

**DELTA COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
DELTA COLLEGE MIDLAND CENTER
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2012
7:00 p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT K. Ellison, R. Emrich, , M. Fitzhugh, K. Lawrence-Webster, R. E. Selby, R. Stafford, E. Wacksman

MEMBERS ABSENT K. Houston-Philpot, J. MacKenzie

OTHERS PRESENT J. Goodnow, B. Baker, E. Beckman, T. Brown, W. Childs, P. Clark, E. Crane, C. Curtis, J. Decker, L. Dull, C. Dzurka, S. Enriquez, A. Givens, L. Govitz, P. Graves, G. Hoffman-Johnson, L. Holoman, T. Lane, D. Lutz, J. Mahoney, J. Miller, M. Mosqueda, C. Peck, L. Petrimoulx, G. Przygocki, L. Ramseyer, K. Rees, J. Stahl, A. Ursuy, B. Webb, E. Wiesenauer, S. Witzke, M. Wood

PRESS PRESENT J. Hall (WSGW), J. Becker (Midland Daily News)

CALL TO ORDER Board Chair Emrich called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Board Chair Emrich called for approval of the agenda. J. Goodnow asked that the Student Success topic be moved up on the agenda. R. Emrich suggested that it come after the Treasurer’s Report.

R. Emrich also said that R. Stafford wished to add an item to allow for a first reading of an amendment of the Trustee Bylaws.

The agenda was approved as amended.

SWEARING IN OF TRUSTEE Martha Fitzhugh of Bay County was sworn in by Board Secretary A. Ursuy. Ms. Fitzhugh was appointed by the Board of Trustees as a qualified elector of the Delta College District residing within Bay County to fill the Bay County Trustee vacancy for the remainder of 2012 at a Special Board Meeting on August 27, 2012. The vacancy was created when K. Higgs submitted his resignation to the Board of Trustees effective August 14, 2012, at 11:59 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Board Chair Emrich called for public comments.

TREASURER’S REPORT D . Lutz noted that the Board has received the financial statements as of August 31, 2012. At this time, D. Lutz said that she has no exceptions, variations, or new budget information to report.

STUDENT SUCCESS PRESENTATION Faculty members C. Peck and E. Wiesenauer presented “The Log Project” to the Board. The Log Project is a collaborative project between the Mathematics Division and the Chemistry Discipline to create a common language for logarithms. The project resulted in an increased level of understanding for students.

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**CONSENT
AGENDA**

Board Chair Emrich called for approval of the consent agenda.

K. Ellison made a motion to approve the consent agenda with support from E. Wacksman.

The Board unanimously approved the consent agenda, accepting the minutes of the Board Meetings that were held on August 14, 2012 (dinner and regular meeting) and August 27, 2012 (special meeting). The Flexible Spending Amendment (BA4954), and the elimination of the New Student Application Fee were also approved as part of the consent agenda (BA4955).

**BOARD ACTION
BA4956**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Delta College Board of Trustees certify to the State Budget Director that Delta College has met 4 out of 5 best practices listed in each of the following categories required through Senate Bill 949 Section 201 (2) (CC) Local Strategic Value.

K. Ellison made a motion to approve the recommendation with support from M. Fitzhugh.

J. Goodnow commented that we actually met all 5 (out of 5) best practices.

Motion passed unanimously.

**BOARD ACTION
BA4957**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees adopt the attached resolution to exempt its taxes from capture by the Center City Authority of the City of Midland and file a copy with the Midland City Clerk to such effect.

Whereas, the City of Midland has acted to establish a Tax Increment Financing Plan ("TIF") for the Center City Authority ("Authority"), pursuant to the Corridor Improvement Authority Act, Act No. 280, Public Acts of 2005 ("Act"); and

Whereas, the TIF would enable the Authority to capture increase in tax revenue from the TIF district which would otherwise be due to Delta College; and

Whereas, the governing body of Delta College has the right under the Act by resolution to "opt out" of and exempt Delta college's taxes from capture by the Authority under the proposed TIF; and

Whereas, opting out would preserve Delta College's rights without preventing Delta College from opting in at a later date should it choose to do so,

Now, therefore, it is Resolved:

Pursuant to Section 18(5) of the Act, that the Board of Trustees "opt out" of and exempt Delta College's taxes from capture by the Authority under the proposed TIF, effective as of Tuesday, September 11, 2012; and

That the Board Secretary is directed to submit and file a copy of this Resolution with the

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City of Midland Clerk.

E. Wacksman made a motion to approve the recommendation with support from R. Stafford.

Motion passed unanimously.

**FIRST READING
OF PROPOSED
AMENDMENT TO
BYLAWS**

R. Stafford, Chair of the Bylaws Committee, said that the Bylaws of the Board stipulate that an annual review be conducted. He said that our General Counsel, E. Crane has reviewed the Bylaws and is recommending revision to Section 5, Vacancy of a Trustee.

