

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 Committee of the Whole Meeting of Wednesday, September 16, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 512 was called to order by Chair Pat Stack on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in The Performing Arts Center (Building R), 1200 W. Algonquin Road, Palatine, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Present: Members Greg Dowell, Diane Hill, Herb Johnson, Bill Kelley, Walt Mundt, Nancy Robb, Pat Stack, and Student Member Dylan Hildebrand (arrived at 5:04 p.m.).

Absent: none

Also present: Dr. Avis Proctor, President; Mike Barzacchini, Director of Marketing Services; Laura Brown, VP and Chief Advancement Officer; Sue Contarino, Interim Chief Information Officer; Dr. Maria Coons, Vice President of Strategic Alliances and Innovation; Rob Galick, Executive Vice President of Finance and Administrative Services; Bob Grapenthien, Interim Controller; Dr. MaryAnn Janosik, Provost; Jeff Julian, Chief of Staff; Dr. Claudia Mercado, Interim VP of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Regan Myers, Director of Infrastructure Services; Darlene Schlenbecker, Vice President of Planning, Research and Institutional Effectiveness; Dr. Michelé Smith, Vice President of Workforce Solutions; Roger Spayer, Chief HR Officer; Orlando Cabrera, Technical Support Specialist; Meg Coney, Administrative Coordinator; Dave Dluger, Media Technical Director; Chelsea Lynn, Theatre Technical Director;Carolynn Muci, Internal Communications Manager

Also present via audio-conference: Dr. Kathy Bruce, Interim Associate Provost; Dr. Kathy Coy, Director of Institutional Research; Bob Parzy, Interim Associate Provost of Enrollment Services; Kim Pohl, Director of Communications; Heather Zoldak, Associate Executive Director of Foundation/Major Gifts; Al Cannestra, Maintenance Mechanic; Nic Fiorito, Maintenance Mechanic

Guests: Dan Forbes, President of Speer Financial, Inc.; Melissa Cayer, citizen; Christopher Placek, Daily Herald (audio conference)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Citizen Melissa Cayer asked why the Harper College representative on the Village of Arlington Heights Joint Review Board voted to forego 23 years' worth of property tax revenue from the TIF district forming Arlington Heights and Algonquin Roads. Chair Stack mentioned that a response to this question will be sent to Ms. Cayer via email.

DISCUSSION OF  
FOLLOW UP ITEMS

Darlene Schlenbecker detailed the status of Operational Plan goals in progress and not yet achieved as reported in the annual

Accountability Report. She provided an overview on the targets for the Institutional Effectiveness Measures (IEMs) that were set with the Board in 2016 and will closeout in spring of 2021. She reported that all targets are at or above that of the ASPEN peer group.

Rob Galick introduced Mr. Dan Forbes, President of Speer Financial, Inc., who delivered a Municipal Advisory presentation regarding Harper's upcoming bond sale for the issue of not to exceed \$180,000,000 in General Obligation Bonds. The presentation included a snapshot of Tax-exempt Interest Rates from 2010-present, a Planning Model for 2020 Bonds, and a Proposed Preliminary Timetable. The scheduled January 2021 bond sale was moved to October 2020 to take advantage of the historically low interest rates currently available. The \$180,000,000 is for capital improvements at the College, as directed by the November 2018 referendum.

Bob Grapenthien presented the status of the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget to date.

Dr. Michelé Smith presented on the assumptions and risks for the Promise Scholarship program to serve as a 10-year program. She highlighted additional Harper scholarships awarded through the Educational Foundation and institutional scholarships, noting that the Promise Scholarship Program is considered a last dollar scholarship. Harper's Promise Advisory Committee worked with Dr. Martha Kanter, the CEO of the national College Promise program. A formal recommendation based on several scenarios will be presented to the Board in October.

Dr. Maria Coons reviewed the September Board Packet.

Chair Pat Stack reminded the Board about the virtual ACCT Leadership Congress in October.

## FORMAL ACTIONS

Member Hill motioned; Member Johnson seconded to enter closed session to discuss collective bargaining at 6:36 p.m. In a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Member Hill motioned; Member Dowell seconded to adjourn the closed session and re-enter the regular meeting at 7:45 p.m. In a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Regular meeting resumed at time 7:45 p.m.

## ADJOURNMENT

Member Kelley moved, Member Hildebrand seconded, adjournment at 7:46 p.m.

In a voice vote, motion carried.

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Chair

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Secretary