MINUTES OF THE FIVE HUNDRED FIFTEENTH MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Board of Trustees Room #Z-203
La-Z-Boy Center
7:30 p.m., March 28, 2011

Members present:  William J. Bacarella Jr., William H. Braunlich, Marjorie A. Kreps, Linda S. Lauer, Michael R. Meyer, Mary Kay Thayer

Members absent:  Joseph N. Bellino Jr.,

Also present:  David Nixon, Randell Daniels, Sue Wetzel, Grace Yackee, Dan Schwab, Barbara McNamee, Colleen McNamee, Paul Knollman, Brian Lay, Jim Blumberg, Mark Hall, Tracy Vogt, Peter Coomar, Steve Mapes, Joe Verkennes, Cynthia Roman, John Joy, Vuncia Council, Jean Ford, Barry Kinsey, Jim Ross, Dean Kerste, Deputy Tim George, and Victoria McIntyre (recording secretary)

1.  Chair Bacarella called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2.  It was moved by Mrs. Thayer and seconded by Mr. Meyer that the minutes of the regular meeting of February 28, 2011, be approved as presented.

   The motion carried.

3.  There were no delegations present.

B.  3. a (1)  4.  It was moved by Mrs. Kreps and seconded by Mr. Meyer that the following resolution to set the College millage levy for the 2011-12 fiscal year be adopted subject to Headlee rollback provisions

   Operating 2.1794 mills

   THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the clerks of the cities and townships of Monroe County be given written notice of this action.  Each clerk shall be requested to forward such notice to the appropriate assessing officers of the cities and townships.

   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that taxes to be raised against property within any city, any portion of which lies within the community college district
boundaries, may be levied and collected in the same manner and at the same time as the city taxes.

The motion carried.

B. 3. a. (2) 5.  It was moved by Mr. Braunlich and seconded by Mr. Meyer that the Monroe County Community College Board of Trustees hereby designates Mary Kay Thayer to serve as Michigan’s Coordinator to the Association of Community College Trustees.

The motion carried.

Mr. Braunlich commended Mrs. Thayer and Mrs. Kreps for their work with the MCCA. He also noted that Mrs. Thayer will assume the office of MCCA Chair in July, 2011.

B. 3. a. (3) 6.  It was moved by Ms. Lauer and seconded by Mrs. Kreps that Darrick Allen Whitaker be selected as the recipient of the 2011 Alumnus of the Year Award.

The motion carried.

B. 3. a. (4) 7.  It was moved by Mrs. Thayer and seconded by Mr. Meyer that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Intermediate School District’s Board of Education is seeking renewal of a countywide millage for educational technology initiatives that support curriculum goals in grades K-12 on May 3, 2011, and

WHEREAS, the monies generated by the millage will be distributed to each local school district, based on each district’s K-12 student population, and

WHEREAS, the millage dollars are designated solely for educational technology and related staffing and services, and

WHEREAS, college readiness begins in the K-12 school system.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monroe County Community College supports the Regional Enhancement Millage Renewal Proposal.

The motion carried.
C. 3. a. (1) 8. President Nixon reported on the following transfer and contract renewals.

Administrative Contract Renewal

Anthony Quinn, Director of Upward Bound, non-continuing contract, effective September 4, 2010 to September 3, 2011 (enclosure)

C. 3. a. (2) 9. The Board received the Statement of General Fund Revenues and Expenditures for the period ending February 28, 2011. The college will continue to receive tax revenue checks through the middle of March.

C. 3. a. (3) 10. The board received a thank you from Jane Clevenger for flowers sent while recuperating.

C. 3. b. (1) 11. Dean Kerste, Associate Professor of Mechanical Design Technology, presented his sabbatical report. The report was entitled, “Assessment of Satisfaction and Efficacy of Community College Faculty by Years of Service.” “The purpose of this non-experimental, quantitative study employing descriptive statistics and analysis of variance was (a) to measure the perceived satisfaction and efficacy levels of southeastern Michigan, full-time community college faculty with respect to their face-to-face and online classrooms, and (b) to explore the variance in satisfaction and efficacy levels of the faculty according to their years of service.”

