



MORTON COLLEGE

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 527

COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday
September 29, 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 5:02 p.m. on Tuesday, September 29, 2015, in the Morton College Board Room (221-B).

1.2

Roll Call:

Present: Frank J. Aguilar, Secretary
Susan L. Banks, Trustee
Joseph J. Belcaster, Trustee
Jose A. Collazo, Trustee
Melissa Cundari, Vice Chair
Anthony Martinucci, Chair
Frances F. Reitz, Trustee
Alejandra Murillo, Advisory-Voting Student Member

Absent: None

Also Present: Muddassir Siddiqi, Interim President
Holly Tomchey, Attorney – Del Galdo Law Group, LLC

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 August 26, 2015;

Item 10.2 — Affiliation Agreement with ECHO, a/k/a Echo Special Education Cooperative, for the Physical Therapist Assistant Program;

Item 10.3 — Affiliation Agreement with Suburban Medical Center, Inc. for the Physical Therapist Assistant Program;

Item 10.4 — Out-of-State Travel for Interim President Siddiqi to attend the 2015 Assessment Institute, October 24,- 27, 2015, Indianapolis, Indiana;

Item 10.5 — West Central Municipal Conference, continued Institutional Membership in the amount of \$1,650 for FY 2016; and

Item 10.6 — American Association of Community Colleges, continued Institutional Membership in the amount of \$5,468 which includes the President's Academy for FY 2016

Trustee Reitz moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Trustee Cundari seconded the motion.

Advisory Vote – Student Member Murillo: Aye.

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

3.0
Approval of Minutes
of Previous Meeting(s):

3.1
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Held August 26, 2015:

Approved by consent — see Agenda Item 2.0.

3.2
Minutes of the Closed Session
Held August 26, 2015:

Trustee Belcaster moved to approve the Minutes of the Closed Session held August 26, 2015. Trustee Cundari seconded the motion.

Advisory Vote – Student Member Murillo: Aye.

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

4.0
Citizen Comments:

Michele Mohr, Berwyn resident, stated that she is not pleased that the person being hired under (Agenda Item) 9.2 is related to a Trustee and that (Agenda Item) 9.1 is changing the job from a nine-month position to a twelve-month position. Ms. Mohr also noted that the current Athletic Director came with little background for the position that the Board rehired the retired athletic director to mentor and train which is wasteful of tax dollars. The Board is more interested in helping themselves than as being stewards of her tax dollars.

Phyllis Walden, a Berwyn resident and former employee of Morton College, stated that per the presidential profiles, it appears that none of the candidates have any community college experience and maybe the College is not able to attract someone with that experience. She questioned how wisely tax dollars are being used.

Gary Davis, Consultant

Vice Chair Cundari asked Dr. Gary Davis, Presidential Search Consultant to address the new profile of community college presidents during his update (Agenda Item 7.1).

NOTE:

Another person wishing to speak was overlooked, so the Board continued the Citizen Comments following Agenda Item 7.1.

5.0
Old Business:

There was none.

6.0
Commendations/Recognitions:

There were none.

7.0
Reports:

7.1
Presidential Search Update:

Dr. Gary Davis, Consultant for the Presidential Search, noted that the board spent time amongst themselves talking about what kind of leadership they were interested in for the next president. He mentioned that someone told him yesterday that a student in the nursing program commented that the program is a hidden gem. The Board knows that this is an excellent community college with excellent faculty. The fact that the College gets federal money supports this. The Board wants to bring more Morton High School students to the College as well as work with legislation and others to access additional funding. Although new at community colleges, presidents are being freed up to go into the communities by relying on the provost to manage the academic leadership, which has been done in four-year institutions. Dr. Davis also noted that there have been sixty-one (61) applications received this time versus twenty-seven (27) for the last search. He stated that the Board has interviewed two (2) of the finalists — Dr. William Griffin from Triton and Ms. Mayra Barahona-Arroyo from Morton High School Freshman Center — and will interview Dr. Stanley Fields tomorrow (Wednesday, 9/30) from the South Berwyn School District and Dr. Suleyma Perez Thursday (10/1) from Northeastern University. Dr. Davis reminded everyone of the last two (2) Open Forums and encouraged them to attend.

