

APPROVED AMENDED MINUTES OF 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 Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., in Room 109 of the University Center, Professional Development Center, Center Campus, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, Michigan.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Haase at 6:00 p.m.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Present: Jennifer Haase, Chairperson
Frank Cusumano, Vice Chairperson –arrived at 6:05 p.m.
Katherine Lorenzo, Secretary
Roseanne DiMaria, Treasurer
Kristi Dean, Trustee
Joseph DeSantis, Trustee
Vincent Viviano, Trustee – arrived at 6:05 p.m.

Absent: None.

Also present: James Jacobs, President
Elizabeth Argiri, Vice President, Business
Sharon Kowal, Executive Administrative Assistant to the President
Jill Thomas-Little, Vice President, Student Services
Gerri Lynn Pavone, Executive Director, Research and Planning
James Sawyer, Provost/Senior Vice President, Learning Unit
Casandra Ulbrich, Vice President, College Advancement & Community Relations
Hunter L. Wendt, General Counsel/Executive Director, College Police
Denise Williams, Vice President, Human Resources

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Haase requested the addition of 6.2 Wrestling to the agenda.

MOTION by DiMaria, supported by Lorenzo, to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion carried.

4.0 AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

5.0 REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS AND MATERIAL

None.

Dr. Jacobs said Institutional Development Day was a great success based on staff turnout and feedback. The theme of the day was student success. The Keynote speaker was Rob Johnstone. For the first time we had a panel of students -- which was really outstanding, the students were interesting.

Dr. Jacobs stated that the Board may be interested in attending Community College Day at the State Capital on Thursday, April 20, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Dr. Sawyer will be attending, as will Nicole McKee, from the President's Office. Many of the community colleges will be there. Grand Rapids Community College is providing the culinary part of day by serving lunch. This is an opportunity to meet staff and legislators.

Dr. Jacobs said at this point we are still without a community college budget. There are two different versions of the budget one in the House and one in the Senate. The House budget has no increase for community colleges and the Senate budget has a potential 1% increase. Today the House and the Senate passed their own versions of the budget and within each version there are substantial cuts to other programs. The Senate cut about \$277 million and the House \$272 million. We do not expect a budget from the State until at least June.

Trustee Haase said at the last meeting Mrs. Young spoke during audience participation in support of community colleges and asked us to contact our state legislators. She spoke to her state rep, Rep. Yaroch at quite some length and gave him the details of what is going on at Macomb and things we have done here. She expressed her personal support for the Senate version of the bill as opposed to the House version and asked him to consider that. He said he wasn't necessarily inclined to support something from the Senate but he would look at it. He said his focus was on K-12 as they had taken a larger hit than the other educational budget. He was interested and respectful and asked really good questions. She encouraged him to get in touch with the college administration and see what kind of programs we had - he said he would get in touch.

Dr. Jacobs said the newest Early College at Macomb entrance class will be completed this week. It looks like there will be at least 225 students this year. That is about the same number as last year even though we have two districts who are not participating; Utica and Lakeview. Lakeview is sending more dual enrollment students. We now have partnerships with Dryden [sic. Lapeer] and Oxford schools in Oakland County. They have about 30 to 35 students coming in to the Early College program.

Dr. Jacobs said the annual employee giving campaign was initiated April 1 and extends through April 30. We had an internal goal of \$60,000 from our employees. We are now past \$70,000 and that amount looks to grow even higher. About 150 employees have given and our goal is to increase employee participation.

Trustee Cusumano says when he was at the MISD meeting with the CFO he said the districts were going to be looking for a break at some point with Early College. Because when it was first negotiated it was at a full rate.

Dr. Jacobs said we did announce publically the \$300,000 Scholarship from the Wood Foundation and there has been a lot of interest.

6.0 ISSUE AND UPDATES

6.1 SEMCOG Delegate

It was decided by deferment and consensus that Trustee Lorenzo is the College's representative with SEMCOG.

6.2 Wrestling

Trustee Viviano requested, with the support of the Board, a feasibility study looking at adding wrestling as a club sport to the College. He was approached by two gentlemen who have a plan to start a wrestling club at the College.

Dr. Sawyer said we started a preliminary assessment but we need an agreement from the entire Board to move forward.

Trustee Cusumano asked what the age range of participants is. Trustee Viviano said this club would be for college-age students.

Trustee Dean asked if the club would be open to anyone. Trustee Viviano said it would be specifically for Macomb students.

Trustee Haase asked if it is the eventual goal, if the club did well, to add this as a sport. Trustee Viviano said yes and that Henry Ford College that just added it to their sports. Ms. Thomas-Little said we have been looking at it for a while because wrestling has been a viable sport in the community and it is very strong in the county. Muskegon Community College has had a program since 1967, Henry Ford College will be instituting a team this fall, as will, St. Clair County Community College and Mott Community College.

Trustee Cusumano said he wanted to share his experience with the Eisenhower club which feeds to Eisenhower's high school wrestling program. They went to have a tournament and because of the expense that was charged to the club by Utica Community Schools it wound up being a full day of work just for Utica Community Schools which was \$3,000 or \$4,000. He always thought the Expo Center would be a place to hold state and regional tournaments. Maybe we could rent our facilities to them. Trustee Viviano said one of the gentlemen interested in setting this up is very involved in tournaments and would like to set something up at the Expo Center. Dr. Sawyer said that would be part of the analysis - to assess those opportunities from a cost perspective. Trustee Viviano said we don't want the college to incur any kind of cost or make this a liability.

Ms. Thomas-Little asked if there was a time frame the assessment would need to be complete. Trustee Viviano said a couple of months based on start of wrestling season in late fall.

MOTION by Viviano, supported by DiMaria, to take an in-depth look at the feasibility of establishing wrestling as a club sport at the College.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Viviano, DiMaria, Cusumano, Dean, DeSantis, Lorenzo, Haase

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried

Before going into executive session, Trustee Haase made the statement that she wanted to let everyone know that we have some votes tonight that may be hard for certain people. She respects that and they have her support in their vote. She understands that completely and it is okay when we are sometimes not on the same page.

7.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Lorenzo, supported by DiMaria to move into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Lorenzo, DiMaria, Cusumano, Dean, DeSantis, Viviano, Haase

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

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The meeting recessed at 6:23 p.m.

RECONVENE

The meeting reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Secretary