MINUTES OF THE FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH 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., June 27, 2011


Members absent: None

Also present: David Nixon, Randy Daniels, Grace Yackee, Suzanne Wetzel, Dan Schwab, Barbara McNamee, Molly McCutchan, Jim Blumberg, Paul Knollman, Vinnie Maltese, Brian Lay, Bonnie Boggs, Cynthia Roman, Joe Verkennes, Jean Ford, Jim Ross, Mark Hall, Peter Coomar, Tracy Vogt, Steve Mapes, Josh Meyers, Kevin Thomas, Mark Spenoso, Glori Applin, Deputy Mike Bomia, and Victoria McIntyre (recording secretary)

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

2. Chair Bacarella suspended the regular order of business to conduct the public hearing on the 2011-12 budget and reaffirm the millage rate to be levied for operating purposes for the 2011-12 fiscal year as 2.1794 mills of ad valorem property taxes.

Chair Bacarella declared the public hearing adjourned at 7:32 p.m. and the Board began its regular meeting.

3. It was moved by Mrs. Kreps and seconded by Mrs. Thayer that the minutes of the regular meeting of May 23, 2011, and the special meeting of May 25, 2011 be approved as presented.

The motion carried.

4. There were no delegations present.

B. 3. a. (1) 5. It was moved by Mr. Braunlich and seconded by Mr. Meyer that the following resolution of commendation be adopted:

WHEREAS, Daniel J. Schwab has decided to retire from his position as Business Manager and Treasurer of Monroe County Community College, and
WHEREAS, he has given 27 years of dedicated service to the College, serving as Business Manager and Treasurer, and Controller, and

WHEREAS, he has played a key role in the college’s financial stability, providing outstanding leadership in the business office managing the areas of accounting, budgeting, payroll, and investments, and

WHEREAS, he has led the College through many successful financial audits and played a key role in the College’s conversion to its electronic administrative software system, Datatel Colleague, and

WHEREAS, he has been a fervent advocate for Monroe County Community College, sharing his time and talent on numerous committees, including serving as the treasurer of the Campus/Community Events Committee, and

WHEREAS, he played a pivotal role in the establishment and success of The Foundation at Monroe County Community College, providing exceptional support to its Finance Committee and managing its internal accounting and audits, and

WHEREAS, he was honored as the 2001 Outstanding Business Officer, Region 10, by the Community College Business Officers, an international organization representing community colleges and community college system offices in the US and in Canada, and

WHEREAS, he has been a member of and held leadership positions in many statewide organizations including the Michigan Community College Business Officers Association, serving as president in 1997-1998, and the Michigan Community College Personnel Administrators Association, serving as president in 1996-1997, and

WHEREAS, he has displayed community leadership through his membership in the Monroe Exchange Club, and

WHEREAS, everyone associated with Monroe County Community College has benefited from the diligence and commitment he put into his work on behalf of Monroe County Community College and its mission, and he will be remembered as an outstanding employee and co-worker.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees recognizes Daniel J. Schwab for his 27 years of dedicated service and contributions to the College, its students, and public, and

THAT IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees expresses its very best wishes for his continued success, well being, and happiness on this Monday, June 27, 2011.
The motion carried.

B. 3. a. (2) 6. *It was moved by Mr. Meyer and seconded by Mrs. Kreps that the 2011-12 MCCC budget be approved as presented and that the millage rate to be levied for operating purposes for the 2011-12 fiscal year be reaffirmed as 2.1794 mills of ad valorem property tax.*

The motion carried.

B. 3. a. (3) 7. *It was moved by Mrs. Thayer and seconded by Mr. Bellino that the schedule of meetings of the Board of Trustees for the fiscal year 2011-12 be adopted as follows:*

| Time: 7:30 p.m. |
| Place: Board of Trustees Room, Z-203* |
| La-Z-Boy Center |
*The April 23, 2012 meeting will be held at the MCCC Whitman Center, 7777 Lewis Avenue, Temperance, MI.

Monday, September 26, 2011  Monday, February 27, 2012
Monday, October 24, 2011  Monday, March 26, 2012
Monday, November 21, 2011  Monday, April 23, 2012 (Whitman)

The motion carried.

B. 3. a. (4) 8. *It was moved by Mr. Braunlich and seconded by Mr. Bellino that the following individuals be designated to represent the Board before the Michigan Community College Association Board of Directors for the year 2011-12:

| Trustee Director          | Mary Kay Thayer, Secretary            |
| Alternate Trustee Director | Marge Kreps, Trustee                  |
| President Director        | David E. Nixon.                       |

The motion carried.

Vice President Braunlich recognized Mrs. Thayer as the next Chairperson of the MCCA.

B. 3. a. (5) 9. *It was moved by Mr. Meyer and seconded by Mrs. Kreps that Policy 2.19, Management Salary Schedule be revised to retain the same rates of pay during fiscal year 2011-12 as were in effect during fiscal year 2008-09, 2009-10, and 2010-11.*
The motion carried.

