



MORTON COLLEGE

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 527

COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday
March 25, 2015

1.0

Convening the Meeting:

1.1

Call to Order:

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Illinois Community College District No. 527 was called to order by Board Chair Anthony Martinucci at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2015, in the Morton College Board Room (221-B).

1.2

Roll Call:

Present: Frank J. Aguilar, Trustee
Susan L. Banks, Secretary
Joseph J. Belcaster, Trustee
Jose A. Collazo, Trustee
Melissa Cundari, Vice Chair (arrived at 5:08 pm)
Anthony Martinucci, Chair
Omar Ruiz, Advisory-Voting Student Member
(arrived at 5:10 pm)

Absent: Melissa Cundari, Vice Chair (from 5:00 – 5:08 pm)
Frances F. Reitz, Trustee
Omar Ruiz, Advisory-Voting Student Member (from
5:00 – 5:10 pm)

Also Present: Dana Grove, President
Holly Tomchey, Attorney

10.4

Closed Session:
(o.p.)

Chair Martinucci announced that the Closed Session would be taken up at this time.

Trustee Belcaster moved to approve a recess to Closed Session to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of Morton College; to consider collective negotiating matters for one or more classes of employees of Morton College; and to consider probable or imminent litigation matters pursuant to chapter 5 of the *Illinois Compiled Statutes* Section 120/2 (c) (1), (2), and (11) respectively. Trustee Collazo seconded the motion.

All were in favor. (voice vote) Absent: Trustees Cundari and Reitz and Advisory-Voting Student Member Ruiz. Motion carried.

- Recess: The Board recessed to the Office of the President for Closed Session at 5:01 p.m.
- Arrival of Vice Chair Cundari:* Vice Chair Cundari arrived at 5:08 p.m. for the meeting and joined the Board in its Closed Session.
- Arrival of Student Member Ruiz:* Advisory-Voting Student Member Ruiz arrived at 5:10 p.m. for the meeting and joined the Board in its Closed Session.
- Reconvening: The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 5:16 p.m. by Chair Martinucci. Upon roll call, the following were found present: Trustees Aguilar, Banks, Belcaster, Collazo, Cundari, and Martinucci, and Advisory-Voting Student Member Ruiz. Absent: Trustee Reitz.
- 2.0
Consent and Information Agenda: Items identified by an asterisk on the Agenda have been placed on the Consent Agenda:
- Item 3.1 — Minutes of Regular Meeting held February 25, 2015.
- Trustee Cundari moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Trustee Collazo seconded the motion.
- Advisory Vote – Student Member Ruiz: Aye.
- Ayes: Trustees Aguilar, Banks, Belcaster, Collazo, Cundari, and Martinucci. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Reitz. Motion carried.
- 3.0
Approval of Minutes
of Previous Meeting(s):
- 3.1
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Held February 25, 2015: Approved by consent — see Agenda Item 2.0.
- 3.2
Minutes of the Closed Session
Held February 25, 2015: Trustee Cundari moved to approve the Minutes of the Closed Session held February 25, 2015 as submitted. Trustee Collazo seconded the motion.
- Advisory Vote – Student Member Ruiz: Aye.
- Ayes: Trustees Aguilar, Banks, Collazo, and Cundari. Nays: None. Abstain: Trustees Belcaster and Martinucci. Absent: Trustee Reitz. Motion carried.
- 4.0
Citizen Comments: There were none.
- 5.0
Old Business: There was none.

6.0
Commendations/Recognitions:

6.1
Omar Ruiz, Student Member:

Dr. Grove noted that due to today's time constraints, Omar (Ruiz) will be recognized next month and will also introduce his successor since we do not know at this time who that will be.

7.0
Reports:

7.1
ICCTA/ACCT:

Trustee Cundari reported that she just heard a lot about assessment at last week's ACCT conference, noting that they are moving toward not just relying on placement tests, but also considering the high school gpa, as approximately 80% of those taking a placement test will place into remedial courses for up to three (3) semesters without earning any college credits which leads to dropping out. Trustee Cundari suggested that the College review how remedial coursework is determined for our students.

7.2
Student Member:

Advisory Voting Student Member Ruiz gave the monthly report of student programs and activities.

7.3
Strategic Data and
Evidence Review:

No report this month.

7.4
Friends of Morton College
Foundation:

Chair Martinucci stated that this report is submitted for information purposes only.

