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WILLIAM RAINEY HARPER COLLEGE

Algonquin & Roselle Roads

Palatine, Illinois 60067

AGENDA

February 11, 1971

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Approval of Disbursements
 - A. Bills Payable
 - B. Payroll - January 1, 1971 to January 31, 1971
 - C. Estimated Payroll - February 1 to March 31, 1971
 - D. Budget Transfers
- V. Communications
- VI. Unfinished Business
- VII. New Business
 - A. Recommendation: Consideration of the Finalization of Construction Contract - Phase 1A - 1B EXHIBIT A
(To be hand carried)
 - B. Recommendation: Resolution on Treasurer's Bond EXHIBIT B
 - C. Other
- VII. President's Report
- IX. Adjournment

WILLIAM RAINEY HARPER COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT 512
COUNTIES OF COOK, KANE, LAKE, AND MCHENRY, STATE OF ILLINOIS

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of Thursday, February 11, 1971

CALL TO ORDER:

In the absence of Chairman Hamill, Vice-Chairman Nicklas called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Junior College District No.512 at 8:14 p.m., on February 11, 1971, in the Board Room of the Administration Building, Algonquin and Roselle Roads, Palatine.

In the absence of Secretary Moats, Member Haas nominated Member Morton as Secretary Pro-tempore. Member Hansen seconded the nomination which was unanimous.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Members John Haas, Milton Hansen, Joseph Morton and Jessalyn Nicklas
Absent: Members James Hamill, Richard Johnson and Lawrence Moats

Also present: Robert E. Lahti, Donald Andries, John Birkholz, Anton Dolejs, David Groth, James Harvey, Robert Hughes, J.A.Lucas, William Mann, Donald Mistic, Audrienne Mueller, C. H. Schauer, George Voegel, W. Von Mayr and Lloyd Wilkes--Harper College; Frank M. Hines--Board Attorney; Cary Annen--Harper Student; Tom Wellman--The Herald; C.Lucas--Daily Courier News; Ken Erickson, JoEllen Clawes, Robert J. Wilson, Jr., and Hannah K. Wilson.

MINUTES:

Member Hansen moved and Member Morton seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the January 28, 1971 Board meeting as distributed. Motion unanimous.

DISBURSEMENTS:
Bills Payable

Member Morton moved and Member Hansen seconded the motion to approve the bills payable, dated February 11, 1971, as follows:

Educational Fund	\$120,042.87
Building Fund	174,329.34
Site and Construction Fund	33,693.05
Auxiliary Fund	89,037.56
	<u>\$417,102.82</u>

In the discussion which followed on the bills payable, Mr. Mann reported the payment of \$9,514.80 to Caudill

DISBURSEMENTS:
Bills Payable
(cont.)

Rowlett & Scott, under the Site & Construction Fund, was to cover an incremental payment for work done on Phase II. The payment of \$22,191.45 to Cor Plex International was for hooking up and installing electrical equipment in the Lecture Demo Center. With reference to payment of \$1,300 to Wigdahl Electric for campus lighting, Mr. Mann commented that the problem seemed to be solved. Board members commented on the shoddy construction of the doors. Mr. Mann explained that CRS had replaced the door closers, and Mr. Hughes reported that a set of test doors had been installed in Building C.

Member Hamill arrived at the meeting at 8:21 p.m., and Member Moats arrived shortly thereafter.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Members Haas, Hansen, Morton and Nicklas
Nays: None
Abstaining: Members Hamill and Moats

Member Hamill assumed the duties of the Chair and Member Moats assumed the duties of the Secretary.

Mr. Mann pointed out that the Building Fund is out of money, commenting this is the first sign of what is coming. This situation had been anticipated, and it was estimated there might be a one or two month delay in receiving tax funds.

Payrolls

Member Hansen moved and Member Nicklas seconded the motion to approve the following payrolls: payroll of January 15, 1971, in the amount of \$197,105.72; the payroll of January 31, 1971, in the amount of \$196,559.11; and the estimated payroll of February 1, 1971 to March 31, 1971, in the amount of \$860,000.00.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Members Haas, Hamill, Hansen, Moats,
Morton and Nicklas
Nays: None

Budget Transfers

After discussion, Member Nicklas moved and Member Haas seconded the motion for approval of the Educational

DISBURSEMENTS:
Budget Transfers
(cont.)

Fund Budget Transfers in the amount of \$66,415.48, as listed (copy attached to Minutes in the Board of Trustees Official Book of Minutes).

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Members Haas, Hamill, Hansen, Moats,
Morton and Nicklas

Nays: None

After discussion, Member Nicklas moved and Member Morton seconded the motion for approval of the Auxiliary Fund Budget Transfers in the amount of \$36,000.00, as listed (copy attached to Minutes in the Board of Trustees Official Book of Minutes).

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Members Haas, Hamill, Hansen, Moats,
Morton and Nicklas

Nays: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

Chairman Hamill read his letter dated Feb. 11, 1971 addressed to Mr. John Haas, Chairman of the Student Unrest Committee, copy of which is made a part of these minutes. The recommendation was made that Member Haas review the matters discussed in the letter with his committee. The letter basically requested the committee to defer further consideration of appointing a student and faculty member as ex-officio members of the Board of Trustees until after the April Board election.

