

WILLIAM RAINEY HARPER COLLEGE
Algonquin & Roselle Roads
Palatine, Illinois

BOARD MEETING

AGENDA

April 10, 1978

8:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. New Business
 - A. Canvass of Election
 - B. Reorganization of the Board
 - C. Establishment of Regular Board Meetings--
Date and Place
 - D. Appointment of Attorney
- IV. Adjournment

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 Monday, April 10, 1978

CALL TO ORDER:

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 512 was called to order by Chairman Munson on Monday, April 10, 1978, at 8:05 p.m., in the Board Room of the Administration Building, Algonquin and Roselle Roads.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Members Janet Bone, Joan Klussmann, Shirley A. Munson, Jessalyn M. Nicklas, David Tomchek, Natalie C. Weber
Absent: Member Robert R. Moats and Student Member John Demmert

Also present: John R. Birkholz, William E. Miller, Jean Goodling, Joan Powell, Henry Roepken, James Smith, Elaine Stoermer, Fred Vaisvil, H. Vessell, Dave Williams and Joan R. Young--Harper College; Debbie Clemetson, John C. Dalin, Paul Johnson and Jody Saunders--Harper Students; Rena Cohen--Paddock Publications; and Edward M. Mesmer and Peter Weber.

NEW BUSINESS:
Canvass of
Election

Chairman Munson stated the canvass of the April 8, 1978, election would be held and appointed Member Nicklas, assisted by James Smith and Elaine Stoermer, to conduct the canvass.

Attorney Stanley Eisenhammer entered the meeting shortly after the start of the canvass. During the canvass, Member Nicklas noted that Precinct #15 judges had returned the Official Certificate of Results and Tally Sheet Envelope sealed but empty. The Official Certificate and Tally Sheet was returned but not in the sealed envelope. She questioned whether the Board should include these results in the totals. Attorney Eisenhammer stated that at this point the Board cannot question the results--they are only tallying the results. He stated the Board does not have the authority to throw these results out. Member Nicklas noted that in Precinct #42 the six judges had signed the envelope in two of the required places, but not the third. At the conclusion of the canvass, Member Nicklas asked Member Weber if she had transported any of the results. Member Weber stated she had not. Member Nicklas stated one precinct had noted on the envelope, "Return to Natalie Weber," and asked that the minutes note that Member Weber had not returned any results, in order to avoid any question in the future.

Chairman Munson announced the official results of the canvass as follows: Natalie C. Weber--5,576 votes; George F. Dasher--4,463 votes; Guy P. Tewari--2,421 votes; Robert R. Moats--2,167 votes; Charles D.

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Fleishman--1,534 votes; and Warren C. Wischweh--637 votes. Member Nicklas again questioned including the totals from Precinct #15, pointing out this would not affect who won. Chairman Munson felt these should be included in the totals, otherwise the votes from that precinct would be invalidated; however, she felt it should be noted that the results were not in a sealed envelope.

Chairman Munson referred to Ex. III-B, the resolution declaring the results of the election, stating that on page 2 the names of Natalie C. Weber and George F. Dasher would be inserted in Section 5 as the elected members of the Board. As an addendum, Chairman Munson stated a copy of the Official Results would be attached to the resolution with a notation on the Official Results that the results from Precinct #15 were not in a sealed envelope. With the consensus of the Board, it was agreed the results from Precinct #15 would be included in the totals.

Member Nicklas moved, Member Klussmann seconded, the adoption of the resolution declaring the results of the election (with the above inserts and additions), as per Ex. III-B attached to the minutes in the Board of Trustees' Official Book of Minutes.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Members Bone, Klussmann, Munson, Nicklas,
 Tomchek and Weber
 Nays: None

Motion carried.

Chairman Munson invited Dr. George Dasher to officially join the Board and welcomed Mrs. Natalie Weber back to the Board.

Chairman Munson publicly thanked Dr. Robert Moats for his three years of excellent service to the Board of Trustees.

Reorganization
 of the Board

Chairman Munson announced the election of officers in the reorganization of the Board and requested James Smith assist with the balloting.

