

MORTON COLLEGE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 527
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday

March 23, 2016

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 Vice Chair Melissa Cundari at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 in the Morton College Board Room (221-B).

1.2
Roll Call

Present: Frank J. Aguilar, Secretary
Joseph J. Belcaster, Trustee
Jose A. Collazo, Trustee
Melissa Cundari, Vice Chair
Alejandra Murillo, Advisory-Voting
Student Member

Absent: Susan L. Banks, Trustee
Anthony Martinucci, Chair
Frances F. Reitz, Trustee

Also Present: Dr. Stanley Fields, President
Kurt Asprooth, Attorney-Del Galdo Law
Group, LLC

2.0

Consent and Information Agenda

There were none.

3.0

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s):

3.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting
Held February 24, 2016

Trustee Belcaster moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting held February 24, 2016 as submitted. Trustee Collazo seconded the motion.

Advisory Vote-Student Member Murillo: Aye

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

3.2 Minutes of Special Closed Session Held March 12, 2016

Trustee Belcaster moved to approve the Minutes of the Special Closed Session held March 12, 2016 as submitted. Trustee Collazo seconded the motion.

Advisory Vote-Student Member Murillo: Aye

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

4.0
Citizen Comments

There were none.

Order of Preference (o.p.):

12.5 Recognition of Morton Dist. 201-AP Honor Roll Recipient

Dr. Fields recognized Morton HS on their AP Award. Dr. Michael Kuzniewski, Superintendent, and Tim Truesdale were in attendance. Dr. Kuzniewski stated that 2300 students were honored, and his goal is to get every student college credit before graduation.

5.0
Old Business

There were none.

6.0
Commendations and Recognitions

6.1 Alejandra Murillo, Student Member of the Board

The Board commended and recognized Ms. Alejandra Murillo for her outstanding service as Advisory Voting Student Member of the Board (2015-2016), and Dr. Fields presented a plaque for exemplary representation and leadership of the student body.

6.2 Juried Art Competition-Results

Art Teacher Rebecca Primm presented to the Board the success stories of her students. Sally Torres was selected to take part in the IL Community College Juried Exhibition for her Turquoise Transition Piece. Belen Perez, Guadalupe Quezada, and Jaclyn Huebner were selected for the Skyway Competition, with Jaclyn Huebner receiving the Merit Award. Cesar Torres was

selected for the Chicago Open Center of the Arts Exhibit. The board and Dr. Fields congratulated all the artists.

7.0 Reports

7.1 ICCTA/ACCT

There were none.

7.2 Student Member:

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

Student Member Murillo and Dr. Fields encourage everyone to sign up and support the first HOPE Scholarship 5K Race/Walk coming up on April 2nd, 2016

7.3 Friends of Morton Foundation

Vice Chair Cundari stated that this report is submitted for information purposes only,

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8.0 Finance and Business Matters

8.1 Approval of Accounts Payable, Payrolls, Expenditure Transfers.

Trustee Balcaster moved to approve and ratify the Accounts Payable and Payrolls in the amount of \$3,052,666 and the Budget Transfers in the amount of \$20,600 for the month of January 2016 as submitted. Trustee Collazo seconded the motion.

Advisory Vote-Student Member Murillo: Aye

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

8.2 Monthly Financial Report

Trustee Balcaster moved to accept and file for the audit the Monthly Financial Report for fiscal year to date ending January 2016 as submitted. Trustee Collazo seconded the motion.

Advisory Vote-Student Member Murillo: Aye

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

8.3 Treasurer's Report

Trustee Balcaster moved to accept and file for the audit the Treasurer's report for January 2016 as submitted. Trustee Collazo seconded the motion.

Advisory Vote-Student Member Murillo: Aye

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

9.0

Personnel Matters

9.1 Full-Time and Adjunct Faculty Differential Pay Reports:

Trustee Balcaster moved to approve the Differential Pay Reports for Faculty in the amount of \$40,011.57 as submitted, pending additional class cancelations and/or additions. Trustee Collazo seconded the motion.