8.0
Finance and Business Matters:

8.1
Approval of Accounts Payable,
Payrolls, Expenditure Transfers,

Trustee Belcaster moved to approve and ratify the Accounts Payable and Payrolls in the amount of \$2,414,633 for the month of January 2015 with budget transfers in the amount of \$11,900 as and Budget Transfers: submitted. Trustee Collazo seconded the motion.

Advisory Vote – Student Member Ruiz: Aye.

Ayes: Trustees Aguilar, Banks, Belcaster, Collazo, Cundari, and Martinucci. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Reitz. Motion carried.

8.2
Monthly Financial Report:

Trustee Belcaster moved to accept and file for audit the Monthly Financial Report for fiscal year to date ending January 2015 as submitted. Trustee Collazo seconded the motion.

Advisory Vote – Student Member Ruiz: Aye.

Ayes: Trustees Aguilar, Banks, Belcaster, Collazo, Cundari, and Martinucci. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Reitz. Motion carried.

8.3
Treasurer's Report:

Trustee Belcaster moved to accept and file for audit the Monthly Treasurer's Report for January 2015 as submitted. Trustee Collazo seconded the motion.

Advisory Vote – Student Member Ruiz: Aye.

Ayes: Trustees Aguilar, Banks, Belcaster, Collazo, Cundari, and Martinucci. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Reitz. Motion carried.

8.4
Authorization to Purchase
and Awarding of Contracts:

There were none.

9.0
Personnel Matters:

9.1
Full-Time and Adjunct Faculty
Differential Pay Reports:

Trustee Belcaster moved to approve the Differential Pay Reports for Faculty in the amount of \$29,280.98 as submitted, pending additional class cancellations and/or additions. Trustee Collazo seconded the motion.

Advisory Vote – Student Member Ruiz: Aye.

Ayes: Trustees Aguilar, Banks, Belcaster, Collazo, Cundari, and Martinucci. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Reitz. Motion carried.

9.2
Executive Assistant — Additional
Position (1) — and Elimination
of (1) Administrative Assistant
Position:

Trustee Belcaster moved to approve the creation of one (1) additional full-time classified staff Executive Assistant, excluded, position; and the subsequent elimination of one (1) Administrative Assistant, excluded, position, effective March 25, 2015 as submitted. Trustee Collazo seconded the motion.

Advisory Vote – Student Member Ruiz: Aye.

Ayes: Trustees Aguilar, Banks, Belcaster, Collazo, Cundari, and Martinucci. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Reitz. Motion carried.

9.3
Retirement Report:

Trustee Belcaster moved to approve the Retirement Report as submitted. Trustee Collazo seconded the motion.

James Young, Dean of Adult Education, Community
Programming and Outreach, effective April 30, 2015

Richard Fullriede, Athletic Director, effective June 30, 2015
Dr. Grove commented that Morton College will certainly miss Jim Young and Rich Fullriede. They are two (2) much respected people throughout the College and beyond. We wish them well.

Advisory Vote – Student Member Ruiz: Aye.
Ayes: Trustees Aguilar, Banks, Belcaster, Collazo, Cundari, and Martinucci. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Reitz. Motion carried.

9.4
Information Only Reports:

The Board received the following Information Only Reports as submitted:

A. Resignation Report:

Rodolfo Yañez, Student Activities & Leadership Assistant,
March 27, 2015

B. Part-Time Classified Staff
Employment Report:

Chris Matusek, Graphic Designer, January 20, 2015
Luisa Torres, Service Aide – Adult Education, Community
Programming and Outreach, March 9, 2015

10.0
Resolutions and Approvals:

10.1
Intergovernmental Agreement
with the Village of Stickney
for Use of Rench Field:

Trustee Belcaster moved to approve the Resolution authorizing Morton College entering into an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Stickney for use of Rench Field located at 42nd and Ridgeland avenues, Stickney, Illinois for Morton College home softball games during Spring 2015, as submitted. Trustee Collazo seconded the motion.

Advisory Vote – Student Member Ruiz: Aye.

Ayes: Trustees Aguilar, Banks, Belcaster, Collazo, Cundari, and Martinucci. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Reitz. Motion carried.

10.2
Administrator and Professional
Staff Tuition Reimbursement -
Institutional Procedure, Revised:

Trustee Belcaster moved to approve the revised Institutional Procedure for Tuition Reimbursement for Administrators and Professional Staff effective April 1, 2015, as submitted. Trustee Collazo seconded the motion.

