

WILLIAM RAINEY HARPER COLLEGE
Algonquin & Roselle Roads
Palatine, Illinois

BOARD MEETING

AGENDA

April 27, 1981

7:30 p.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. New Business
 - A. RECOMMENDATION: Tuition Increase Exhibit III-A
 - B. RECOMMENDATION: Establishment of Tuition Rate
for Continuing Education
Non-Reimbursable Courses Exhibit III-B
- 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 Adjourned Board Meeting of Monday, April 27, 1981

CALL TO ORDER: Pursuant to adjournment from the regular meeting of April 23, 1981, the adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 512 was called to order by Chairman Barch on Monday, April 27, 1981, at 7:30 p.m., in the Board Room of the Administration Building, Algonquin and Roselle Roads.

Chairman Barch welcomed members of the audience and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss tuition rates for the 1981-82 academic year.

ROLL CALL: Present: Members Brian M. Barch, Janet W. Bone, George Dasher, Ray Mills, Shirley Munson, and Student Member John Malkowski
Absent: Members Joan Klussmann and David Tomchek

Also present: James J. McGrath, Felice Avila, Gregg Atamian, A. A. Dolejs, George Dorner, Frank Firak, Charles Harrington, William Howard, John Lucas, Jeanne Pankanin, Martin J. Ryan, Donn Stansbury, Elaine Stoermer, David Williams and Laurie Wren--Harper College; Mike Sosin, Peter Wicklund and Debra Wilkie--Harper Students; Margaret Holt--Paddock Publications; and John Slania--Barrington Press.

NEW BUSINESS: Member Bone moved, Member Dasher seconded, that the Tuition Board of Trustees approve an increase in tuition from Increase \$19.00 per semester hour to \$22.00 per semester hour effective with the Summer 1981 sessions.

Member Klussmann entered the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Stating that it was prudent to increase tuition to help meet the budget deficit, Member Klussmann felt that funds for capital replacement should be taken from surplus monies in view of the size of the College fund balance. She added that Board members should balance fiscal responsibility with fairness to both students and the community.

Member Dasher stated the Board members were elected to represent the taxpayers. He recalled a recent Board meeting when he suggested the use of surplus funds to reduce the tax levy. Because there was no second to his motion, the College tax levy was increased by 34%.

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Increase
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When confronted with a choice between assessment reduction and student tuition increase, Member Dasher felt that the users should pay. For the record, Member Bone reminded Member Dasher that the subject of tax levy reduction was brought up without prior mention or discussion during the meeting in which the budget was adopted.

Member Bone felt that all Board members were genuinely concerned about the College finances and being fair to both students and taxpayers. However, she stressed that she has no confidence in the State legislature regarding appropriations and felt that there may be a time when the fund balance will be crucial to the College. Because of this, she preferred a \$3.00 increase in order to replace the capital equipment.

Member Munson called attention to the fact that the College would end the fiscal year with a fund balance of approximately \$7.1 million dollars. Of this amount, \$2.1 has been committed for building repairs. She felt that the \$200,000 necessary for replacement of capital equipment could be taken from this surplus, leaving approximately \$4.8 million dollars as the ending fund balance. She requested information about payments received from the State. Mr. Dolejs explained that the College receives four payments annually, paid currently rather than on a deferral basis. He added that one-half of the taxes are payable on June 30 and felt that \$2 million dollars for working cash flow remains a reasonable figure.

Member Munson agreed that having a working cash fund and a surplus fund for investments was a positive situation. She stated that she had contacted the Illinois Board of Higher Education regarding a change in the State funding formula and was informed that the deadline for new legislation had passed. With no change in the funding and the possibility of increased students due to the enrollment cutoffs at State institutions, Member Munson felt that there could be even additional revenue due to estimates which were based on average enrollment figures.

Member Munson observed that the College conceivably could do without any increase although it would not be a fiscally responsible move. In order to serve all constituents of the College -- students, taxpayers and the faculty -- Member Munson summarized that she would support a tuition increase of \$2.00.

As student representative to the Board of Trustees, Member Malkowski noted that he had spoken with approximately 30 students concerning the reasons for a tuition increase and the difference in amounts. He reported

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that no complaints were received on the \$3.00 increase. He asked about further input received by the administration.

Mr. Donn Stansbury replied that he had met with representatives of the Student Senate and the editor of The Harbinger. The consensus indicated that a tuition increase would be supported. Mr. Stansbury added that the students expressed a legitimate concern regarding the availability of financial aid and asked if these funds would be increased to offset the tuition. He informed them that financial aid has taken a conservative approach. A grant received from HEW reflects a 38% decrease from last year in the first payment. Students are very concerned about the financial aid situation.

Member Mills stated that he was aware of three colleges which had substantially increased financial aid as a result of raises in tuition. He expressed hope that Harper would make efforts in this regard inasmuch as Illinois Governor Thompson is passing along the cuts from the federal government. Member Mills felt that there would be very little State aid left due to the cuts and that the surplus fund should be maintained.

Member Dasher commented that low interest student loans are available at the Palatine Bank.

For the record, Member Bone stated that the Senate Appropriations Committee did not reduce community college funding in the Senate Committee Hearings on Tuesday, April 21. In reference to this fact, Member Klussmann recommended the lower rate increase and pointed out that an additional increase could be requested at a future time.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Members Barch, Bone, Dasher and Mills

Nays: Members Klussmann and Munson

Motion carried. Member Malkowski voted aye.

Tuition Rate
 for Continuing
 Education
 Non-Reimbursable
 Courses

Member Bone moved, Member Dasher seconded, that the Board of Trustees approve an increase in tuition for Continuing Education non-reimbursable courses from \$20.00 to \$22.00 per 16 hours of course contact.

Member Malkowski asked if the increase was necessary due to rising costs for salaries and utilities. President McGrath replied affirmatively and pointed out that tuition for these courses was \$1.00 over the regular tuition last year. Rates will now be the same.

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Education
Courses (cont.)

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Members Barch, Bone, Dasher, Klusmann,
Mills and Munson
Nays: None

Motion carried. Member Malkowski voted aye.

ADJOURNMENT:

Member Munson moved, Member Bone seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Chairman Brian M. Barch

Secretary Janet W. Bone