

**DELTA COLLEGE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING  
Delta College Main Campus  
Tuesday, July 14, 2015  
7:00 p.m.**

- BOARD PRESENT** R. Emrich, K. Houston-Philpot, K. Lawrence-Webster, D. Middleton, M. Morrissey, M. Rowley, E. Selby, E. Wacksman
- BOARD ABSENT** M. Nash
- OTHERS PRESENT** J. Goodnow, L. Brown, T. Brown, D. Colenbrander, E. Crane, C. Curtis, R. Curry, C. Davis, L. Dull, M. Finney, A. French, M. Gmeiner, A. Goudas, L. Govitz, C. Hill, D. Hill, D. Lutz, K. Marchlewski, C. McMorris, M. Mosqueda, J. Niester-Mika, D. Peruski, G. Przygocki, L. Ramseyer, K. Schuler, L. Smith, C. Starkey, J. Stevenson, A. Trabalka, L. Ullrich, A. Ursuy, B. Webb, S. Witzke
- PRESS PRESENT** J. Becker (Midland Daily News), M. Brown (Delta Collegiate), S. Easter (M-Live), J. Hall (WSGW), K. Skrzypczak (Delta Collegiate)
- CALL TO ORDER** Board Chair, M. Rowley, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Board Chair, M. Rowley, called for approval of the agenda. R. Emrich made a motion to approve the agenda with support from K. Houston-Philpot. Motion passed unanimously.
- PUBLIC COMMENTS** Board Chair, M. Rowley called for public comments.
- TREASURER'S REPORT** D. Lutz said that the Board has received the financial statements for the month ended June 2015. At this time there are no new variances to report. D. Lutz said that although these are statements for the fiscal year end, they are a first-run on a cash only basis. Work to adjust to year-end GAAP accounting standards will take place throughout the months of July and August. She reminded the Board that the final audited statements will be presented in November.
- Following the Treasurer's Report, Board Chair Rowley asked for a moment of silence to honor Jason Schwartzly, who lost his life in a tragic construction accident on our campus yesterday.*
- CONSENT AGENDA** R. Emrich made a motion to approve the consent agenda with support from D. Middleton. The consent agenda passed unanimously resulting in:
- A. Acceptance of Minutes:
- Board Dinner Meeting, June 9, 2015
  - Board Budget Hearing, June 9, 2015
  - Board Regular Meeting, June 9, 2015

- Board Special Meeting, June 24, 2015

B. Approval of Closed Meeting Minutes – June 24, 2015  
**(BA5105)**

**BOARD ACTION  
(BA5106)**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the selection of Remer Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc. of Saginaw, Michigan to furnish all labor and materials to complete the MAU36 steam coil replacement project based on their bid of \$149,000.

R. E. Selby made a motion to approve the recommendation with support from K. Houston-Philpot. Motion passed unanimously.

**VOTE TO GO INTO  
CLOSED SESSION  
(BA5107)**

M. Rowley made a motion to go into closed session under section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act to hear complaints or charges brought against an employee, based upon that person's request for a closed session.

The motion was seconded by R. Emrich.

R. E. Selby said that he didn't feel that it would be appropriate to go into closed session and would prefer to have this discussion in open session. M. Rowley said going into closed session for this purpose complies with the Open Meetings Act. General Counsel, E. Crane, agreed. She added that this is a simple majority issue.

K. Lawrence-Webster said that she would like to hear both sides of this issue from the parties involved. M. Rowley said that would not be in compliance with Senate Policy 2.060 which indicates that one Trustee will hear the case and bring his/her recommendation to the Board for approval.

K. Houston-Philpot noted that the Board Chair is taking action to move the Board forward in compliance with the current Senate Policy. Changing that policy would be something the Board could take action on at another time.

R. Emrich said that the Board needs to remember its role. R. E. Selby again stated that he felt that this matter did not qualify for a closed session. E. Crane stated that she had found interpretational guidance and said that she is confident that this matter does meet the exception under OMA.

Board Chair M. Rowley asked for a roll call vote to go into closed session.

The results of the roll call vote are as follows:

- R. Emrich – Yes
- K. Houston-Philpot – Yes
- K. Lawrence-Webster – No
- D. Middleton – Yes
- M. Morrissey – Yes

M. Rowley – Yes  
R. E. Selby – No  
E. Wacksman – No

The results of the roll call vote was 5 in favor, 3 opposed.

