

LANSING COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
May 11, 2009

Special Meeting
Adopted Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Canja, Hollister, Lavery, Proctor, Rasmusson, Smith

Absent: None

Trustee Woods arrived at 5:43 p.m.

Limited Public Comment Regarding Agenda Item

Cindy Storie (LCC Labor Coalition): Today is May 11, 2009. In six weeks, the Board of Trustees will be required to adopt a budget for fiscal year 2010. To date the college has not held a single budget workshop. Based upon past practices there would have been at least two budget workshops by now.

The LCC Labor Coalition, representing 85% of employees, is gravely concerned. It is disturbing that on the heels of a negotiated Voluntary Retirement/Separation Incentive Program (VRSIP), bargained in good faith by the LCC Labor Coalition, the College puts out a notice of potential staff reductions/layoffs at LCC. While the Administration continues to ask for recommendations and suggestions on how costs may be minimized, efficiency and effectiveness increased, yet remains silent, almost absent, in disclosing the details of the 2010 budget, and the recommendations it received from the highly compensated external consulting group Marble Leadership Partners, which has been paid over \$236,000 to date.

The LCC Labor Coalition appreciates the opportunity to participate in the planning for the 2010 budget, and submitted a Freedom of Information Act request to obtain financial data, recommendations from Marble Leadership Partners, Inc., the budget assumptions and any other 2010 budget documents on Thursday, May 7th to Dr. Knight. It would be reckless for us to submit any recommendations or suggestions without the appropriate financial data. We look forward to a timely response to our request for data. We only wish that LCC had been more open and transparent in their preparations for fiscal year 2010. It appears that everyone, including the Board of Trustees, and the public, will not

have adequate time to express concerns, and deliberate the recommendations. Instead it looks like open discussion will be limited, and consensus rushed to approved a budget over \$120 million. Thank you.

Closed Session

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Proctor and supported by Trustee Canja that the Board go into closed session for the purpose of considering strategies in connection with collective bargaining negotiations.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Canja, Hollister, Lavery, Proctor, Rasmusson, Woods, Smith

Nays: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Hollister and supported by Trustee Proctor that the Board go into closed session for the purpose of discussing litigation in settlement strategies in the McCollum case.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Canja, Hollister, Lavery, Proctor, Rasmusson, Woods, Smith

Nays: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

The Board entered into closed session at 5:44 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 10:36 p.m.

Roll call: Canja, Hollister, Lavery, Proctor, Rasmusson, Woods, Smith

Present: None

Absent: None

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Rasmusson and supported by Trustee Hollister that the Board authorizes the President to commit the College to a settlement in an amount not to exceed the sum referenced in the confidential, attorney-client privileged memorandum presented to the Board by counsel on May 11, 2009, and to fund $\frac{3}{4}$'s of said amount through contribution by the College, but without waiver of the College's right to attempt to recoup all or some of said contribution from the College's insurers.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Canja, Hollister, Lavery, Proctor, Rasmusson, Woods, Smith

Nays: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Canja and supported by Trustee Hollister that the Board go into closed session for the purpose of discussing land sale or acquisition and other aspects relating to land.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Canja, Hollister, Lavery, Proctor, Rasmusson, Woods, Smith

Nays: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

The Board entered into closed session at 10:39 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 11:08 p.m.

Public Comments

Cindy Storie: On behalf of the LCC Labor Coalition, we remain as a point of integrity and commitment to the good people who have carried this College through turmoil and deserve attention to be paid to accountability and transparency prior to layoffs. Thank you.

Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Hollister and supported by Trustee Woods that the meeting adjourns.

Ayes: Canja, Hollister, Lavery, Proctor, Rasmusson, Woods, Smith

Nays: None

Absent: None

The motion was carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 p.m.