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

Board of Trustees Room, Z203
La-Z-Boy Center
7:30 p.m., November 21, 2011


Also present: David Nixon, Sue Wetzel, Grace Yackee, Molly McCutchan, Peter Coomar, Brian Lay, Barbara McNamee, Paul Knollman, Jean Ford, Mark Hall, Jim Blumberg, Jim Ross, Joe Verkennes, Josh Myers, John Joy, Barry Kinsey, Patrick Wise, Pat Nedry, Valerie Culler, Deb Beagle, Patrick Barley, 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 Mrs. Kreps that the minutes of the regular meeting of October 24, 2011 be approved as presented.*

The motion carried.

3. Patrick Barely spoke to the board about the importance of the Learning Bank, the impact of education on families, and the need for funding to keep it open.

4. Members of the Audit Committee (Bacarella, Bellino, Kreps) met with Matt Hehl, representative of Cooley Hehl Wohlgamuth & Carlton, prior to the Board meeting. Matt then provided an overview of the audit process and findings for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011 to the entire Board. The auditors issued an unqualified opinion. As a component unit of the College, a report on Foundation financial statements was also included in the audit document. (A copy of the audit document is filed with the Board minutes.)

C. 2. a. (1)

5. The Board received a thank you note from Georgianna Lingar, Mercy Memorial Hospice, for MCCC’s assistance with the Veterans’ Hospice Conference on October 13, 2011 in a partnership with Hospice of Northwest Ohio.

C. 2. a. (2)

6. The Board also received a thank you note from Judy Seibenick, Hospice of Northwest Ohio, for MCCC’s assistance with the Veterans’ Hospice Conference on October 13, 2011 with their counterparts from Mercy Memorial Hospice.

C. 3. a. (1)

7. Dr. Nixon reported on the following resignation:
Resignation
Terri Lukshaitis, Payroll Clerk, effective December 31, 2011

C. 3. a. (2) 8. The statement of General Fund Revenues and Expenditures for the Period Ending October 31, 2011 was presented by Deb Beagle, Director of Financial Services. The college has begun receiving state appropriations.

C. 3. a. (3) 9. The Board received a thank you card from Josh and Sheila Myers for flowers sent at the birth of their son.

C. 3. a. (4) 10. The Board received a thank you card from Valerie Culler for a donation made at the death of her father-in-law, Dave Culler.

C. 3. a. (5) 11. The audit report given at start of the meeting.

C. 3. a. (6) 12. Joe Verkennes presented an overview of the first-ever electronic version of the MCCC Annual Report. The 2010-11 “Enriching Lives” themed report was viewed electronically as Mr. Verkennes navigated the report for the board. Links to video clips, articles, and pictures provided a comprehensive overview of college activities. The presentation was well received. About 1,500 hard copies of the report were printed for distribution to those without access to the Internet. Printed copies will also be distributed to college donors.

C. 4. b. (1) 13. Trustees Meyer and Braunlich reported on the Council for Resource Development (CRD) Conference held November 7-12 in Washington, D.C. Affordability and accessibility is an important component of community colleges. The new imperative for community colleges is fundraising as the trend of shifting costs to students grows.

14. Mary Kay Thayer attended the MCCA Executive Committee meeting on November 18 in Lansing. Attendance at events in Lansing such as the Legislative Summit is important. MCCA funding has been cut, so representation is crucial.

C. 4. b. (2) 15. Upcoming events were noted.

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 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Bacarella Jr.
Chair

Mary Kay Thayer
Secretary

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