C. 3. b. (2) 12. Jim Ross presented an overview of the Personal Assessment of the College Environment (PACE) survey which was administered to obtain perceptions of personnel concerning the college climate and provide data to assist MCCC in promoting more open and constructive communication among faculty, staff, and administrators. PACE uses four leadership/organizational systems ranging from coercive to collaborative. The survey also captures normative data from 166 2-year and 4-year colleges. MCCC scored 3.61 which places the college high in the consultative system and indicates a healthy campus climate. The instrument can be used for planning and decision-making in order to improve the existing college climate.

C. 3. b. (3) 13. Vice President of Instruction, Grace Yackee, reported on changes in cut scores and the implications of them. The college has set a score of 50 for reading and 32 for writing as minimums for admission to college classes. These scores do not change our policy of being an open access institution. It does, however, help measure each student’s ability to benefit. Student preparedness and a focus on remedial and developmental education will assist those who either never mastered the content of subject work or those who simply need a refresher on content. The Learning Bank, CCS, and the community will be utilized to assist in this endeavor.
C. 3. b. (4) 14. Vice President of Administration, Suzanne Wetzel, reported on The Foundation Quarterly Update. Two new Group IV members, Tom Scheer and John Joy, have been selected. The Foundation has two new endowed scholarships – Education Plus Credit Union and Roy Turner Scholarships. The Cultivation luncheon will be held on April 8 and the sixth annual Strikes, Spares, and Scholarships event is set for May 13. The Foundation adopted a resolution covering transfer of securities and adopted the 2010-11 annual meeting calendar. Members heard an update on the Career Technology Center and on One Book, One Community. The campaign strategy team received training from the Clements Group on planning and organizing a major gifts campaign. Grant updates of Title III, United Way, and pending grant proposals were heard.

C. 3. b. (5) 15. Group Four appointments (Faculty/Staff) to The Foundation for two-year terms expiring 12/31/12 are John Joy, Dean of Corporate and Community Services and Tom Scheer, Microcomputer Technician.

16. The $490,000 grant for modifications to Hurd Road Property for welding was approved today.

17. John Joy presented an update on the jobs training agreement between the college and Ventower, a company that intends to fabricate utility scale wind turbine towers. They are planning to hire 150 new employees and will require 73 of them to be trained primarily by MCCC beginning May, 2011 and ending December, 2015. Through the use of the Michigan New Jobs Training Program (MNJTP), MCCC intends to utilize the Advance Payment Method to finance the training.

"It was moved by Mrs. Thayer and seconded by Mr. Braunlich to authorize President Nixon to sign a MNJTP training agreement with Ventower Industries, LLC not to exceed $518,671."

The motion carried.

18. Dr. Nixon commended MCCC Academic All Stars, Ricki Spotts and Stephanie Dahl, who were honored for their academic achievements in Lansing recently.

C. 4. b. (1) 19. Upcoming events were noted. Commencement is April 29 at 7:00 p.m. The National Park Service will make a presentation on April 1 in the Atrium of the La-Z-Boy Center. The Foundation Cultivation luncheon will be Friday, April 8. Paul W. Smith of WJR will broadcast his morning show from the La-Z-Boy Center on May 2. The MCCC Business and Industry luncheon is May 4. The MCCA Summer Workshop will be held July 21-22 in Traverse City and Mary Kay Thayer will be inducted as MCCA Chair.
20. A study meeting for the MCCC budget will be scheduled for May.

21. *It was moved by Mr. Braunlich and seconded by Mr. Meyer that the meeting be adjourned.*

   The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

   Respectfully submitted,

   William J. Bacarella Jr.
   Chair

   Mary Kay Thayer
   Secretary

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These minutes were approved at the April 25, 2011 board meeting.