R. Stafford read the following proposed bylaws amendment to the Trustees.

Section 5. Vacancy

Whenever a vacancy in the board of trustees occurs, the remaining members of the Board by majority vote shall fill the vacancy ~~immediately~~ with a qualified elector of the Delta College district **no later than 30 days after the date the vacancy occurs**. Any person so appointed shall hold office until the next regular community college election held for the election of members of the board of trustees in the community college district, at which time the electors of the community college district shall fill the office for the unexpired portion of the term.

At this time, no action is required. Action on this amendment will be recommended at the October 2012 Board of Trustees Meeting.

**PRESIDENT'S
REPORT**

Gifts to the College – August 2012

Foundation – \$18,134.00
Broadcasting – \$17,693.00
Monthly Total - \$35,827.00

Enrollment Report

Fall classes began on Saturday, August 25. At this time, 10,791 students are enrolled (4,163FT, 6,628PT).

Personnel Report

Dr. Goodnow welcomed Jessica Ehmcke and Jenny Sykora to Delta College.

Jessica is teaching radiography and Jenny is teaching physics. Jessica has been hired as a tenure-track instructor, while Jenny will be serving as a full-time one-year appointment (division chair replacement).

A complete report of hires and separations for the month of August 2012 can be found in Board

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Packets.

- Delta College's Food Pantry has won the 2012 MACRAO Equity in Education award. The Food Pantry director is Amy French. Amy French also serves as an instructor of history.

Here is a quote from the award letter that we received:

"...each year the Equity in Education Committee grants the Equity in Education Award to a program that encourages and promotes equal educational opportunities in higher education for all, especially the economically and educationally disadvantaged."

- Board packets include a memo from Barb Webb regarding the Ricker Lease Renewal. This lease was approved by the Board in 2007.
- Congratulations to Public Broadcasting on another successful production. Its new local documentary, *The Korean War: Voices from the 38th Parallel*, premiered on Saturday, September 8, at 8:00 pm. The program will be repeated on Thursday, September 13, at 8:00 pm. The program is narrated by Trustee Bob Stafford.
- In your folders this evening, I have included a copy of an article written by Linda Petee. The article appears in the September 2012 issue of the American College and University President's Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) Implementer and provides details on how we are working to reduce Scope 3 emissions. The article is titled "Tracking Solid Waste at Delta College."
- Trustees received copies of the Fantastic Faculty newsletter as well as Spectacular Support Staff. The newsletters highlight the professional and community activities of our faculty and staff.
- Delta College has concluded its renovation and upgrade of the Chiller Plant, under the direction of Larry Ramseyer, Director of Facilities. Larry has worked closely with Consumers Energy to explore and seek every possible energy savings option, as part of Delta College's sustainability efforts.

Delta will now enjoy a "cash rebate", offered as part of Consumers Energy's "Energy Efficiency" program. Delta has participated in Consumers' "Reduce the Use" program since 1993.

Consumers Energy would like to present a check to Delta to recognize the College's energy initiatives on October 2, at 2:45 p.m.

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**BOARD ACTION
4958**

J. Goodnow read a letter from Delta College student, Charles Sledge. Dr. Goodnow reminded the Board that Mr. Sledge spoke during public comments at the Ricker Center Board Meeting this year.

The letter thanked the College for making improvements to the Ricker Center that will help students to be successful.

J. Goodnow acknowledged T. Stiit who manages the off-campus centers for her work in implementing the improvements.

K. Lawrence-Webster made a motion to provide a written thank-you to Mr. Sledge for the kind and thoughtful communication that he provided to the Board and to the President. R. Stafford supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**TRUSTEE
COMMENTS**

R. E. Selby said that the Korean War Documentary that our Q-TV station created and produced is excellent. He encouraged all to watch it.

R. E. Selby reminded the Trustees that Delta College will host the MCCA Fall Board of Directors Meeting on October 4 -5. He encouraged all to attend.

R. Stafford thanked Broadcasting for their good work in the Korean War production. He said that the real stars of the film are the veterans.

K. Ellison said that Delta College Professor of English, Jeff VandeZande, served as the keynote speaker for the opening meeting of the Midland Public Schools this year. The meeting was attended by over 700 teachers and staff members. She said that the Jeff did a great job in involving all who attended in the value of teaching and learning.

R. Stafford said that he had the opportunity to attend the President's State of the College Address. He said that Dr. Goodnow did a wonderful job.

R. Emrich thanked M. Fitzhugh for her willingness to help the College and serve as a Trustee. He also thanked L. Ramseyer and Facilities for their continued efforts to save the College money through facilities improvements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Board Chair Emrich adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Ursuy, Board Secretary

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