

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, October 20, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., in Room 109, Professional Development Center, University Center, Center Campus, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, Michigan.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kelly at 6:30 p.m.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Present: James F. Kelly, Chairperson  
Vincent Viviano, Vice Chairperson  
Jennifer Haase, Secretary  
Roseanne DiMaria, Treasurer  
Frank Cusumano, Trustee  
Elizabeth Lucido, Trustee

Absent: Joseph DeSantis, Trustee (absent)

Also present: James Jacobs, President  
Elizabeth Argiri, Vice President for Business  
Sharon Kowal, Executive Administrative Assistant to the President  
Jill Thomas-Little, Vice President, Student Services  
Geary Maiuri, Dean, Student and Community Services  
Gerri Lynn Pavone, Executive Director, Research  
and Planning  
Bobbie Remias, Director of Finance and Investments  
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  
Denise Williams, Vice President, Human Resources

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried.

4.0 AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

## 5.0 REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS AND MATERIAL

Dr. Jacobs handed out the annual review of Achieving the Dream (ATD). He stated that it is a nice compilation of what the College has done and provides input on areas that can be improved. The grant with the Kresge Foundation closed on June 30, 2015. To remain members, the fee is \$10,000. Trustee Kelly stated that Achieving the Dream has been one of the most transformative things done at the College. Dr. Sawyer added that he agreed and that ATD became one of the center points for the whole student success conversation and provided a launching pad for that.

Dr. Jacobs distributed an information piece that will run in the October 25 issue of The Macomb Daily. This piece is about the Discover Macomb events. Three students are highlighted, in the piece, and they tell how the college prepped them for life.

Dr. Jacobs pointed out that in the board packet there are equipment purchases and one new hire that will need a vote from the board.

Trustee Cusumano asked if the data results from Spring 2012 that are shown on the Achieving the Dream webpage are the most current. Dr. Sawyer stated that the results from 2013/14 are available and will be posted to the website this week. Trustee Cusumano continued discussing Learning Communities. Trustee Cusumano inquired about testing for cognitive and non-cognitive skills. Dr. Sawyer stated that the College is in the process of vetting out a pilot with a product called Success Navigator by ETS. Discussion followed.

## 6.0 ISSUES AND UPDATES

### 6.1 Food Service

Bobbie Remias, Director of Finance and Investments and Geary Maiuri, Dean, Student and Community Services gave a presentation on the current food service and vending machine vendors. The presentation provided a comparison of the current contracts and the proposed contract renewals. All three contracts will expire on June 30, 2016 and also have a provision for a five-year extension. Administration is recommending the board support the five-year extension. Discussion followed. There was consensus among the board for the Administration to bring forth a proposal for renewal.

### 6.2 FOIA Requests

Dr. Jacobs requested the board to consider returning to a specific process for information requests:

1. All requests for information are sent to the Chair of the Board for review.
2. If the Chair does not indicate this request should be honored the individual Trustee can bring the matter to the full board for a vote.
3. If that fails, the Trustee can then ask for the information as a FOIA request.
4. All funds expended in answering a FOIA request will be reported to the board on a timely basis.

Discussion followed. Trustee Kelly stated that the Administration will respond to all FOIA requests in accordance with the law. Requests for additional information should be directed through the Chair. Trustee Cusumano stated a vote should be taken. Mr. Wendt stated historically there has been a couple of ways information has been given to board members. Trustee Kelly stated that precedence did not seem to matter at this point and that the board needs to move on from where they are today. Trustee Kelly stated he will provide the actual Board By-law at the next meeting.

Trustee Cusumano brought forth the issue of the June board minutes being approved by the board. Mr. Wendt said the minutes are posted as unapproved and will be brought back to the November board meeting for approval.

### 6.3 Hard Cap for Medical Benefits

Ms. Williams stated that Public Act 152 is presented to the board annually to decide what portion of the employees' health care the College will pay. Ms. Williams stated she continues to work with the Health Care Coalition and in obtaining policies and health benefits that will ensure the College will be able to use the hard cap method for as long as possible. In this month's board packet, the Administration is recommending that the board adopt the hard cap methodology again for the year 2016.

Ms. Williams also stated that, in part of keeping rates low, an RFP was sent out for the HMO option. The Administration, in conjunction with the Health Care Coalition, recommends the board to authorize the Administration to enter into a one year contract with Blue Care Network.

### 6.4 College Promise Campaign

Dr. Jacobs distributed handouts with information on the College Promise. President Obama spoke about this campaign during his visit on campus. Essentially it is an attempt to make the first two years of a post-secondary education at a community college "free". The College Promise Campaign committee has been established and the co-chairs are Jill Biden and Governor Geringer of Wyoming. Advisory committees have been formed with a series of steering committees. Dr. Jacobs has been asked to co-chair one of the steering committees. He is meeting with the other co-chair, Eloy Oakley, President of Long Beach City College, on Thursday. At this point he does not know what the responsibilities are but it looks like he will be working on a team with other presidents. He wants to alert the board of this opportunity. He will find out what the roles and responsibilities are and report back to the board.

### 6.5 Lansing Update

Dr. Jacobs stated an important issue is coming up before the legislature. The legislature will no longer distribute new money by dividing it equally or by population of a college but through a formula. That formula is being worked out through a group of community college presidents, as well as, legislators from both the House and the Senate. Dr. Jacobs provided a handout and stated that what is in the chart are the different areas of criteria that will be used. For example, if the legislature allocates a thousand dollars, that thousand dollars will be weighted by different percentages. The actual metric and description of it is on the chart. This is the proposal that will be going to the legislature for the distribution of these funds. He stated they are still working in

committees on the actual distribution whether it is five percent or seven percent. This formula will be used for all new money allocated. Increasingly the legislature is getting more involved in accountability measures and this chart provides an idea of some of them that are going to be used. Trustee Cusumano asked if the VFA was on the chart. Dr. Jacobs stated that yes it is in the Performance – Improvement and Performance – Completion Rate columns as recorded in the Governor’s dashboard. The Governor’s dashboard actually uses the VFA . Trustee Cusumano asked if Performance Completion still linked to IPEDS? Dr. Jacobs said no, it is linked to the Governors Dashboard which uses the VFA.

7.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

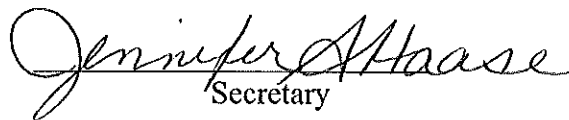
It was determined that there was no need to hold an executive session.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

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Secretary