B. 3. a. (6) 10.  *It was moved by Mr. Braunlich and seconded by Mr. Meyer that Policy 8.08, Support Staff Salary Schedule be revised to retain the same rates of pay during fiscal year 2011-12 as were in effect during fiscal year 2008-09, 2009-10, and 2010-11.*

The motion carried.

B. 3. a. (7) 11. *It was moved by Mrs. Thayer and seconded by Mrs. Kreps that Policy 11.00, Adjunct Faculty Salary Schedule be revised to retain the same rates of pay during fiscal year 2011-12 as were in effect during fiscal year 2008-09, 2009-10, and 2010-11.*

The motion carried.

B. 3. a. (8) 12. *It was moved by Mrs. Thayer and seconded by Mr. Meyer that Policy 11.01, Part-Time Support Staff Salary Schedule be revised to retain the same rates of pay during fiscal year 2011-12 as were in effect during fiscal year 2008-09, 2009-10, and 2010-11.*

The motion carried.

B. 3. a. (9) 13. *It was moved by Mr. Braunlich and seconded by Mr. Meyer that Suzanne M. Wetzel be named Interim Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Community College District of Monroe County, Michigan for a two-year term subject to future designation by the Board.*

The motion carried.

B. 3. a. (10) 14. *It was moved by Mr. Meyer and seconded by Mr. Bellino that Policy 6.04, Policy for Designated Depositories for College Funds be revised as presented naming Suzanne M. Wetzel, Treasurer.*

The motion carried.

B. 3. a. (11) 15. *It was moved by Mr. Meyer and seconded by Mrs. Kreps that Policy 6.21, Drug and Alcohol Policy, be revised as presented.*

The motion carried.

B. 3. a. (12) 16. *It was moved by Mr. Bellino and seconded by Mrs. Thayer that the following Resolution of Support for Comprehensive Energy Legislation be adopted:*
WHEREAS the Michigan Legislature passed with overwhelming bipartisan and bicameral support and Michigan’s Governor signed into law a Comprehensive Energy Package (Public Acts 286 and 295 of 2008),

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Energy Package was the product of nearly two years of research and dialogue involving a broad array of stakeholders including Michigan’s largest business organizations, utility companies, electric cooperatives, labor organizations, residential and commercial energy users, and renewable energy and energy efficiency advocates,

WHEREAS, 2008’s Comprehensive Energy Package has already demonstrated that it is a vital component of Michigan’s economic reinvention,

WHEREAS, the 2008 Comprehensive Energy Package, through its provisions creating a cap on the Electric Choice Program, has stabilized Michigan’s electricity marketplace and minimized price volatility,

WHEREAS, the 2008 Comprehensive Energy Package has created an environment for continued investment in Michigan’s energy infrastructure to ensure that its future needs are met including investment locally at Monroe Power Plant and the Combined Operating License Application for Fermi 3,

WHEREAS, the 2008 Comprehensive Energy Package is promoting billions of dollars in investment in Michigan’s renewable energy resources as evidenced by new wind and solar farms being developed across the state including the $3 million SolarCurrents investment at Monroe County Community College, and the A123 Systems Demonstration Project,

WHEREAS, the 2008 Comprehensive Energy Package is encouraging residents and businesses to take advantage of energy optimization tools and strategies to save energy and money,

WHEREAS, the parties promoting changes to the Retail Open Access cap invest little in Michigan’s communities and institutions and create few jobs,

WHEREAS the bills will help develop the state’s renewable energy resources,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Monroe County Community College reaffirms the support it offered in 2008 and supports the Michigan Jobs and Energy Coalition’s efforts to defend and maintain the comprehensive energy policies adopted in 2008, and

THAT IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that Monroe County Community College urges the Michigan House of Representatives and the Michigan Senate to keep Michigan on the path established by the 2008 Comprehensive Energy Package, and
THAT IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be communicated to the leadership of the Michigan State Senate, the Michigan House of Representatives and the Governor.

The motion carried.

This resolution affirms June 2008 Board support of the Energy Reform Law (Public Acts 286 and 295) of June 2008.

C. 2. a. (1)  16. The Board received a letter of thanks from Stephen Banachowski for receiving a Presidential Scholarship.

C. 2. a. (2)  17. The Board received a letter of thanks from Alix Jaeger for receiving a Presidential Scholarship.

C. 2. a. (3)  18. The Board received a letter of thanks from Tia Keeler for receiving a Presidential Scholarship.

C. 2. a. (4)  19. The Board received a letter of thanks from Aubry McIntyre for receiving a Board of Trustees Scholarship.

C. 2. a. (5)  20. The Board received a letter of thanks from Veronica Gabriel for receiving a Board of Trustees Scholarship.

C. 2. a. (6)  21. The Board received a note of thanks from Katie Fleming for receiving a Board of Trustees Scholarship.

C. 2. a. (7)  22. The Board received a letter of thanks from Bill Cieslinski for receiving a Board of Trustees Scholarship.

C. 2. a. (8)  23. The Board received a letter of thanks from Timothy West for receiving a Presidential Scholarship.

C. 3. a. (1)  24. President Nixon reported on the following staff appointment, retirement, and resignation.

Staff Appointment:

Retirement:
Dan Schwab, Business Manager and Treasurer, effective July 1, 2011.

