MINUTES OF THE FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Whitman Center
7777 Lewis Avenue, Temperance, MI
7:30 p.m., April 23, 2012


Member absent: Linda S. Lauer

Also present: David Nixon, Randell Daniels, Suzanne Wetzel, Grace Yackee, Deb Beagle, Brian Lay, Molly McCutchan, Jim Ross, Jean Ford, Joe Verkennes, Vinnie Maltese, Valerie Culler, Barbara McNamee, Paul Knollman, Pat Nedry, Sandy Kosmyna, John Joy, Josh Myers, Patrick Wise, Jamie DeLeeuw, Peter Coomar, and Victoria McIntyre (recording secretary)

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

2. Sandy Kosmyna, Director of the Whitman Center, welcomed the board and guests to the Whitman Center. Dr. Nixon thanked the Whitman family for their generous donation for the Whitman Center.

3. It was moved by Mrs. Thayer and seconded by Mr. Meyer that the minutes of the regular meeting of March 26, 2012, be approved as presented.

The motion carried.

4. There were no delegations present.

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Alan Barron is an avid supporter of Monroe County Community College, exhibiting outstanding community leadership, exemplary service to the College, and distinction in his chosen field, and

WHEREAS, he is a 1976 graduate of Monroe County Community College and continued his education earning a Bachelor of Science degree from Western Michigan University in 1978, and a Master of Arts degree from Michigan State University in 1987, and
WHEREAS, he has left an indelible footprint upon the youth of our community serving in the classroom for 34 years as a teacher for Monroe Public Schools, and

WHEREAS, he has been elected to serve his community as the Monroe Charter Township Supervisor, and also volunteers his time to serve as the secretary/treasurer of the Monroe County Township Association, and

WHEREAS, he has served as a mentor, coach, umpire and as Director of the Custer Baseball and Softball leagues for over 30 years, inspiring everyone with his generosity, compassion and commitment to our community, and

WHEREAS, he has served on the MCCC Alumni Association Board of Directors since 2008, serving as its chair for the past three years, and also serving on The Foundation at Monroe County Community College Board of Directors, and

WHEREAS, he is a tireless college and community volunteer who gives generously of his time and talent to the Monroe County Homelessness Association, Relay for Life, Walk for Warmth, and the Salvation Army, and

WHEREAS, he has been recognized for his dedication and leadership through the Michigan Minuteman Award, Hero for the Homeless Award, Prom Gala Leading By Example Award, and being nominated for the Monroe Rotary Service Above Self Award, and

WHEREAS, he is a man of great character and integrity who exemplifies the best of Monroe County Community College.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees recognizes and congratulates Mr. Alan Barron on his accomplishments and awards, and

THAT IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees honor him with the 2012 Monroe County Community College Alumnus of the Year Award and expresses its sincere gratitude and appreciation on this Monday, April 23, 2012.

The motion carried.

B. 3. a. (2) 6. It was moved by Mr. Braunlich and seconded by Mrs. Kreps that the following resolution of commendation for College Supporter of the Year be adopted:

WHEREAS, the board members of Pump Engineering LLC, Pump Engineering Parent Inc., and Hurd Road Property Inc. along with their respective shareholders are avid supporters of Monroe County Community
College, demonstrating a vision for the future that begins with an educational foundation, and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2010, they unanimously agreed to donate to Monroe County Community College the property formerly known as Pump Engineering Inc. located at 1004 West Hurd Road in Monroe, Michigan, and

WHEREAS, this 18,190 square foot facility has been transformed into the Monroe County Community College Welding Center of Expertise, a state-of-the-art, cross-categorical welding skills laboratory, and

WHEREAS, this facility has enabled MCCC to offer 10-week courses to prepare students for American Welding Society QC-10 and QC-11 certification which will qualify them for entry into advanced-level employment, self-employment and local welding labor unions, and

WHEREAS, the board members and shareholders have expressed their advocacy for the value of higher education and their staunch support of MCCC, taking this opportunity to promote the important role that education plays in southeast Michigan’s ability to stay competitive in the global marketplace and inspiring others to invest in the college, and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Community College District of Monroe County and the MCCC students who enroll in these courses will continue to benefit from their generous gift through the courses that they take, the employment opportunities that become available, and the strengthening of our local economy, and

WHEREAS, Monroe County Community College is indeed fortunate to have a philanthropic partner who is committed to helping expand educational opportunities in our community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees recognizes the board members of Pump Engineering LLC, Pump Engineering Parent Inc., and Hurd Road Property Inc. along with their respective shareholders as the 2012 College Supporter of the Year in appreciation of their continued support of Monroe County Community College, and its students and public, and for their most generous and public spirited donation, and

THAT IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees expresses its sincere gratitude on this Monday, April 23, 2012.

The motion carried.

