

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

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Community College District of the County of Macomb was held Tuesday, August 26, 2014 in Room K221 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 6:04 p.m.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Present:

James F. Kelly, Chairperson
Christine Bonkowski, Vice Chairperson
Connie Bolanowski, Secretary
Roseanne DiMaria, Treasurer
Frank Cusumano, Trustee
Nancy Falcone, Trustee

Absent:

Joseph DeSantis, Trustee (excused)

Also present:

James Jacobs, President
Patricia Martz, Secretary to the President
James Sawyer, Provost/Senior Vice President,
Learning Unit
Casandra Ulbrich, Vice President, College Advancement
and Community Relations
Hunter L. Wendt, General Counsel/Executive
Director, College Police

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

5.0 BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORTS/PROPOSALS

Trustee Cusumano stated that it would be helpful to post a sign when the location of a meeting has been changed. Mr. Wendt stated that he had directed College Police to guard both entrances and place signs at both ends directing people to this location which was done.

6.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

None

7.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS

None

8.0 PERSONNEL REPORTS

None

9.0 AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

10.0 REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION – INFORMATION ITEMS

None

11.0 REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION – ACTION ITEMS

11.1 Donations

None

11.2 Change Orders

None

11.3 Authorization for Purchases

None

11.4 Reconsideration of Agenda Item 11.4, Board of Trustees Meeting, August 19, 2014

MOTION by Kelly, supported by Bonkowski, to reconsider agenda item 11.4, Board of Trustees Meeting, August 19, 2014.

DISCUSSION: Trustee Cusumano inquired as to the basis for the reconsideration. Trustee Kelly responded that some of the Trustees were not present at the August 19th board meeting and he believes those Trustees who were not present should have the opportunity to express their views and vote on this important matter.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: Cusumano

Absent: DeSantis

Motion carried.

11.0 REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION – ACTION ITEMS (Continued)11.5 Transfer from Strategic Fund to the Macomb Community College Foundation to Create an Innovation Fund

MOTION by Kelly, supported by Bonkowski, to authorize Administration to transfer \$1,000,000 from the Strategic Fund to the Macomb Community College Foundation to Create the Macomb Community College Innovation Fund.

DISCUSSION: Trustee Cusumano stated that he had an opportunity to look at the Lorain County Community College Innovation Fund website. He made reference to a statement which indicates that award recipients must provide an unpaid independent entrepreneurship project opportunity for a student for one 16-week semester, seven hours per week, for a minimum of 112 hours, and commented that there was no requirement that they produce jobs. He expressed his concern that since Macomb Community College is planning to pattern after Lorain County Community College's Innovation Fund model, it was his understanding that this was an essential component for Macomb's Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

Dr. Ulbrich referred to the document she distributed to the Trustees regarding the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship which indicates the results relating to the Lorain County Community College Innovation Fund. She noted that they have created 314 jobs in five years and provided more than 150 internships. Trustee Cusumano inquired if the \$61 million dollars in add-on funding is in addition to the \$5.7 million in grant awards. Dr. Ulbrich stated that the \$61 million is what the companies were able to generate as a result of the \$5.7 million dollars in funding. Trustee Cusumano asked why it is necessary to transfer funds to the college's foundation. Dr. Ulbrich responded that by transferring the funds to the foundation, it would allow the college to raise additional funds from external groups, organizations and individuals who want to support the Innovation Fund as a philanthropic gift to the college. In response to an inquiry regarding job definition, Dr. Ulbrich responded that the intent of the Innovation Fund is to help entrepreneurs start and grow companies and jobs come with the growth of the companies. Trustee Cusumano asked about the amount of money in the strategic fund and if those funds will appear on any of the financial information that will be presented to the Board. Mr. Wendt responded that there are sufficient funds in the strategic fund to cover the amount for the Innovation Fund. Dr. Jacobs stated that the auditor's report will be presented at the next board meeting. There was an inquiry if there were any set policies for the use of strategic funds. Trustee Kelly responded that it is an unrestricted fund that the Board set aside to support the college and strategic initiatives.

Dr. Jacobs stated that this process started as a result of the Provost's Office asking that funds be set aside to set up a Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship. It was discussed in President's Council meetings, and with the major contribution and the 60th anniversary, the timing seemed appropriate for this request. Trustee Cusumano asked whether the entity who is making the contribution specifically stated they did not want the Board of Trustees to know their identity

11.0 REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION – ACTION ITEMS (Continued)

11.5 Transfer from Strategic Fund to the Macomb Community College Foundation to Create an Innovation Fund (Continued)

and also inquired whether there is a contractual obligation regarding this contribution. Dr. Ulbrich responded that the donor requested their contribution to remain anonymous so that it could be announced at the 60th anniversary ceremony on September 16th. Mr. Wendt stated that the donor indicated they would make the contribution upon the condition of non-disclosure until then, but if that is violated, the donor could withdraw the offer. Dr. Ulbrich stated that an agreement will be prepared upon approval by the Board.

Trustee Cusumano referred to the educational component and asked if there were any requirements regarding innovation practices with regard to the Higher Learning Commission. Dr. Sawyer responded that there are no specific HLC criteria requirements to focus on in relation to this.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Kelly, Bonkowski, Bolanowski, DiMaria, Falcone

Nays: Cusumano

Absent: DeSantis

Motion carried.

12.0 POLICY ACTIONS

None

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF MACOMB
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Secretary