Ballots were distributed and the votes for Chairman were cast. Joan Klussmann was elected Chairman. Chairman Munson asked Mrs. Klussmann to take over the meeting and be seated as the new Chairman.

Ballots were distributed and the votes for Vice Chairman were cast. Shirley Munson was elected Vice Chairman.

Ballots were distributed and the votes for Secretary were cast. Natalie Weber was elected Secretary.

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Referring to the new election law, Chairman Klussmann asked Attorney Eisenhammer about the length of the new officers' terms. Attorney Eisenhammer stated the officers' terms will be concurrent with the next election.

Chairman Klussmann thanked Dr. Moats in absentia for the work he has done for the college and for the Board.

Chairman Klussmann also thanked Mrs. Munson for her contributions to the college, for the time, effort, and commitment she had given as Chairman of the Board for three years. Chairman Klussmann stated Mrs. Munson had perceived there were special problems at the college and had the courage to speak out and persistence to follow through on them.

Chairman Klussmann welcomed Dr. Dasher to the Board, stating the Board would welcome his sharing his views with them.

Chairman Klussmann called on all Board members to work together positively during the next term. Mentioning the presidential search, coping with financial problems, the question of a referendum, the Master Plan, she stated there were so many important things for the Board to do that they must be able to work constructively together for the good of Harper. Chairman Klussmann stated she would welcome any opinions, suggestions, or recommendations.

Establishment
of Regular
Board Meetings---
Date and Place

Member Bone moved, Member Munson seconded, that the regular meetings of the Harper Board of Trustees be held at 8:00 p.m. on the second Thursdays of each month in the Board Room of the Administration Building at Algonquin and Roselle Roads, Palatine, Illinois.

The motion carried in a voice vote.

Appointment
of Attorney

Member Bone moved, Member Weber seconded, that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of the firm of Robbins, Schwartz, Nicholas & Lifton, Ltd., as official Board Attorney.

In the discussion which followed, Member Nicklas felt it has been practice to have some kind of evaluation or discussion before the appointment of the attorney. She pointed out the Board has no total as far as costs or projections for the end of the year. As she felt it would be good fiscal policy to review the firm before making this decision, Member Nicklas moved, Member Dasher seconded, to table the appointment.

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Upon roll call on the motion to table, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Members Dasher and Nicklas
Nays: Members Bone, Klussmann, Munson,
Tomchek and Weber

Motion to table failed.

Member Dasher stated he had reviewed the back-up data for the executive session, and the recommendation of the attorney, and stated he had received a conflicting opinion from another source. He felt more back-up was needed.

Member Munson pointed out this was on a specific issue. She stated she had asked Dr. Birkholz to assess his interaction with the attorney, since the attorney deals mainly with the administration.

Dr. Birkholz informed the Board that based on the March statement the legal fees to-date are approximately \$13,000. This does not include the last couple of months. He had reviewed the Board of Trustees Information Manual and stated there is a form for evaluation of attorney in the manual. He stated the administration has had a good relationship with the attorneys and urged the Board to continue that relationship.

Member Tomchek pointed out the Board is not committing themselves for any length of time; he felt the contract is severable if the Board so wishes.

Until the conclusion of negotiations with the faculty, Dr. Birkholz felt the Board would be ill advised to make any change. He also felt the Board would be in a better position after going through a full cycle with the attorneys.

Because of negotiations, Member Nicklas recommended that this be brought up at the end of negotiations. Member Weber suggested having the evaluation in June, at the end of a full cycle with the firm. Member Bone pointed out the statement in the Board Manual indicates the evaluation of the attorney is optional with the Board.

Chairman Klussmann confirmed with Attorney Eisenhammer that if the Board wished to change attorneys at any time they were free to do so.

Chairman Klussmann stated it was the Board's consensus to poll in June on whether they wish to evaluate the attorneys at that time.

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Member Tomchek added for the record that he had full confidence in Mr. Lifton's ability to continue to represent the Board in negotiations.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Members Bone, Dasher, Klussmann, Munson,
Nicklas, Tomchek and Weber
Nays: None

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Member Munson moved, Member Dasher seconded, to adjourn at 9:15 p.m., to executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiations.

Motion carried.

Chairman Joan Klussmann

Secretary Natalie Weber