Subsequent discussion related to the original intent or purpose in establishing the committee, the impropriety and perhaps illegality of stacking the Board with educators and student representatives, as well as the best representation of the community on the Board for future success of the college. Member Haas inferred that it was only an assumption that the committee would make the recommendation referred to in the letter, that due consideration would be given to the contents thereof, the Board could disapprove any recommendations of the committee, but the committee should not be unnecessarily restricted in its scope. The Chairman reminded the Board, and particularly Member Haas, that organized support by the Faculty Senate had already served to weight the Board to

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their advantage. Other comments were made concerning the relativity of Dr. Schwengel's experience, the Scranton report, and sundry activities which allegedly have served to improve communications and quiet student unrest. Manipulations to achieve a one-sided Board and the repercussions therefrom, it was implied, might serve to hinder community support of the college. Efforts were made to reiterate or further pinpoint specific, legitimate areas which might cause student unrest, as discussed when the committee was approved by the Board. Member Haas conceded that the committee had considered the student manual but had not completed a review of it. It appeared that Chairman Hamill was making a procedural point, that the areas of potential unrest should be explored by the committee and recommendations should be made to an impartial Board for consideration. Member Haas stated he was sure Member Hamill was not the only person to recognize the necessity of the Board getting along with the community which it serves. He stated a substantial majority recognized this and the committee would not overlook it in their considerations. Member Haas insisted the committee should be permitted to study the things they think are involved in student unrest.

Thanks were expressed to Member Haas for his work as chairman of the committee, and Member Haas expressed thanks to Chairman Hamill for his letter.

Member Nicklas reported on the regional meeting of the Illinois Trustees Association held at Harper College on February 8, 1971. She reported discussion centered around money to be obtained from the state and how to make the needs known to people throughout the state.

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS:

Mr. Mann reported the Higher Board of Education had approved Harper's Phase IIA application. When he mentioned the Governor was withholding some of the funds, Dr. Lahti indicated the Junior College Board at its next meeting would urge the Governor to start releasing some of the funds. The reluctance of the Governor to release any of the \$96 million and the request of the higher boards for another \$58 million were discussed. The lack of a spokesman for the community colleges, which are in direct competition with the universities for funds, could be a serious factor. It was agreed the Junior College Board might be the most help to Harper College.

NEW BUSINESS:

Treasurer's Bond

Mr. Mann reviewed the proposed resolution required for the reduction of the Treasurer's Bond in Exhibit B. Member Haas moved and Member Hansen seconded the motion for approval of the resolution reducing the Treasurer's Bond from \$2,300,000 to \$2,000,000, effective February 21, 1971, (copy of resolution attached to the Minutes in the Board of Trustees' Official Book of Minutes--Exhibit B).

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Members Haas, Hamill, Hansen, Moats,
Morton and Nicklas

Nays: None

OTHER:

A letter of January 25, 1971, from Frank M. Hines, Board Attorney, to William Mann in the matter of Lennon vs. Harper was reviewed. A counter claim filed by the Traveler's Insurance Company against the employer of William Lennon, on behalf of Harper College, served no further purpose as the case had been properly settled. A release form was attached to Mr. Hines' letter.

Member Haas moved and Member Hansen seconded the motion to approve the release of counter claim, (copy of which is attached to the Minutes in the Board of Trustees' Official Book of Minutes).

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Members Haas, Hamill, Hansen, Moats,
Morton and Nicklas

Nays: None

Dr. Lahti explained a motion was required to authorize payment of \$500.00 to the Northwest Mental Health and Retardation Council, in order to fulfill Harper's commitment to the Council.

Member Haas moved and Member Moats seconded the motion to authorize the expenditure of \$500.00 to the Northwest Mental Health and Retardation Council.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Members Haas, Hamill, Hansen, Moats,
Morton and Nicklas

Nays: None

OTHER:

Dr. Lahti referred to an official statement from the Illinois Community College Board of Trustees Association, with the explanation that there is a flat membership fee of \$300 plus 35¢ per FTE student. Payment of the bill, (\$1,685.30 minus \$100.00 previously paid), in the amount of \$1,585.30 would include the affiliation of Junior College District 512.

Member Nicklas moved and Member Moats seconded the motion to approve the payment of \$1,585.30 to the Illinois Community College Board of Trustees Association.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Members Haas, Hamill, Hansen, Moats,
Morton and Nicklas

Nays: None

Dr. Lahti reported the Northwest Volunteer Bureau had contacted him some time ago. Dr. Lahti had asked David Groth to serve on their Board. Dr. Lahti stated the Bureau would be helpful to Harper as well as to other agencies served (copy of list of agencies attached to minutes). The Bureau serves at no cost and he suggested we assist them by furnishing a desk, a telephone to hook through our switchboard for local calls, as well as duplicating equipment, etc. Mr. Groth reported the Bureau had placed over 800 volunteers this past year. They have an operating budget of \$9,000 mostly for secretarial services.

Member Haas moved and Member Moats seconded the motion that the Board accede to the request of the Northwest Volunteer Bureau for limited time and space; that the President be authorized to communicate with them pointing out that because of the uncertainty of our demand for space we cannot be committed for an indefinite period of time and our commitment runs for one year; that the commitment would be subject to renewal at that time.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Members Haas, Hamill, Hansen, Moats,
Morton and Nicklas

Nays: None

PRESIDENT'S
REPORT:

Dr. Lahti referred to a letter from the Illinois Junior College Board dated February 5, 1971, pertaining to recommendations on the Board of Higher Education Committee L Report. Dr. Lahti indicated that the recommendations would be discussed at the meeting of the Illinois Junior College Board the next day.

Chairman Hamill announced the Board needed to go into executive session to discuss three matters; first, the Faculty Senate request for recognition as bargaining agent; second, a grievance matter for a non-faculty employee; and third, the custodial and maintenance union bargaining matter.

Chairman Hamill indicated the Board expected to come to some agreement as to how they would respond to the Faculty Senate request in the executive session, and their intention would be communicated to the Senate and to the press on Friday morning, February 12, 1971. As there were no further public matters to be considered, Chairman Hamill asked for a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT:

Member Nicklas moved and Member Moats seconded the motion to adjourn at 9:47 p.m. Motion unanimous.

Chairman Hamill

Secretary Moats