

APPROVED 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 Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at 7:30 p.m., in Lecture Hall B, 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 Lorenzo at 7:55 p.m.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Present: Katherine Lorenzo, Chairperson
Frank Cusumano, Vice Chairperson
Kristi Dean, Secretary
Roseanne DiMaria, Treasurer
Joan Flynn, Trustee
Shelley Vitale, Trustee

Absent: Vincent Viviano, Trustee

Also present: James Sawyer, President
Sharon Kowal, Assistant to the President
Jeffrey Steele, General Counsel

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Flynn, supported by Cusumano, to approve the agenda as presented.

ALL IN FAVOR:

Ayes: Flynn, Cusumano, Dean, DiMaria, Vitale, Lorenzo

Nays:

Absent: Viviano

Motion carried.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Information Session, September 18, 2019

MOTION by Cusumano, supported by Dean, to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2019 information session, as read.

ALL IN FAVOR:

Ayes: Cusumano, Dean, DiMaria, Flynn, Vitale, Lorenzo

Nays:

Absent: Viviano

Motion carried.

4.2 Closed Session, September 18, 2019

MOTION by Cusumano, supported by Dean, to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2019 closed session, as read.

ALL IN FAVOR:

Ayes: Cusumano, Dean, DiMaria, Flynn, Vitale, Lorenzo

Nays:

Absent: Viviano

Motion carried.

4.3 Regular Meeting, September 18, 2019

MOTION by Cusumano, supported by Dean, to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2019 regular meeting, as read.

ALL IN FAVOR:

Ayes: Cusumano, Dean, DiMaria, Flynn, Vitale, Lorenzo

Nays:

Absent: Viviano

Motion carried.

5.0 BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORTS/PROPOSALS

5.1 Board of Trustees Reports (verbal)

Trustee Cusumano stated that he has the utmost respect and admiration for every employee that works diligently on behalf of the students and fellow faculty in this institution. In his role as a trustee, sometimes he has to ask pointed questions. They are not to besmirch or degrade any person; it is he doing his job. He wants staff members to know that he appreciates them and everything that they do and not to feel threatened but everything needs to be fully explored and vetted for him to fulfill his role as a trustee.

Trustee Flynn said that she appreciates the SOAR Program for the seniors and she is looking forward to it coming to south campus. She stated that the majority of the people who voted for the millage, and she knows that it is not being used for payment, were from the south end. She looked at the millage results and it did not pass by that much, 3,000 votes, and many of the voters were from the south end, she would like to push for SOAR to come to south campus.

6.0 PRESIDENT’S REPORT (verbal)

None.

7.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS

7.1 Financial Statements – September 30, 2019

MOTION by DiMaria, supported by Cusumano, to receive and file the financial statements for the three months ended September 30, 2019.

ALL IN FAVOR:

Ayes: DiMaria, Cusumano, Dean, Flynn, Vitale, Lorenzo

Nays:

Absent: Viviano

Motion carried

7.2 Investment Report – September 29, 2019

MOTION by DiMaria, supported by Flynn, to receive and file the investment report of securities held as of September 29, 2019.

ALL IN FAVOR:

Ayes: DiMaria, Flynn, Dean, Vitale, Lorenzo

Nays: Cusumano

Absent: Viviano

Motion carried.

7.3 Financial Reports & Analyses

7.3A. Audited Financial Statements – June 30, 2019

MOTION by DiMaria, supported by Cusumano, to receive and file the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2019.

ALL IN FAVOR:

Ayes: DiMaria, Cusumano, Dean, Flynn, Vitale, Lorenzo

Nays:

Absent: Viviano

Motion carried.

7.3B. Macomb Community College Foundation Audited Financial Report 2018-2019

MOTION by Cusumano, supported by Flynn, to receive and file the Macomb Community College Foundation Audited Financial Report for 2018-2019.

ALL IN FAVOR:

Ayes: Cusumano, Flynn, Dean, DiMaria, Vitale, Lorenzo

Nays:

Absent: Viviano

Motion carried.

7.3C. Single Audit Report – June 30, 2019

MOTION by DiMaria, supported by Dean, to receive and file the Single Audit report for the year ended June 30, 2019.

ALL IN FAVOR:

Ayes: DiMaria, Dean, Cusumano, Flynn, Vitale, Lorenzo

Nays:

Absent: Viviano

Motion carried.

8.0 AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (verbal)

None.

9.0 PERSONNEL REPORTS

9.1 Personnel Actions

9.1A. Kevin Chandler, Admin, NBU, Vice President, College Advancement and Community Relations

MOTION by Flynn, supported by Cusumano to approve the appointment of Kevin Chandler, Admin, NBU, Vice President, College Advancement and Community Relations.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Flynn, Cusumano, Dean, DiMaria, Vitale, Lorenzo

Nays:

Absent: Viviano

Motion carried.

10.0 REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION – INFORMATION ITEMS

10.1 2018-2019 Grant Closeout Report to the Board of Trustees

MOTION by Cusumano, supported by DiMaria, that the Board of Trustees receive and file the 2018-2019 Grant Closeout Report.

