

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

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of Wednesday, May 1, 1974

CALL TO ORDER: The Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 512, held on Wednesday, May 1, 1974, was called to order by Chairman Kelly at 8:05 p.m., in the Board Room of the Administration Building, Algonquin and Roselle Roads, Palatine.

ROLL CALL: Present: Members William Kelly, Marilyn Marier, Lawrence Moats, Shirley Munson, Jessalyn Nicklas, Robert Rausch, Judith Troehler, and Student Member Gerald McGlothlin
Absent: None

Also present: Robert E. Lahti, Guerin Fischer, Ron Keener, Henry Kurowski, C. Patrick Lewis, William Mann, Thomas McCabe, Donald Masic, C.H. Schauer, Wil Von Mayr--Harper College; Rhea Dawson, Cindy Dolven, Joy Miller, Pat Stemper, Gail Sundberg, and Christy Veath--Harper Students; Ed Finlay--Caudill Rowlett & Scott; Diane DiBartolomeo--The Trib; and Wandalyn Rice--Paddock Publications.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board of
Trustees
Manual

Chairman Kelly explained the Board of Trustees' Manual is in the second draft stage. The Board had been charged with the preparation of a manual which would lay out the obligations of the Trustees and of the Chairman of the Board. He complimented Member Marier on the job done on the manual. Member Marier reviewed the various sections of the manual, stating that this manual along with the Board Policy Manual should answer most questions of new Board members. She asked for input from the Board on devising a Code of Ethics for the Board. The Board concurred that a committee be established to review the subject. Member Moats suggested adding information on the Higher Education organization--their functions and relation to the college, and also a sub-title on "Publications."

New Trustee
Orientation

Chairman Kelly stated he would be appointing Board committees and was interested in identifying the particular areas of interests of new Board members.

Member Rausch expressed interest in the role of counsel to the Board, particularly with regard to making legal recommendations to Member Troehler's suitability to join the Board. Chairman Kelly agreed the timing had worked out badly, but stated the attorney had not known earlier that Member Troehler was a full-time student. Member Nicklas explained how the attorney deals for the college through the Board. Chairman Kelly stressed the importance that the Board not exceed its authority; the Board has certain obligations and should rely on the attorney to be on safe ground. He stated there will be

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a review of the attorney's fees and possibly an annual fee should be considered.

Member Nicklas spoke of her interest in community relations--doing more to help the community know the college and what the college can do for the community. She hoped this would be developed further. Chairman Kelly expressed concern with the lack of public attendance at Board meetings and also with the small turn out at the election. Member Marier referred to the proposed community outreach program, and the possibility of meeting in the high schools and specifically inviting people to attend.

Member Moats stated his concern with the universal problems faculties, boards, and administrators seem to have communicating effectively, and hoped that the Board could smooth over some of these areas that had developed in the past.

Member Munson hoped for more clarification at the Board level on the faculty and Board/administration relationship. She stated she would be interested in a tour of finance. Dr. Mann agreed to arrange this. Dr. Mann stated a member of his staff performs the internal audit. Member Rausch requested a list of the names for each position on the Organization Chart. Dr. Lahti stated this would be furnished. Member Munson discussed her interest in a transit system and the possibility of an investigation of buying buses. Chairman Kelly stated the college had investigated this through the students and the interest did not seem to be there. Member Nicklas suggested consideration should be given to the fact that the greater percentage of students work and public transportation would not necessarily serve them.

Member McGlothlin stated his interest was away from the bus situation--something between a car pool and jitney bus system run by the students. He expressed interest in having the position of the Student Member of the Board completely clarified and cleared up before June. He hoped specifically at the next meeting a decision would be made on the student making motions, seconding motions, and executive privilege. Discussion followed on clarification of the Student Members rights through the legislature. Member Rausch suggested the Board should communicate their official feelings to the legislature in Springfield. Member Nicklas stated this might be done as an individual Board or the Board might go through their State organization. Member Moats asked that this be put on the agenda for the next meeting in conjunction with the item Member McGlothlin will present.

NEW BUSINESS:
Second Site
Presentation

Chairman Kelly introduced Ed Finlay, architect with Caudill Rowlett & Scott of Houston, Texas, for the presentation and discussion on the second site. Mr. Finlay discussed the work his firm has done on about 85 educational institutions, half of which were community colleges and half senior institutions. In order to bring the new Board members up-to-date on the background and rationale on planning of Harper's facility, Mr. Finlay showed slides used in a presentation to the Board about 18 months ago; also included were slides of the Ozman site. Mr. Finlay discussed present structures, planned structures, parking lots, and the projected growth. He discussed possible utilization, along with other governmental units, of the 142 acre Ozman tract located at Schoenbeck and Palatine Roads, indicating 90 acres would be suitable for Harper's use. Of the eight sites studied, Mr. Finlay felt the Ozman site was the best.

Discussion followed on the implications of a second site. Mr. Finlay felt it was a matter of timing; given the understanding we have of growth, he stated it would be wise by the end of the decade to have a campus which could be developed. It was pointed out that many of the answers to the questions raised were detailed in the Site Utilization Study book. Member Marier stated this is merely a planning process, it is at this time still an option, and the Board may not have the option five years from now. Chairman Kelly pointed out the only decision the Board would be making by June would be going to the Village Board in Arlington Heights to request they set aside the site for educational purposes. Member Marier added in order to go back to the Arlington Heights Village Board, we need to have a very firm position from Harper's Board in terms of what we want to do about pursuing this need further. Dr. Lahti stated the administration would be happy to furnish any information or materials the Board wanted.

Chairman Kelly thanked Mr. Finlay for his presentation.

Member Nicklas moved to adjourn at 11:05 p.m. Member Marier seconded. Motion unanimous.

Chairman Kelly

Secretary Marier