



MORTON COLLEGE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO.527
Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 27, 2024

Approved

1. Call to Order

The Regular Board meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Leonard Cannata at 10:05 AM on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at the Morton College Student Union Center, located at 3801 S. Central Ave, Cicero, IL 60804.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Montiel made a motion to appoint Trustee Martinucci as serving secretary, in Trustee Collazo's absence.

Trustee Grazzini seconded the motion.

3. Roll Call

Present:

Leonard Cannata, Trustee
Anthony Martinucci, Trustee
Frances F. Reitz, Trustee
Susan Grazzini, Trustee
Oscar Montiel, Trustee

Absent:

Jose Collazo, Trustee
Charles Hernandez, Trustee
Alejandro Joleanis Velasquez, Student Trustee

Also Present:

Dr. Keith D. McLaughlin, President
Edward Wong Attorney, Del Galdo Law Group, LLC

4. Citizen Comments

None

5. Reports

5.1 ICCTA-ACCT – None

5.2 Student Trustee – Alejandro Joleanis Velasquez

6. President's Report

Laurie Cashman introduced Thomas Scapillato, one of the many talented professionals in our community that we bring to our students and our CAD program. Mr. Scapillato presented how CAD classes and additive manufacturing (3D printing) continue to advance in the world of education. Trustee Reitz commented on how wonderful it is to see how excited Mr. Scapillato is to be able to get back into one of his passions. Trustee Reitz thanked Thomas for being here and for his wisdom.

Brandie Windham highlighted the ICCTA Paul Simon Essay Competition. Our English faculty member, Prairie Markussen, led the essay competition for the college this year. We had three winners: 1st place, Chioma Peculiar-Onyekere; 2nd place, Jessie Mendoza; and 3rd place, Selene Salazar. Our first-place winner will be submitted to represent the college in the ICCTA statewide Paul Simon Essay Competition, where she can win a \$500.00 scholarship.

Dr. Shannon Martino discussed her upcoming trip to Armenia. The faculty development grant that she received this year, and a few previous years has played a large role in the success of this project. Brandie Windham's openness to allowing Dr. Martino to teach archeology classes here at Morton also contributed to this. Dr. Martino will be working with the Smithsonian on a project for a site that is about 7,000 years old. Dr. Martino will be there for 10 days to really figure out what they are going to do, continue to write grants, and so we can get more student involvement and set up a home that they will be living in.

Marisol Velazquez highlighted the women's basketball team, coming in 5th at the NJCAA National Championship Tournament. Marisol also recognized several individuals that presented at national conferences this past March. Gabriela Mata attended the NASPA Conference and presented Creating, Championing, and Celebrating Partnerships to Advance Systemic Institutional Change. Brandie Windham, along with herself, attended the League of Innovation Conference and presented the Panther Digital Initiative: Support Student Enrollment with Equitable Access to Technology. Irinia Cline also attended the League of Innovation Conference and presented a New Age of Teaching.

Dr. McLaughlin concluded his report by thanking everyone for taking the time to highlight some of our programs.

7. Consent Agenda

Trustee Martinucci made a motion to approve the consent agenda, which includes agenda items 7.1 to 7.25.2, as listed below.

Trustee Grazzini seconded the motion.

Ayes: Trustees, Cannata, Grazzini, Martinucci, Montiel, and Reitz

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Collazo and Hernandez

Motion Carried

- 7.1. Approval of the correction to the January 24, 2024, minutes. Minutes should state, "The Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, Anthony Martinucci at 10:05 AM on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at the Jedlicka Performing Arts Center, located at 3801 S. Central Ave, Cicero, IL 60804.