Advisory Vote-Student Member Murillo: Aye

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

9.2 Informational Only Reports

9.21 Part-Time Classified Staff Employment Report

Cristine Guzman, Service Aide-Financial Aid, March 28, 2016

Angel Sarabia, Campus Police Officer, March 16, 2016

10.0

Resolutions and Approvals

10.1 Out of Country Travel

Trustee Belcaster moved to approve the Out of Country Travel of Ms. Cheryl Bulat to the Netherlands and Mr. Micheal Kott to Finland and Russia from May 13-May 28, 2016 to participate in the IL Consortium for International Studies and Programs at the cost of approximately \$1,800 per person, as

submitted. Trustee Collazo seconded the motion.
Advisory Vote-Student Member Murillo: Aye

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

10.2 Revised Course Fee Schedule

Trustee Belcaster moved to approve the Revised Course Fee Schedule, effective Fall 2016, as submitted. Trustee Collazo seconded the motion.

Advisory Vote-Student Member Murillo: Aye

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

10.3 Consulting Services Agreement for Insurance Broker-FY17

Trustee Belcaster moved to approve and ratify the appointment of Mesirow Insurance Services, INC as insurance broker for the college for FY17 as submitted. Trustee Collazo seconded the motion.

Advisory Vote-Student Member Murillo: Aye

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

10.4 Morton College-Facility Use Permit

Trustee Belcaster moved to approve the Facility Use Permit for Taw Elite from March 16th – May 26th, 2016 as submitted. Trustee Collazo seconded the motion.

Advisory Vote-Student Member Murillo: Aye

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

10.5 Denial of Settlement demand-
Catherine Stukel to Morton College

Board Attorney, Kurt Asprooth review with the board that Ms. Catherine Stukel is demanding a settlement in the amount of \$300,000. The board had previously voted to deny the demand at the January 2016 Board Meeting. The Attorney General requested a revote.

Trustee Belcaster moved to deny the settlement claim made by Ms. Catherine Stukel in the amount of \$300,000. Trustee Collazo seconded the motion.

Advisory Vote-Student Member Murillo: Aye

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

Order of Preference (o.p.):
10.6 Closed Session

Vice Chair Cundari announced that 10.6 Closed Session would be taken up following 12.0 Presidents Report.

11.0
Correspondence

There was none.

12.0
President's Report

12.1 Out-of-State Travel

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

12.2 Developmental, Remedial
Program

The Board listened to a presentation from the Deans of Morton College: Dr. Avalos, Dr. Pierce, and Mr. Shouba regarding College readiness, placement policies, and developmental education at Morton. The Deans have committed to four areas for improving college readiness:

1. Pre-College Admission-improving placement scores
2. Adult Education-high school equivalency prep and bridge programs
3. Developmental Education-focus on math and English with expanded tutoring

4. First Year Experience-Mandatory Orientation and caseload advising system

Dr. Fields said we need to share this presentation with the grade school and high schools to achieve progress.

12.3 College Identity

William Jacklin made a presentation to the Board regarding the school colors and mascot. Mr. Jacklin stated that we currently have multiple shades of orange and blue around the college, as well as different panthers. Mr. Jacklin proposed that we go back to Navy Blue and Orange, and redesign the panther. The Board received a rough draft of the new panther, and they stated that they are looking forward to seeing the finished product.

12.4 New Workforce Development Programs

Dr. Siddiqi presented to the Board the benefits of developing the following programs:

1. Welding
2. Emergency Medical Technician
3. Medical Assistant
4. Culinary Arts

All the programs are growing careers paths, and could lead to an increase in enrollment.

10.6 Closed Session

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; and to consider a student disciplinary case pursuant to Chapter 5 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes Section 120/2 (c) (1) and (9) respectively. Trustee Collazo seconded the motion.

Advisory Vote-Student Member Murillo: Aye

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

Recess:

The Board recessed to the Office of the President for Closed Session at 6:06 p.m.

Reconvening:

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 6:47 p.m. by Vice Chair Cundari. Upon roll call, the following were found present: Trustees Aguilar, Belcaster, Collazo, Cundari, and Advisory-Voting Student Member Murillo. Absent: Trustees Banks, Martinucci, and Reitz.

13.0
Board Member Comments

There were none.

14.0
Adjournment

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

Advisory Vote-Student Member Murillo: Aye

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

/s/ Anthony R. Martinucci, Board Chair

/s/ Frank J. Aguilar, Board Secretary