The closed session began at 7:30 p.m.

The closed session ended at 8:01 p.m. The Board went back into open session at the time.

**BOARD ACTION –  
GRIEVANCE DECISION  
(BA5108)**

M. Rowley made a motion that the “decision of the Grievance Committee” shall be ratified as written by the Grievance Committee on June 9, 2015, on page two of their interoffice memo.

To avoid ambiguity, the Senate Grievance Committee’s words—including, but not limited to— “and/or if the President determines it no longer applies” shall be interpreted to mean that the President (absent specific direction from the Board of Trustees) has the full authority to change the memorandum of January 20, 2015, if desired by the President.

As specifically and clearly stated in Senate Policy 1.025; “On these matters the power of review and final decision is lodged with the Board of Trustees or delegated by it to the President.”

The motion was seconded by E. Wacksman.

The results of the roll call vote on the motion are as follows:

R. Emrich – Yes  
K. Houston-Philpot – Yes  
K. Lawrence-Webster – Abstain  
D. Middleton – Yes  
M. Morrissey – Yes  
M. Rowley – Yes  
R. E. Selby – Abstain  
E. Wacksman – Yes

The motion passed with a vote of 6 in favor. Two Trustees abstained from voting.

**BOARD ACTION –  
PRESIDENT’S  
COMPENSATION  
(BA5109)**

M. Rowley made a motion that the Board of Trustees approve an increase of 2.5% to the President's base pay, an increase of \$1,000 per year to the President's car allowance and to increase the 403b contribution to \$24,000 per year.

R. Emrich seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **Enrollment Report**

The Spring Semester began on May 11. 4,411 students are enrolled.

Fall Registration began April 20. As of today, 8,318 students are registered.

### **Personnel Report**

A complete report of hires, promotions, and separations for the month of June can be found in Board packets this evening.

### **Information Sharing**

- Dr. Goodnow distributed her draft goals to the Trustees. She said that she looks forward to any feedback that Trustees may have regarding her goals for 2015-16.
- As a reminder the Michigan Community College Association's Summer Conference is next week. Trustees who have any questions should contact Kay Schuler.
- Dr. Goodnow said that she had the pleasure of participating in the Bay Commitment Ceremony at the end of May. The Bay Commitment Scholarship supports first generation college students who attend SVSU or Delta College. Of the 99 students receiving the Bay Commitment Scholarship this year, 64 chose Delta College. The College received \$128,000 from the Bay Area Community Foundation to fund these scholarships. Dr. Goodnow shared a photo of the students who chose Delta College with the Board.
- Dr. Goodnow acknowledged Steve Witzke, Director of Public Safety. She said that this is his last Board meeting before his retirement. Dr. Goodnow thanked him for his 36 years of service to the College.
- Dr. Goodnow thanked Board Chair, Mike Rowley, for the time he spent to be so heavily involved in the grievance issue discussed earlier. She also thanked each Trustee for their very deliberate consideration of this issue. Dr. Goodnow expressed her appreciation to the entire faculty body at Delta College for the excellent work they do each and every day of our academic year. It is due to their hard work and dedication that Delta enjoys such a strong reputation of excellence, both here in our region, and nationally.
- Dr. Goodnow said that Dr. Mike Faleski, Professor of Physics, will receive the 2015 Outstanding Faculty Award from the Michigan Community College Association. The Outstanding Faculty Award is presented each year to a Michigan community college faculty member based on his or her achievement in a teaching career, service to humanity, honors received and strong commitment to the purpose and philosophy of the community college mission.

**TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

E. Wacksman shared an article on the College Promise programs that are in place across the State to support college attendance. She noted that the article states that in order for these programs to be successful, we will need to have a “college-going culture” in our communities.

K. Houston-Philpot said that given the fact that MCCA has shortened the time of the Summer Conference and the Board will not have a chance to meet socially, she would like to ask that the Board Chair consider scheduling a social gathering to promote collegiality on the Board.

R. E. Selby said that he appreciates the President’s comments about the excellent faculty at Delta College. Our faculty should be acknowledged and celebrated.

**CHAIR COMMENTS**

Board Chair M. Rowley said that he continues to be impressed by the work that this college is doing every day. He thanked all for their passion and commitment to student success.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Board Chair, M. Rowley adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

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Andrea Ursuy, Board Secretary