Aggressive Background Check:

Trustee Cundari called attention to Agenda Item 10.17 regarding the aggressive background check that will be done on the finalist. She said that they will dig into more than has been done before and will have more to review, but I doing this to make sure that we have done our due diligence.

4.0
Citizen Comments:
(continued)

The Board went back to Agenda Item 4.0 so that an additional person could address the Board.

Angela Barrera of (Morton High School) District 201 spoke in support of Mayra Barahona-Arroyo's leadership as a finalist for

President of Morton College, noting her ability to make connection with parents and students; she is an inspiration. Ms. Barrera also stated that Ms. Barahona-Arroyo will do everything necessary to meet the needs of the position.

7.2
ICCTA/ACCT:

Trustee Cundari stated that there was nothing to report.

7.3
Student Member:

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

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 \$3,114,406 with no Budget Transfers for the month of July 2015 as submitted. Trustee and Budget Transfers: Collazo seconded the motion.

Advisory Vote – Student Member Murillo: Aye.

Ayes: Trustees Aguilar, Banks, Belcaster, Collazo, Cundari, Martinucci, and Reitz. Nays: None. Absent: None. 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 July 2015 as submitted. Trustee Cundari seconded the motion.

Advisory Vote – Student Member Murillo: Aye.

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

8.3
Treasurer's Report:

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

Advisory Vote – Student Member Murillo: Aye.

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

8.4
Authorization to Purchase
and Awarding of Contracts:

There were none.

9.0
Personnel Matters:

9.1
Assistant Athletic Director,
Revised from Nine-Month
to Twelve-Month Position:

Trustee Reitz moved to approve the change to the Assistant Athletic Director position, and subsequent Job Description, from a nine-month position to a twelve-month position, effective immediately as submitted. Trustee Collazo seconded the motion.

Advisory Vote – Student Member Murillo: Aye.

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

9.2
Full-Time Employment Report:

Trustee Reitz moved to approve the Full-Time Employment Report as submitted. Trustee Collazo seconded the motion.

Jose Ocampo, Custodian – Evenings, October 1, 2015
Joseph Belcaster, Assistant Athletic Director, October 1, 2015

Advisory Vote – Student Member Murillo: Aye.

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

9.3
Adjunct Faculty Assignment-
/Employment Report,
Fall Semester 2015:

Trustee Banks moved to approve the Adjunct Faculty Assignment-/Employment Report for Fall Semester 2015 in the amount of \$870,220.17 as submitted, pending additional class cancellations and/or additions. Trustee Belcaster seconded the motion.

Advisory Vote – Student Member Murillo: Aye.

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

9.4
Full-Time Faculty Overload
Report – Fall Semester 2015:

Trustee Cundari moved to approve the Overload Employment Report for Fall Semester 2015 in the amount of \$352,069.45 as submitted. Trustee Collazo seconded the motion.

Advisory Vote – Student Member Murillo: Aye.

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

9.5
Information Only Reports:

The Board received the following Information Only Reports as submitted:

A. Resignation Report:

Veronica Pinto, Academic Support Specialist II (part-time),
June 15, 2015
Frances Stevens, Administrative Assistant – Duplications (part-time),
September 10, 2015

B. Part-Time Classified Staff
Employment Report:

Karina Bahena, Academic Support Specialist II, August 24,
2015
Jazmyne Hernandez, Administrative Assistant – Duplications,
September 16, 2015
Beatriz Rangel, Service Aide – Admissions and Records,
September 14, 2015

10.0
Resolutions and Approvals:

10.1
College Calendar for
Academic Year 2016-2017:

Trustee Banks moved to approve the College Calendar for Academic Year 2016-2017 and its accompanying Summer Session as submitted. Trustee Cundari seconded the motion.

