

JOHN A. LOGAN COLLEGE
Carterville, IL 62918

Minutes of a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 530, Counties of Williamson, Jackson, Franklin, Perry, and Randolph, State of Illinois, held at Carterville, Illinois, on December 18, 2006, commencing at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Don Brewer.

The chair directed the recording secretary to call the roll:

John Sanders	–	present
John O’Keefe	–	present
Jake Rendleman	–	present
David Hancock	–	absent
Bill Kilquist	–	present
Matthew Todd	–	absent
Don Brewer	–	present

Also present were: Robert L. Mees, President; J. P. Barrington, Vice-President for Business Services; Pat Hewson, College Legal Counsel; Steve O’Keefe, Director for Communications and Marketing; Shannon Woodworth, Facilitator for Media Relations; Donna Glodjo, Recording Secretary to the Board of Trustees; other College personnel, citizens, and media representatives.

Prior to discussion of items on the agenda, the Board of Trustees and administrators had dinner.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE FOR COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

None.

DISCUSSION CONCERNING TRUSTEE VACANCY ON THE JOHN A. LOGAN COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President Mees drew the Board’s attention to information from the State Board of Elections and the Illinois Community College Act pertaining to filling of a vacancy on the Board of Trustees. He noted that the law indicates the vacancy shall be filled by the remaining trustees until the next regularly scheduled election. He stated that since the vacancy occurred more than four months prior to the next scheduled election, the unexpired two-year term will go on the ballot in the April 17, 2007 election. Trustee John O’Keefe asked if the state will appoint someone if the College board does not. Dr. Mees said that if the board waits more than 60 days, the statute says the state shall appoint someone. Trustee Sanders said he doubts that the state would actually do this since it is so close to the election. Trustee Kilquist said that he feels that the statute is clear that the state will appoint someone, adding that he would rather see our board fill the vacancy than someone who has no real interest. There was discussion as to whether the Board should appoint someone who is interested in running in the April election. Dr. O’Keefe expressed his feeling that it would be better to appoint someone who will not be a contender in the election. Trustee Sanders expressed agreement. Trustee Kilquist expressed his opinion that the person who received the next highest votes in the 2005 election would be an ideal choice, since this would represent the choice of the people. Trustee Rendleman expressed agreement with Mr. Kilquist.

Board Chair Don Brewer stated that some of the Board members have been contacted by persons who may be interested in being appointed to fill the vacancy. He shared a letter he had received from Mike Hopkins expressing his interest. Mr. Brewer stated that the Board cannot take action on this item this evening. Mr. Kilquist stressed that the Board definitely needs to appoint someone, but needs to wait until

all Board members are present to vote. After some discussion, it was decided that the January 30 regular meeting might be the best time to act on this issue, since all Board members should be present at that time.

CLOSED SESSION

Board Chair Don Brewer stated that it is desirable to hold a closed session at this time to discuss the appointment, employment, and compensation of specific individuals, and to discuss the selection of a person to fill a vacancy on the Board of Trustees, and that he would appreciate Board action and a roll call vote to that effect.

John O’Keefe and Jake Rendleman moved and seconded that the special meeting of the John A. Logan College Board of Trustees be declared in closed session.

Upon roll call, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.
(Resolution #16-1985)

The meeting was declared in closed session at 6:05 p.m.

The meeting was declared back in regular session at 7:45 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Mees reminded the Board of the Annual Christmas Luncheon at 11:00 a.m. on December 21.

Jake Rendleman read a letter from Mark Migas complimenting the College on its aquatics program and the staff.

Don Brewer asked the *Southern Illinoisan* reporter who was present if she could put a statement in her article asking any interested persons to contact the President’s Office if they are interested in being appointed to fill the vacant Board seat.

ADJOURNMENT

John O’Keefe and Bill Kilquist moved and seconded that the special meeting of the John A. Logan College Board of Trustees be adjourned.

A voice vote showed all in favor. Motion carried.
(Resolution #16-1986)

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted: Donna Glodjo, Recording Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Don Brewer, Chair

Bill Kilquist, Secretary