DELTA COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES BUDGET HEARING
APPROVED MINUTES

TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2008
BOARD ROOM – 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT
R. Emrich, K. Higgs, K. Houston-Philpot, T. Lane, K. Lawrence-Webster, J. MacKenzie, E. Selby, E. Wacksman

MEMBERS ABSENT
R. Stafford

OTHERS PRESENT

PRESS PRESENT
J. Hall (WSGW), A. Hoag (Saginaw News), A. Lackey (Midland Daily News)

CALL TO ORDER
Board Chair Selby called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

2006-2007 BUDGET OVERVIEW
D. Lutz began the meeting by explaining that the public Budget Hearing is required by law. She explained that this is a special session in which a summary of the 2008-2009 Preliminary Budget will be given and the public will have a chance to ask questions. The College has a charter millage rate of 1.5563 mills. The extra voted millage is .4864 for a total of 2.0427. That millage applied to the three county property tax-base of approximately $11.5 billion generates about $23.4 million in revenue for the College for operations. Combined with the tuition and fee revenue and the State revenue, the total revenue for the General Fund will be about $61 million. Total all funds College revenue will be at about $94.9 million.
PUBLIC COMMENTS

Board Chair Selby called for any comments from the audience.

K. Higgs commented that he feels that President Goodnow should not reside at the Delta College Carlyon Farmhouse. He added that the facility should be used strictly as a meeting facility.

T. Ader asked when Delta College is up for a millage renewal. D. Lutz replied that the next millage renewal is in 2015.

E. Wacksman asked about the “student bad debt expense” item that is being funded in the budget. D. Lutz replied that if students drop out while receiving financial aid, the College is responsible for paying the debt back to the federal government. As enrollments have increased, the amount of Pell grants being awarded has also increased. As a result, bad debt expenses have increased as well. D. Lutz added that the College is working to manage bad debts by counseling students.

Board Chair Selby declared the Budget Hearing closed at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Leslie Myles-Sanders, Board Secretary

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Andrea Ursuy, Recording Secretary