B. 3. a. (3) 7. It was moved by Mrs. Thayer and seconded by Mrs. Kreps that the following resolution of commendation by adopted:
WHEREAS, Mrs. Bonnie Welniak, MSN, R.N., has decided to retire from her position as Assistant Professor of Nursing with Monroe County Community College, effective May 5, 2012, and

WHEREAS, for 18 years, she has long been considered an outstanding professor who has developed and delivered excellent curriculum in the Nursing Program, and

WHEREAS, she was an early innovator for distance learning, charter member of a consortium of three colleges to develop an online LPN to RN completion track. This involved the two year process of attaining program approval through the Michigan Board of Nursing, and

WHEREAS, she was one of two faculty who taught in the online track and who developed the part-time option, and

WHEREAS, she taught about 20 percent of the RN program in the areas of pediatric and medical surgical nursing, and

WHEREAS, she has served on the Learning Resources, Instructional Staff Development, Distance Learning, and Higher Learning Commission Committees, and

WHEREAS, she has served as an active member of the NLNAC Workgroup, Nursing Workgroup, Health Sciences Division Committee, and

WHEREAS, she has taught and inspired over 1000 nursing graduates, many of whom continue to provide excellent patient care to citizens in the surrounding area hospitals, and

WHEREAS, she has demonstrated a high level of professionalism and dedication both on and off campus, within the nursing community, and

WHEREAS, she has been a role model and mentor for nurse educators who share her passion for the highest degree of excellence in patient care.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees recognize Mrs. Bonnie Welniak, MSN, R.N., for her dedicated service and contributions to the college, our students, and the community, and

THAT IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that by the president’s recommendation, Mrs. Bonnie Welniak, shall hereby be granted faculty emeritus status, and
THAT IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees expresses its very best wishes for her continued success, well being, and happiness on this Monday, April 23, 2012.

The motion carried.

B. 3. a. (4) 8. It was moved by Mr. Bellino and seconded by Mr. Braunlich that Policy 3.05, Tuition and Fees Policy, be revised as follows

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Vice President Wetzel detailed contributing factors toward the proposed increase including reduced property tax revenues, decreases in state appropriations, and a decrease in student enrollment. She also outlined tuition comparisons with other community colleges around the state and how the proposed increase would affect MCCC students. MCCC’s tuition rates remain among the lowest in the state.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Yes: Bellino, Braunlich, Kreps, Meyer, Thayer

No: None

The motion carried.

B. 3. a. (5) 9. It was moved by Mrs. Thayer and seconded by Mr. Meyer that Policy 4.02, Pre-Professional or Transfer Programs, be revised as presented.

The motion carried.

C. 2. a. (1) 10. The Board received a Letter of Accreditation from The Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) which commended the college for its “continuous quality improvement in education.”

C. 3. a. (1) 11. Dr. Nixon reported on the following retirement:

Retirement:
Bonnie Welniak, Assistant Professor of Nursing, effective May 5, 2012
C. 3. a. (2) 12. The Board received the Statement of General Fund Revenues and Expenditures for the period ending March 31, 2012. Deb Beagle, Director of Finance, reported that as of the end of March, general fund revenues exceeded expenditures by almost $4.9 million. Revenues and expenditures closely align with last year’s figures. The college continues to receive small payments of delinquent taxes and expects to receive a final settlement soon. Last year’s final payment to the college was $790,000.

C. 3. b. (1) 13. Vice President Randy Daniels and Coordinator of Research, Evaluation and Assessment Dr. Jamie DeLeeuw reported on results from the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE). Vice President Daniels reported that CCSSE surveys credit students and gathers information about their overall college experience. It focuses on education practices and student behaviors associated with higher levels of learning, persistence, and completion. MCCC ranks close to benchmark scores consistently.

Dr. DeLeeuw presented an overview as to the application of the findings such as making various existing programs mandatory to increase student success. She will be calculating the influence of predictors such as student effort, active and collaborative learning, student-faculty interaction, support for learners, academic challenge, and student satisfaction to provide a more complete picture of student success (e.g. retention, graduation, performance). Findings will provide guidance for program initiatives and resource allocation.

C. 3. b. (2) 14. Vice President Wetzel presented an update on the Career Technology Center. About 39 percent of the project has been awarded to local businesses. Many workers from all phases of the project live in Monroe County. The site work is almost complete. Water, gas, storm and sewer lines have been installed. The new water lines are connected. Foundation work starts April 30. Groundbreaking is scheduled for May 4. The project is on time and on budget.

Chair Bacarella added that the Capital Campaign team met last week and that positive community attitude remains strong.

C. 4. b. (1) 15. Board members chose May 21, 2012, 5:00 p.m. for a study meeting focusing on the 2012-13 budget. The Culinary Commencement will be at 3 p.m. on April 25. Commencement will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 27. The WJR Paul W. Smith Pure Michigan morning show is scheduled for May 4 at 6:00 a.m. in the Atrium followed by groundbreaking for the new Career Technology Center.

16. It was moved by Mr. Bellino and seconded by Mr. Meyer that the meeting be adjourned.
The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Bacarella Jr.
Chair

Mary Kay Thayer
Secretary

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These minutes were approved at the May 21, 2012 Board of Trustees meeting.