal to present at the ACCT Annual Congress in Chicago October 23-25, 2014 on the Michigan New Jobs Training Program and the success of that program which Macomb Community College initiated.

6.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

None

7.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS

7.1 Financial Statements – February 28, 2014

7.2 Investment Report – March 2, 2014

MOTION by DiMaria, supported by Falcone, to receive and file the financial statements for the eight months ended February 28, 2014 and the investment report of securities held as of March 2, 2014.

Motion carried.

7.3 General Fund Planning & Tuition Rate for 2014/2015

MOTION by DiMaria, supported by Falcone to approve a 3% increase in tuition rates for the resident, non-resident, out-of-state/foreign, affiliate and variable tuition rates for the academic year 2014/2015, as set forth below:

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Resident Rate	\$ 89.00	\$ 91.50
Non-resident	136.00	140.00
Out of State/Foreign	176.00	181.00
Affiliate	112.00	115.00
Variable (minimum contract)	89.00	91.50

7.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS (Continued)

7.3 General Fund Planning & Tuition Rate for 2014/2015 (Continued)

DISCUSSION: Trustee Cusumano stated that the latest enrollment statistics show a -4.1% decline in enrollment and he believes tuition is becoming unaffordable for the residents of Macomb County. He also commented that at this evening's meeting, another collective bargaining unit is seeking reinstatement of step/pay increases. He stated that he is not in favor of an increase in tuition and believes there should be a flat tuition rate not to exceed zero until next year to see where this institution stands financially.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: DiMaria, Falcone, Bonkowski, Kelly

Nays: Cusumano, DeSantis

Absent: Bolanowski

Motion carried.

8.0 PERSONNEL REPORTS

8.1 Personnel Actions - Appointments

MOTION by DeSantis, supported by Bonkowski, to approve the appointment of Marie Pritchett, Dean of Arts & Sciences.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: DeSantis, Bonkowski, Cusumano, DiMaria, Falcone, Kelly

Nays: None

Absent: Bolanowski

Motion carried.

8.0 PERSONNEL REPORTS (Continued)

8.2 Tentative Agreement with Macomb County Community College Operational Personnel Association

MOTION by DeSantis, supported by Bonkowski, to adopt the tentative agreement as the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Macomb County Community College Operational Personnel Association (MCCCOPA) commencing on April 1, 2014 and terminating on March 31, 2017.

DISCUSSION: Trustee Cusumano referred to his previous comments regarding tuition and stated that he believes these matters go hand-in-hand. He further stated that although this collective bargaining agreement would be an attractive agreement in better times, he believes the college should stop reinstating step/pay increases.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: DeSantis, Bonkowski, DiMaria, Falcone, Kelly

Nays: Cusumano

Absent: Bolanowski

Motion carried.

8.3 Resolutions of Appreciation for Retirees

MOTION by DiMaria, supported by Falcone, to authorize the creation and presentation of resolutions of appreciation to employees who are retiring or have retired from their employment in 2013/2014.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: DiMaria, Falcone, Bonkowski, Cusumano, DeSantis, Kelly

Nays: None

Absent: Bolanowski

Motion carried.

9.0 AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Robert Little identified himself as a 25-year resident of Macomb County. He addressed the Board with regard to agenda item 7.3 to express his disagreement with increasing tuition rates. He stated that he believes by increasing the cost of tuition, the college will limit an already shrinking student population.

10.0 REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION – INFORMATION ITEMS

None

11.0 REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION – ACTION ITEMS

11.1 Donations

MOTION by Falcone, supported by DiMaria, to accept the donations as presented and acknowledged by the Administration.

Motion carried.

11.2 Change Orders

None

11.3 Authorization for Purchases

11.3A Hewlett-Packard Server, Desktop and Laptop Computers

MOTION by Falcone, supported by DiMaria, to authorize the purchase of server, desktop and laptop computers from Hewlett Packard Company of Conway, Arkansas, or its authorized distributors, for a period of three years utilizing best available public, government and higher education discount structures as replacement or new purchases are needed.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Falcone, DiMaria, Bonkowski, Cusumano, DeSantis, Kelly

Nays: None

Absent: Bolanowski

Motion carried.

11.0 REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION – ACTION ITEMS (Continued)

11.3B Third-Party Evaluator for TAACCCT Grant

MOTION by DiMaria, supported by Falcone, to enter into a four-year contract, upon the approval of General Counsel, with Social Policy Research Associates of Oakland, California for third-party evaluation services for the TAACCCT grant in an amount not to exceed \$1,624,940.

DISCUSSION: Trustee DeSantis commented that he had an opportunity to extensively review Social Policy Research Associates' qualifications, background and personnel, and it is his opinion that they are more than capable to do this job.

Trustee Cusumano stated he has not been satisfied that the procedures followed are consistent with the Department of Labor's standards on this particular agenda item.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: DiMaria, Falcone, DeSantis, Bonkowski, Kelly

Nays: None

Abstain: Cusumano

Absent: Bolanowski

Motion carried.

11.3C Event Management Services to Support the Center for Advanced Automotive Technologies Ride and Drive Event

MOTION by DiMaria, supported by Falcone, to enter into a contract, upon approval of General Counsel, with Event Solutions International of Troy, Michigan for the CAAT Ride and Drive Event services in an amount not to exceed \$70,720.

DISCUSSION: Trustee Cusumano stated that it is his understanding that the expenses of this event will be paid from grant funds.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: DiMaria, Falcone, Cusumano, DeSantis, Bonkowski, Kelly

Nays: None

Absent: Bolanowski

Motion carried.

11.0 REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION – ACTION ITEMS (Continued)

11.3D PLATO Development Learning System

MOTION by Falcone, supported by DiMaria, to authorize the award of a one-year contract with Edmentum of Bloomington, Minnesota, for the total amount of \$50,350 for computerized tutorial software.

DISCUSSION: Trustee Cusumano inquired whether this is the system that has always been in place and if there is a way to evaluate the system through the RFP process. Dr. James Sawyer, Provost and Senior Vice President of the Learning Unit responded that this system has been in place for a number of years. He further stated that the college has had great experience and satisfaction with this product and because of that would recommend going with this system again.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Falcone, DiMaria, DeSantis, Cusumano, Bonkowski, Kelly

Nays: None

Absent: Bolanowski

Motion carried.

12.0 POLICY ACTIONS

None

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

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Acting Secretary