- 7.2. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on June 28, 2023, and Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on February 28, 2024.
- 7.3. Approval and ratification of accounts payable and payroll for the month of February 2024, in the amount of \$3,996,427.00, and budget transfers in the amount of \$192,500.00.
- 7.4. Approval of the Monthly Budget Report for the fiscal year to date ending in February 2024.
- 7.5. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for February 2024.
- 7.6. Approval of out-of-state travel to Dr. Keith McLaughlin, College President, to attend the NJCAA DII National Woman's Basketball Championship in Joplin, MO from March 17 – 20, 2024, at the approximate cost of \$2,040.67.
- 7.7. Approval of out-of-state travel to Dr. Keith McLaughlin, College President, to attend the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) 2024 Conference in Louisville, KY, from April 5 – 9, 2024, at the approximate cost of \$2,738.86.
- 7.8. Approval of Webstaurant Plus annual membership, in the amount of \$1,188.00.
- 7.9. Approval of the continued extended services support agreement with Konica for the services of the college copiers/printers, in the amount of \$2,392.65/month, 60-month TELP lease.
- 7.10. Approval of the continued membership with the Association of Governing Board of Universities and Colleges, effective April 1, 2024 -March 31, 2025, in the amount of \$2,940.00.
- 7.11. Approval of the amended agreement with Cornerstone Government Affairs, Inc. for April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025, in the amount of \$14,000.00/month.
- 7.12. Approval of the Independent Contract Agreement with Jesse Galeana as Athletic Trainer, effective July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024, amount to not exceed \$66,000.00.
- 7.13. Approval of LoDestro Construction to furnish and install markerboards in (9) classrooms, in the amount of \$31,784.00.
- 7.14. Approval of the independent consultant agreement for physical therapist assistant (PTA) and nursing programs for FY24 with Bohm Consulting LLC, in the amount not to exceed \$35,000.00.
- 7.15. Approval of the Freepoint Energy electric energy service for Morton College District 527, in the amount of \$100,000.00.
- 7.16. Approval of the Settlement Agreement with Demonica Kemper Architects, in the amount of \$600,000.00, with a budget transfer to be made for payment.
- 7.17. Approval of the lane change, new salary per the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) for Lisa Mathelier, Adult ed, FT Faculty, effective January 16, 2024.
- 7.18. Approval of a temporary 10% increase for Christopher Wido as Interim Athletics Manager to assist with the responsibilities of the Athletics Department, effective February 9, 2024 – July 31, 2024.
- 7.19. Approval of the course fee changes effective Fall 2024 term, as submitted.
- 7.20. Approval of the renewed resolution approving and adopting a clinical affiliation agreement between Morton College District 527 and Sinai Health Systems for nursing student clinicals.
- 7.21. Approval of the renewed resolution approving and adopting a master educational affiliation agreement between Morton College District 527 and Northwestern Memorial Healthcare.

7.22. Approval of the paralegal internship agreement and intern addendum with the Law Office of Robert A. Cheely and Associates.

7.23. Approval of Facility Use Permits

7.23.1. Lyons Elementary School District 103, to hold Edison School 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony on May 20, 2024.

7.24. Approval of New/Updated Job Descriptions

7.24.1. Athletic Director - Revised

7.24.2. Campus Police Officer – Revised

7.25. Approval of Position/Title Changes

7.25.1. Jamie Annen, Status Change from PT to FT, Campus Police Officer, effective April 1, 2024.

7.25.2. Roger Shane Robinson, Status Change from PT to FT, Tutor, Writing, \$49,000.00, effective April 1, 2024.

8. Approval of the First Reading of the Institutional Membership in External Organizations Policy 2.9.

Trustee Martinucci made a motion to approve the First Reading of the Institutional Membership in External Organizations Policy 2.9.

Montiel seconded the motion.

Ayes: Trustees, Cannata, Grazzini, Martinucci, Montiel, and Reitz

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Collazo and Hernandez

Motion Carried

9. Approval of the updated Travel Expenses Reimbursement Board Policy 8.3, as submitted.

Trustee Martinucci made a motion to approve the First Reading of the Travel Expenses Reimbursement Board Policy 8.3.

Grazzini seconded the motion.

Ayes: Trustees, Cannata, Grazzini, Martinucci, Montiel, and Reitz

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Collazo and Hernandez

Motion Carried

10. Informational Only 10.1 – 10.2.8.

11. Closed Session – Canceled

12. Approval Termination of Employment

Trustee Martinucci made a motion to approve termination of employment of Carla Fortuna, effective March 27, 2024.

Grazzini seconded the motion.

Ayes: Trustees, Cannata, Grazzini, Martinucci, Montiel, and Reitz

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Collazo and Hernandez

Motion Carried

13. Adjournment

Trustee Martinucci made a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 10:34 a.m.

Grazzini seconded the motion.

Ayes: Trustees, Cannata, Grazzini, Martinucci, Montiel, and Reitz

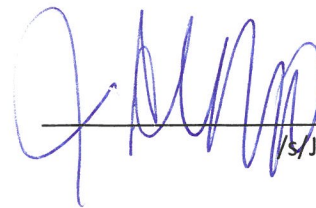
Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Collazo and Hernandez

Motion Carried



/s/ Leonard Cannata,
Board Chair



/s/ Jose Collozo
Secretary