MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Board of Trustees Room, #Z-203
La-Z-Boy Center
5:00 p.m., May 21, 2012


Members absent: none

Also present: David Nixon, Randy Daniels, Suzanne Wetzel, Grace Yackee, Molly McCutchan, Deb Beagle, Sandy Kosmyna, Jim Vallade, Jim Blumberg, Joe Verkennes, Pat Nedry, Brian Lay, Paul Knollman, Josh Myers, Judy VanDaele, Bonnie Boggs, Rick Hubbert, Tyler Eagle, Taylor Pinson, and Victoria McIntyre (recording secretary)

1. Chair Bacarella called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. The reason for the special meeting was for the purpose of having a public discussion regarding preparations for the 2012-13 budget.

2. There were no delegations present.

3. Dr. Nixon began the budget discussion with an overview of the process and noted the challenge of estimating the three main streams of revenue which are property taxes, state appropriations, and tuition. He explained that this is done for the purpose of discussion as the actual trustee vote does not occur until the June meeting. Budget and revenue reductions have prompted a need for the college to offer retirement options to 22 employees eligible based on age and years of service.

Vice President Suzanne Wetzel presented an overview of the 2012-2013 budget. The budget committee has been meeting since March in preparation of presenting a balanced budget. Continuous tracking of revenue and expenses is critical to the process. Cost cutting considerations that may be necessary to balance the budget were summarized. Measures being considered/discussed are possible reductions in capital requests that can be delayed, reducing the operations at the Whitman Center during Spring/Summer sessions, studying feasibility of the campus Child Care Center, and scrutinizing budget items that are deemed not critical to the operation.

The 2012-2013 budget is a work-in-progress and the final draft will be presented at the June board meeting for approval.

Justin Spewock of Ballard Benefits, the insurance broker chosen by the college Insurance Task Force to consider health insurance plans, explained ways the college would meet
insurance requirements spelled out in the 80/20 legislation which would require college employees to pay 20% of their health care costs. While a trustee vote is not required for the choice of insurance providers, the budget is impacted by the costs, which was the reason Cabinet presented the recommendations of the insurance task force.

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

The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 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.