ALL IN FAVOR:

Ayes: Cusumano, DiMaria, Dean, Flynn, Vitale, Lorenzo

Nays:

Absent: Viviano

Motion carried

11.0 REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION – ACTION ITEMS

11.1 Donations – September 30, 2019

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

ALL IN FAVOR:

Ayes: DiMaria, Flynn, Dean, Vitale, Lorenzo

Nays: Cusumano

Absent: Viviano

Motion carried.

11.2 Change Orders (none)11.3 Authorization for Purchases11.3A Supplemental Contract Programming Resources

MOTION by Flynn, supported by DiMaria that the Board of Trustees authorize the Administration to enter into a two-year contract with Execu-Sys of New York, NY, upon the approval of General Counsel, to provide supplemental contract programming resources in a total amount not to exceed \$316,000.

DISCUSSION: Trustee Cusumano stated that he is having a difficult time keeping track of the amount of outsourcing of contracts for programming services and what is being voted on today. Can a summary, written in layman terms, of all the different ongoing programming contracts be provided to the board. The board approved this contract previously for substantially the same amount, has our position improved in this relationship and is there an end in sight.

Mr. Michael Zimmerman, CIO, started off by saying the programmer being hired lives in North Carolina but freelances for Execu-Sys, a staffing organization in New York. This will be the third renewal for this particular contract. The programmer is providing resources that essentially do not exist in Michigan, except with our sister institutions, who are also looking for the same help. Most of the people who are capable of doing this type of programming are not changing jobs they are retiring. The resources these individuals provide are for programming systems that are legacy. Schools have not taught these programming languages in over 15 years. In his presentation to the board last month, Mr. Zimmerman said that over time, the OEM's software upgrades are going to change what we and how we support things. This individual is helping us to get there. Mr. Zimmerman anticipates that once we get through the WebAdvisor replacement initiative, we should be done with the resources that she provides unless something new comes up. This type of programming cannot be hired locally, we have tried.

Mr. Zimmerman said he will prepare a summary for the board that will bullet out the technical contracts that we have with many of these organizations to bring in the skill sets we do not have amongst our staff.

Trustee Cusumano said the term legacy programs comes up often, at some point is that going to be phased out. Mr. Zimmerman said that by 2022, the legacy system that this particular programmer is working on today, will be turned off and be replaced with the new modern replacement of that.

Trustee Cusumano asked if the programmer's role is to transfer data into the new system or to maintain the old system until the new one is ready.

Mr. Zimmerman said this particular contract is a multi-faceted responsibility. There are things that this programmer does for the organization that we do not do on the inside. For instance, the programming required for the CEPI report, which is reported to the State, this programmer has the competency and the time it takes to prepare it. The individual who did this in-house retired. We have been unable to replace that individual with a programmer who is local, so we have to find somebody that knows how to do it. Mr. Zimmerman stated that this programmer used to work for a higher education institution before retiring and freelancing with Execu-Sys.

Trustee Cusumano asked if there is any performance issues with this programmer. Mr. Zimmerman said there are not. Execu-Sys was not the low bid, but because of her expertise, productivity, efficiency, and the respect that she has created with Macomb staff is why we want to award her the contract versus the other two vendors.

Trustee Flynn stated that she supported this contract from New York, but wants to confirm that there is no organization available in Macomb County or Michigan to do this work. Mr. Zimmerman said no and reiterated that people with this particular expertise are not changing jobs they are retiring. Trustee Flynn said she wanted to make a point that even our governor said to keep jobs in Michigan and we should try to get somebody in Macomb County.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Flynn, DiMaria, Cusumano, Dean, Vitale, Lorenzo

Nays:

Absent: Viviano

Motion carried.

11.4 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

MOTION by Vitale, supported by DiMaria, that the Board of Trustees appoint Rehmann to perform the auditing services for Macomb Community College for the fiscal years 2019/20 through 2020/21 with an option for an additional year for the College, the Foundation and the Federal Single Audits as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Vitale, DiMaria, Cusumano, Dean, Flynn, Lorenzo

Nays:

Absent: Viviano

Motion carried.

11.5 AUTHORIZATION FOR SALE – Property at the corner of 15 Mile and Hayes Roads

MOTION by Vitale, supported by DiMaria, that the Board of Trustees authorize Administration to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the sale of the property at 15 Mile and Hayes Roads to Damiano DeMercurio in the amount of \$600,000 subject to the review and approval of General Counsel.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Vitale, DiMaria, Cusumano, Dean, Flynn, Lorenzo

Nays:

Absent: Viviano

Motion carried.

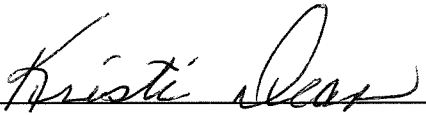
12.0 POLICY ACTIONS (none)

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Cusumano, supported by Dean, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF MACOMB BOARD OF TRUSTEES


Secretary