MINUTES OF THE FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY FOURTH 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 26, 2012

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, Deborah Beagle, Barbara McNamee, Paul Knollman, Brian Lay, Jim Blumberg, Mark Hall, Rick Hubbert, Tracy Vogt, Peter Coomar, Joe Verkennes, Cynthia Roman, Kimberly Lindquist, John Joy, Jean Ford, Jim Ross, Vinnie Maltese, Mark Naber, Khadija Ahmed, Patrick Nedry, Patrick Wise, Jamie DeLeeuw, Josh Myers, and Victoria McIntyre (recording secretary)

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

2. It was moved by Mrs. Kreps and seconded by Mrs. Thayer that the minutes of the special meeting of February 27, 2012 be approved and the regular meeting of February 27, 2012 be approved with a correction.

The motion carried.

3. There were no delegations present.

B. 3. a. (1) It was moved by Mrs. Thayer and seconded by Mr. Meyer that the following resolution to set the College millage levy for the 2012-13 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.
It was moved by Mr. Meyer and seconded by Ms. Lauer 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.

It was moved by Ms. Lauer and seconded by Mr. Meyer that Alan Barron be selected as the recipient of the 2012 Alumnus of the Year Award.

The motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Meyer and seconded by Mr. Braunlich that the Board authorizes the president to execute a contract for Kimberly Lindquist, Dean of Health Sciences/Director of Nursing, effective April 28, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

The motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Braunlich and supported by Mrs. Thayer that the Board authorizes the president to sign and submit on behalf of the Trustees a pledge to support the Monroe County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC) by being a willing partner in promoting economic growth in Monroe County and to maintain a current and relevant Development Streamlining Guide by keeping the MCEDC informed of changes in information contained within the guide.

The motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Meyer and supported by Mrs. Kreps that the Monroe County Community College Board of Trustees authorizes the president to sign an easement agreement for the natural gas lines serving main campus with Michigan Gas Utilities for the life of the facilities.”

Jim Blumberg, Director of Physical Plant, explained that after applying for a gas line permit for the new Career Technology Center, it was discovered that the original gas lines have begun to corrode and need to be replaced. If the work is done now, it will cost the college about half as new lines need to be installed for the CTC. The existing gas lines are in green areas, so no parking lots will be affected. The college maintenance staff will do the clean up and ground works.

The motion carried.
C. 3. a. (1) 10. President Nixon reported on the following staff appointments and contract renewal.

**Staff Appointment:**
Kimberly Lindquist, Dean of Health Sciences and Director of Nursing, second-year probationary contract, effective April 28, 2012 through June 30, 2013

Eric Slough, Coordinator of Grants and Major Gifts, effective March 12, 2012 (replacing Beth Kohler)

**Contract Renewal**
Jason Karamol, Welding Instructor, second-year probationary contract, effective August 27, 2012 through May 9, 2013

C. 3. a. (2) 11. The Board received the Statement of General Fund Revenues and Expenditures for the period ending February 29, 2012. To date, the college has collected $11.3 million from property taxes, which is 92.4 percent of budget. An incoming transfer of $45,000 from the 62 Fund General Endowment to the General Fund was used for equipment replacement and included in the budget for this year. The funds are from interest earned on an endowment. The last time this was done was in 2001-02.

C. 3. a. (3) 12. The Board received the Federal Awards Audit 2011. The audit has been submitted to the Department of Education. There were two findings on the audit. The college received an unqualified opinion which is in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

C. 3. a. (4) 13. The board received a thank you from Jill Denko for a memorial sent at the death of her father, Mike Denko.

C. 3. b. (1) 14. Suzanne Wetzel, Vice President of Administration and Executive Director of The Foundation at MCCC, provided The Foundation Quarterly Update. The Foundation met on March 12. Dr. Ronald Campbell, first president of the college, presented a pictorial history of the college. Other items discussed included introduction of Eric Slough, Coordinator of Grants and Major Gifts; Cultivation Luncheon March 23; CTC information; Scholarship updates; STARS System; five new resolutions; Upward Bound grants; Annual fund; and Strikes, Spares and Scholarships on May 18. A video of the Enhancement Grants awards ceremony was also presented. A total of $22,500 was funded for 18 applications.

C. 3. b. (2) 15. Dean Vinnie Maltese provided a detailed report on the progress of the Math Redesign program piloted at the college in Fall 2011. A large percentage of students are challenged by entry-level math. To address the challenges, Netbooks were purchased for all 090, 150, and 151 math students and the
proven Emporium Model which uses Six Best Practices of a Successful Redesign was implemented to support the initiative. Students who persist to the end achieved success rates of up to 90 percent. The pilot was considered a success and the program will continue.

C. 4. b. (1) 16. Upcoming events were noted. Commencement will be held on April 27 at 7:00 p.m. Trustee Braunlich asked Trustees to save the date of April 14 for announcements about the River Raisin Battlefield Park. The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held at the Whitman Center.

17. Trustee Thayer distributed a document she used to address Chairman Booher, Senators, and Representatives at the MCCA Spring Board of Directors meeting regarding increased activity and intrusion into local community college decision making. The Michigan Constitution is very clear regarding the role of community college trustees. Article VIII, Section 7 states, “The Legislature shall provide by law for the establishment and support of public community colleges which shall be supervised and controlled by locally elected boards.”

18. A study meeting for the MCCC budget will be scheduled for the afternoon of May 21, 2012.

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

The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Bacarella Jr.
Chair

Mary Kay Thayer
Secretary

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These minutes were approved at the April 23, 2012 Board of Trustees meeting.