

Ruth Harper

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

Minutes of the Adjourned Board Meeting of Thursday, April 19, 1971

CALL TO ORDER:

The adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees of Junior College District No. 512 was called to order at 8:15 p.m., Thursday, April 19, 1971, in the absence of Chairman Hamill by Vice -Chairman Nicklas, pursuant to adjournment from the regular meeting of Thursday, April 8, 1971, in the Board Room of the Administrative Building, Algonquin and Roselle Roads, Palatine.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Members Haas, Hansen, Johnson, Moats, Morton and Nicklas
Absent: Member Hamill

Also present: Robert E. Lahti, Donald Andries, Guerin Fischer, James Harvey, W.J.Mann, O.L.Olson, Clarence Schauer, B.Schooley and W.Von Mayr--Harper College; J.Craig Ellsworth--Harper Student; Tom Wellmann--Paddock Publications; and Kate Anderson, Kay Bateman, P.Randolph Bateman, Jerry Bielenberg, Edgar J.Buss, Shirley Hansen, Raymond Hollis, Marian K. Miller, Larry Moran, Bonnie Nugent, Helen Petersen, Warren Petersen, Jeanette Severin, Robert D.Teichert, Jr., and Hannah K. Wilson.

NEW BUSINESS:
Canvass of
Election

Vice-Chairman Nicklas announced the meeting was for the purpose of canvassing the April 10, 1971 election and for the re-organization of the Board of Trustees. She appointed Members Haas and Morton to work with Mr.Mann in canvassing the vote.

At the completion of the canvass, Member Haas announced the certification sheets corresponded with the unofficial returns as submitted. He commented on several slight discrepancies between the tally sheets and the certificates. Member Haas stated the results according to the certifications were as follows:

- H. Wilson - 5991 votes
- L. Moran - 3076 votes
- M. Hansen - 6760 votes
- R. Miller - 6602 votes
- G. Beery - 1677 votes
- R. Fuchs - 2949 votes
- E. Nugent - 6497 votes
- L. Barry - 2640 votes

NEW BUSINESS:

Canvass of
Election (cont.)

Member Haas announced the three candidates with the highest number of votes were M. Hansen--6760, R. Miller--6602, and D. E. Nugent--6497. (Copy of official results of the canvass to be attached to the minutes in the Official Board of Trustees Book of Minutes.)

Mr. Mann informed the Board he had checked on the number of defective or objected-to ballots, the highest number occurring in the first four precincts where there were two referendums. Mr. Mann reported that District #214 had experienced about the same number of defective or objected-to ballots. He stated it appeared that when people went in to vote for the referendum and were faced with the Harper and #214 ballots, many simply did not vote.

Member Johnson moved and Member Moats seconded the motion to adopt the resolution covering the election as submitted to the Board of Trustees with the respective names and totals as added (copy of resolution attached to minutes in the Official Board of Trustees Minute Book with the comments submitted by the canvassing committee added as comments to this resolution.)

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Member Haas moved and Member Moats seconded the motion that the meeting adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Motion unanimous.

Vice-Chairman Nicklas expressed the sentiments of all members of the Board and of Harper College and thanked Mr. Haas for his contributions to Harper College. Mr. Haas thanked Vice Chairman Nicklas for her thoughts and stated it had been a pleasure working with everyone on behalf of Harper College. He congratulated the new members of the Board, stating the work was difficult at times but very rewarding.

Vice-Chairman Nicklas welcomed the new Board members and asked them to join the other members of the Board around the table. She introduced Mr. Ross Miller and Mr. Eugene Nugent to the Board and audience. Upon reconvening the meeting, Vice Chairman asked Secretary Moats to call the roll.

NEW BUSINESS:
Re-organization
of the Board

Present: Members Hansen, Johnson, Miller, Moats,
Morton, Nicklas and Nugent

Absent: None

Vice-Chairman Nicklas announced there were three officers to be elected for re-organization of the Board--Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary. Member Johnson suggested using the same method as in the past--taking one office at a time and voting in writing.

Member Hansen made a statement. He said he knew there were some votes for him as chairman, but that he did not particularly want to be chairman. He stated he was willing to be chairman if no one else was able to get a majority of the votes; that he had decided to cast his ballot for Member Nicklas.

A secret ballot was cast for Chairman of the Board, tallied by Dr. Lahti and Mr. Mann, and Vice-Chairman Nicklas declared that a majority of the votes cast were in favor of:

Chairman - Milton Hansen

A secret ballot was cast for Vice-Chairman of the Board, tallied by Dr. Lahti and Mr. Mann, and Vice Chairman Nicklas declared that a majority of the votes cast were in favor of:

Vice-Chairman - Jessalyn Nicklas

A secret ballot was cast for Secretary of the Board, tallied by Dr. Lahti and Mr. Mann, and Vice-Chairman Nicklas declared that a majority of the votes cast were in favor of:

Secretary - Joseph Morton

Vice-Chairman Nicklas turned the meeting over to the new Chairman--Mr. Hansen.

Establishment of
Regular Board
Meetings

Member Nicklas moved and Member Morton seconded the motion to establish the regular Board meetings on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of every month at 8:00 p.m., at the Board Room of the Administration Building of the college.

NEW BUSINESS:

Establishment of
Regular Board
Meetings (cont.)

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Members Hansen, Johnson, Miller, Moats,
Morton, Nicklas and Nugent
Nays: None

Appointment of
Attorney

Member Johnson moved and Member Nicklas seconded the motion that the present counsel, Frank M. Hines, be retained as Board Attorney, at the present rate.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Members Hansen, Johnson, Miller, Moats,
Morton, Nicklas and Nugent
Nays: None

Appointment of
Auditor

Chairman Hansen stated a motion was in order to appoint an auditor. Member Johnson asked if Chairman Hansen's comments at the last Board meeting were directed towards auditors for this year. Chairman Hansen stated he was not aware that the appointment of the auditors was coming up so soon. He stated he had asked for consideration for routinely changing auditors on some basis--such as every five years. He stated, however, that in view of the need for the appointment of auditors, he would just as soon have this considered for the next year, that he had no criticism of the present auditors. The Board agreed consideration should be given to his suggestion by the middle of the year.

Member Johnson moved and Member Nicklas seconded the motion that Ernst & Ernst be retained as auditors for the college.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Members Hansen, Johnson, Miller, Moats,
Morton, Nicklas and Nugent
Nays: None

Other

Dr. Lahti reported that Marc Savard had been in contact with the state representatives and senators to arrange a meeting with the Board of Trustees and college staff. He stated Friday, May 14, was a possibility of a meeting date and, as there seemed to be no conflicts with the Board members, Dr. Lahti stated he would confirm back to them at the April 22 Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:
Other (cont.)

Member Nicklas spoke of the Illinois Junior College Board Conference at Peoria on May 7 and May 8. Chairman Hansen pointed out it would be beneficial for each and every Board member to attend this conference.

Chairman Hansen stated he would like to explain to some extent his earlier statement. He stated he felt the election had created ill feeling, and that he had not wanted to be elected chairman on a bare majority. He stated he intended to be fair to all Board members, that all Board members have to be accommodated and represented properly on all committees. Chairman Hansen pointed out that if at any time the Board wanted him to resign as Chairman he would do so as he felt that general support of the Board was always necessary.

Member Nicklas stated that this Board from the very beginning had always operated with the support of those who were part of it, as their goal had always been the same. She stated she was sure it would continue to do so.

ADJOURNMENT:

Member Moats moved and Member Nicklas seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned at 9:40 p.m. Motion unanimous.

Chairman Hansen

Secretary Morton