Advisory Vote – Student Member Ruiz: Aye.

Ayes: Trustees Aguilar, Banks, Belcaster, Collazo, Cundari, and Martinucci. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Reitz. Motion carried.

10.3
Administrator and Professional
Staff Vacation Carry-Over -
Institutional Procedures, New:

Trustee Belcaster moved to approve two (2) new Institutional Procedures regarding Vacation Carry-Over for Administrators and Professional Staff, effective FY 2015, as submitted; and further approve the College President to issue an Addendum to each FY 2015 Administrator Agreement reflecting this vacation carry-over procedure. Trustee Collazo seconded the motion.

Advisory Vote – Student Member Ruiz: Aye.

10.4
Closed Session: Ayes: Trustees Aguilar, Banks, Belcaster, Collazo, Cundari, and Martinucci. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Reitz. Motion carried. This Item was taken up immediately following Agenda Item 1.2, Roll Call.

10.5
Other Action Subsequent to Discussion in Closed Session: The following was taken up as a result of discussion in Closed Session (added 3/25/15):

A. Agreement with Adjunct Faculty: Trustee Aguilar moved to approve the three-year collective bargaining agreement with the Adjunct Faculty Association, IEA-NEA, at a rate of 3.5% wage increase per year and as discussed in Closed Session, for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017. Trustee Belcaster seconded the motion.

Advisory Vote – Student Member Ruiz: Aye.

Ayes: Trustees Aguilar, Banks, Belcaster, Collazo, Cundari, and Martinucci. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Reitz. Motion carried.

11.0
Correspondence: None.

12.0
President's Report:

12.1
Campus Update: Dr. Grove's report included the following campus updates:

- League for Innovation – 2015 Roueche Excellence Award Nominees: Magda Banda, Director of Institutional Research and Michael Nedza, Instructor-Speech and Theatre Arts
- Economic Impact – Morton College: A Return on Investment for Students and Employers
- Morton High School Special Need Students — first-time open house, developed by Marie Ferro (Disabilities Specialist & Academic Advisor) for senior students to learn about transitioning to Morton College
- Junior Achievement held its 4th annual "Learners to Leaders Financial Literacy Event" at the College on March 18
- Automotive Instructor Don Sykora hosted the Illinois College Automotive Instructor's Association 79th Spring Conference March 19 and 20
- The Higher Learning Commission Annual Conference March 28-31 at the Chicago Hyatt Regency
- Morton College will have available to its employees beginning July 1, 2015 the Illinois Bright Start College Savings Payroll Deduction Plan

12.2
Informational Items/Articles: Dr. Grove's report included the following informational pieces:

- Title V — application deadline is May 19, 2015; the College will be submitting

- Communication (March 14, 2015) from Tom Choice, President of the Illinois Council of Community College Presidents: *The Illinois Community College Trustees Association's Governance and Public Policy Committee moves to direct ICCTA to invite all appropriate stakeholders in an examination of the option of Illinois community colleges to award baccalaureate degrees in nursing, allied health, and applied technologies. The work should include relevant data and input from all segments of higher education. The work shall produce a report to be presented to ICCTA by November 1, 2015.*
- Fiscal Year 2015 Spring Enrollment Report: Headcount and Full-Time Equivalent Both Down from Last Year, ICCB
- AACC "Newsletter" (March 3, 2015)
- ACCT "Doubling Graduation Rates", J. Noah Brown, ACCT President and CEO, release of March 2, 2015

12.3
Out-of-State Travel Report:

The Board received the Out-of-State Travel Report as submitted.

12.4
Community Facilities
Usage Report:

The Board received the monthly Community Facilities Usage Report as submitted.

13.0
Board Member Comments:

Student Member of the Board Omar Ruiz thanked the Board and everyone for their support during his year as Student Trustee, noting that so many individuals at Morton College have been so kind to him. He thanked Dr. Grove for being a great president by always being available to the students and for opening his forums to them. Mr. Ruiz added that Morton College will always be in his heart.

14.0
Adjournment:

Trustee Belcaster moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board. Trustee Cundari seconded the motion.

All were in favor. (voice vote) Absent: Trustee Reitz. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

/s/ Anthony R. Martinucci, Board Chair

/s/ Susan L. Banks, Board Secretary