Advisory Vote – Student Member Murillo: Aye.

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

10.2
Affiliation Agreement with ECHO
for the Physical Therapist
Assistant Program:

Approved by consent — see Agenda Item 2.0.

10.3
Affiliation Agreement with
Suburban Medical Center, Inc.
for the Physical Therapist
Assistant Program:

Approved by consent — see Agenda Item 2.0.

10.4
Out-of-State Travel for Interim
President Siddiqi, 10/24-27/15:

Approved by consent — see Agenda Item 2.0.

10.5
West Central Municipal
Conference, Continued
Institutional Membership:

Approved by consent — see Agenda Item 2.0.

10.6
American Association of
Community Colleges, Continued
Institutional Membership:

Approved by consent — see Agenda Item 2.0.

10.7
Murer Consultants, Inc.:

Trustee Belcaster moved to approve the Letter of Agreement with Murer Consultants, Inc. to conduct a background and assessment evaluation of the Presidential Finalist in the amount of \$15,000, as submitted. Trustee Collazo seconded the motion.

Advisory Vote – Student Member Murillo: Aye.

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

10.8
Closed Session:
10.9
Other Possible Action Subsequent
to Discussion in Closed Session:

Chair Martinucci announced that Agenda Item 10.8 Closed Session, and Agenda Item 10.9, Other Possible Action Subsequent to Discussion in Closed Session, would be taken up following 12.0, President's Report.

11.0
Correspondence:

There was none.

12.0
President's Report:

12.1
Campus Update:

Dr. Siddiqi reported on the following campus updates:

- Micheal Kott, participant of the ICISP Professional Faculty and Staff (International) Exchange Program advised that his exchange person, Leo Ryyänen, had a change to the schedule preventing him from being here for a Board meeting; he noted that because Leo is a heavy machinery and logistics instructor (in Finland), he has arranged for a private tour of the Caterpillar plant in Peoria; also, there will be a "meet and greet" on October 19 at 1 p.m. in the board Room to which the Board and all staff will be invited.
- George Seibel, Law Enforcement Instructor/Cold Case Institute, advised the Board that two of his students used their training and skills to locate the whereabouts of Luis "Chino" Eduardo Anaya who was being sought by the Winnebago County (IL) Sheriff's Police for the 2011 murder of 23-year-old Brandon Wright of Rockford, IL

- Marlena Avalos-Thompson informed the Board of a new transcript process being implemented by the College and which was an outcome of a meeting Morton College Advising Staff had with the Morton High Schools Counseling Staff

12.2
Informational Items/Articles:

Dr. Siddiqi reported that the following informational piece is included in the Board Packet:

- AACC "Newsletter" of September 1, 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:
(o.p.)

Trustee Cundari request that Agenda Item 13.0 be taken up at this time so that she could relate that per the letter received from the Faculty Assembly, the Board will be reviewing and considering the concerns expressed.

10.8
Closed Session:
(o.p.)

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 pursuant to Chapter 5 of the *Illinois Compiled Statutes* Section 120/2 (c) (1). Trustee Collazo seconded the motion.

All were in favor. (voice vote) Absent: None. Motion carried.

Recess:

The Board recessed to the Office of the President for Closed Session at 5:46 p.m.

Reconvening:

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 6:10 pm. by chair Martinucci. Upon roll call, the following were found present: Trustee Aguilar, Banks, Belcaster, Collazo, Cundari, Martinucci, and Reitz and Advisory-Voting Student Member Murillo. Absent: None.

10.9
Other Possible Action
Subsequent to Discussion
in Closed Session:

Chair Martinucci announced that this Item is being withdrawn.

13.0
Board Member Comments:

This Item was taken up following Agenda Item 12.4.

14.0
Adjournment:

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

Advisory Vote – Student Member Murillo: Aye.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

/s/ Anthony R. Martinucci, Board Chair

/s/ Frank J. Aguilar, Board Secretary