Resignation:
Tammy Foster, Payroll Clerk, effective July 15, 2011.
C. 3. a. (2) 25. The Board received the Statement of General Fund Revenues and Expenditures for the period ending May 31, 2011.

The college has received all tax payments from the county. Tuition revenue is down because of a decrease in enrollment. The college will be receiving state appropriations at $130,000 above budget.

C. 3. b. (1) 26. Vice President Suzanne Wetzel reported on the Foundation Quarterly Update. The June 13 meeting marked the 50th meeting of The Foundation. There are currently 39 endowed scholarships; 3 new endowed scholarships – Education Plus Credit Union Scholarship, Roy Turner Scholarship, and Ruthie Merrit Memorial Scholarship; and ten scholarships working toward endowment. Market value of the scholarship portfolio is $1.9 million. Over $100,000 in scholarships were awarded this year. The annual meeting schedule was approved. The Annual Fund Drive raised $43,000. The sixth annual Strikes, Spares, and Scholarships event raised over $5,400. Tickets for the second annual Tailgate Raffle will go on sale this fall. A $100,000 grant from the Charles E. Schell Foundation and Fifth Third Bank was received by the grants office for student loans.

C. 3. b. (2) 27. Jim Blumberg, Director of Physical Plant and Campus Development chair, presented an update on college land usage including the car charging stations, a wind tower, and a vineyard.

Two electric charging stations are in operation in front of the La-Z-Boy Center. There was no cost to the college for installation and there is no cost to the consumer to use the charger at this time. The stations will be incorporated into electric car course work at the college. An 80’ wind turbine will be constructed behind the health/science building. Students will get hands-on experience by being able to directly access the wind turbine that is attached to the top of the pole. Funding for the project was approved by DTE. The Perkins Grant will be utilized for continued funding. There is no cost to the college. The Bacchus Society has begun work on a vineyard on college grounds. The goals is to work all aspects of enology into college curriculum and will include culinary and biology students. Production for a 50th college anniversary wine is also planned.

C. 4. b. (1) 28. It was moved by Mrs. Thayer and seconded by Mr. Meyer that the Board go into closed session at the request of David E. Nixon, President, to discuss his periodic personnel evaluation.

A roll call vote was taken as follows

   Yes: Bellino, Meyer, Lauer, Braunlich, Thayer, Kreps, Bacarella
   No: None

The motion carried and the meeting was closed at 8:48 p.m.
Open session resumed at 9:02 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Braunlich and seconded by Mr. Meyer that the following statement regarding the summary evaluation of Dr. Nixon during his eighth year as President of MCCC be formally adopted.

MCCC, as well as the citizens, businesses and organizations of Monroe County, continues to be blessed with a creative, talented, proven, exceptionally visible and highly effective community college president who is incredibly motivated and totally committed to the mission of Monroe County Community College, the needs of students and the economic and cultural enrichment of our community at large.

Eight years after his initial recruitment and hire in August of 2003, Dr. Nixon is recognized as an entrepreneurial and transformational leader at MCCC and in the broader community. Entrepreneurial and transformational leaders recognize opportunities, mobilize resources, inspire other individuals and organizations, and nurture a climate conducive to creativity and new beginnings. Dr. Nixon has done this repeatedly at MCCC. Further, Dr. Nixon has displayed this creativity and vision even in the midst of a continuing and severe financial recession in our community and state and despite considerable budgetary constraints.

Dave Nixon relishes the challenge to be responsive to student and community needs in Monroe County. Dave Nixon understands that fulfillment of MCCC’s educational mission requires flexibility, creativity, and successful relationships with multiple and varied external constituencies. Dave Nixon consistently demonstrates a positive orientation toward change and a future orientation toward excellence in all endeavors. And, Dave Nixon sees opportunities, in the midst of our economic challenges, for growth, improvements, and new and important dimensions of educational opportunities for students.

Monroe County residents and Monroe County Community College cannot afford “status quo” thinking by our community and by college leadership. We need visionary leaders on the MCCC board, within the institution, and in positions throughout MCCC’s growing and impressive partnership network. Leaders who share a bond with the citizens and educators who so superbly advocated for the original creation of the college in 1964. We need individuals who see a universe of possibilities in Monroe and at MCCC despite the economic storm. Such vision is the distinguishing characteristic of transformational leaders...i.e., the ability to transcend the traditional boundaries of time and space and articulate an inspiring vision that will lead to action. Dr. Nixon is such a leader. Dave communicates an inspiring vision of MCCC with grace, infectious good humor and contagious passion.
The motion carried.

C. 4. b. (2) 29. Upcoming events were noted. Mrs. Thayer will be attending the MCCA Summer Workshop in Traverse City. She will be speaking at the Trustee Institute there.

30. *It was moved by Mr. Meyer and seconded by Mrs. Thayer that the meeting be adjourned.*

The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Bacarella Jr.
Chair

Mary Kay Thayer
Secretary

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These minutes were approved at the September 26, 2011 Board of Trustees meeting.