

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 January 4, 2007, commencing at 5:00 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	–	absent
John O’Keefe	–	present
Jake Rendleman	–	present
David Hancock	–	present
Bill Kilquist	–	present
Matthew Todd	–	absent
Don Brewer	–	present

Also present were: Robert L. Mees, President; J. P. Barrington, Vice-President for Business Services; Larry Peterson, Vice-President for Administration; Julia Schroeder, Vice-President for Instructional 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.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE FOR COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution of Intent to Issue Funding Bonds to Pay Off Debt Certificates (Appendix I)

President Mees stated that it is desirable for the Board of Trustees to consider action on a resolution declaring the intention of the College to issue funding bonds. David Pistorius, vice-president of First Midstate, Inc., was present at the meeting. Mr. Pistorius stated that the Resolution of Intent starts the process for the funding bond issue. He said the debt certificates have been issued and are in place, and this is the next step. He briefly explained the resolution, stating that this is now a bond issue to replace the \$20,000,000 claim in debt certificates; it formally employs First Midstate and Chapman and Cutler to handle the process; identifies the Notice of Intent to be published in the local newspaper; states that 9,384 signatures would have to be submitted within the 30 day petition period to object; states that a public hearing must be held and then a bond resolution is adopted. Mr. Pistorius stated that the bonds are not sold until the final adoption of the bond resolution. He stated that the public hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. on January 30 prior to the regular board meeting.

President Mees recommended and David Hancock and John O’Keefe moved and seconded that the Board of Trustees accept the Resolution of Intent to Issue Funding Bonds to pay off debt

certificates, and that the administration be authorized to proceed with this issuance, publish the necessary notices, and hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on January 30, 2007.

Upon roll call, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.
(Resolution #16-1987)

B. Approval of Contracts with Trillium Dell Timberworks for the Restoration and Site Work on the Hunter Cabin (Appendix II)

President Mees stated that the College has been in contact with Trillium Dell Timberworks of Knoxville, Illinois, concerning the restoration and site work on the Hunter Cabin to be located on the College's campus. He stated that the restoration work will be performed at Trillium Dell's facilities in Knoxville, Illinois, for an amount of \$49,937.14. Trillium Dell Timberworks will also perform site work restoring the Hunter Cabin on the College's campus. Dr. Mees said that this on-site work will total \$35,367.07. He reported that these contracts have been reviewed by College legal counsel and are included as Appendix II. Vice-President Barrington stated that the work should be completed by mid-April, adding that the on-site work also includes the foundation, piers for porches, and fireplace work. He stated that the project is being paid for out of grants awarded to the College for this project. Dr. Mees reported that a master plan is in place for this area for future projects. Mr. Larry Hunter was present at the meeting and stated his appreciation for the enthusiasm and support of the cabin project from the Board and administration. President Mees expressed his appreciation to the Julia Harrison Bruce Foundation for their support of this project.

President Mees recommended and Jake Rendleman and John O'Keefe moved and seconded that the Board of Trustees approve contracts with Trillium Dell Timberworks of Knoxville, Illinois as follows: For restoration work on Hunter Cabin at Trillium Dell's facilities for an amount of \$49,937.14; and for on-site work on Hunter Cabin on the John A. Logan College campus for an amount of \$35,367.07; and that the administration be authorized to enter into these contracts as included in Appendix II.

A voice vote showed all in favor. Motion carried.
(Resolution #16-1988)

CLOSED SESSION

Board Chair Don Brewer stated that it is desirable to hold a closed session at this time to discuss 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.

David Hancock and John O'Keefe 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 #16-1989)

The meeting was declared in closed session at 5:32 p.m.

The meeting was declared back in regular session at 6:25 p.m.

Board Chair Don Brewer stated that the Board has reviewed applicants for the vacant Board position. He said there were several quality candidates – some are interested in running in the April election and some are just interested in serving in the interim. Mr. Brewer said that because it is desirable to have all the Board members present when that decision is made, a special meeting will be scheduled as soon as possible to make this appointment.

PERSONNEL

Operational Staff

President Mees recommended that Rhonda Crabb be employed as a full-time, grade IV, accounting clerk IV at John A. Logan College effective January 22, 2007.

President Mees recommend that Amanda Solomon be employed as a full-time, grade IV, accounting clerk IV–cashier at John A. Logan College effective February 1, 2007.

Non-Teaching Professional Staff

President Mees recommended that Rita Harris be employed as a full-time, grade IV, coordinator for student financial assistance effective January 22, 2007.

President Mees recommended that Kristen Shelby be employed as a full-time, grade IV, coordinator for student financial assistance effective January 22, 2007.

Full-Time Faculty

President Mees recommended that Chastity Mays be employed as a full-time, temporary business instructor effective January 16, 2007.

Jake Rendleman and John O’Keefe moved and seconded that the Board of Trustees approve all personnel items as recommended.

A voice vote showed all in favor. Motion carried.
(Resolution #16-1990)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Rendleman reminded the Board of the Foundation’s Annual Italian Dinner to be held on January 17.

Dr. Mees distributed a list of upcoming Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinners and asked the Board to let him know which of the dinners they wish to attend.

Trustee Rendleman remarked that it is good to have Trustee Hancock back from his trip to Jordan, and said that his comments broadcasted live from Jordan at the Christmas Luncheon were very well-received. Trustee Hancock said that he has received many positive comments, and remarked how amazing this

technology is – noting that there was no charge associated with this service. Mr. Hancock shared some of the opportunities he had to talk to educators in Jordan, and advised Dr. Mees that a gentleman will be contacting him to get more information about community colleges. He stated that the new king and queen of Jordan are very interested in education – including education for women – and said that his daughter-in-law is working in some of their efforts.

ADJOURNMENT

Jake Rendleman and John O’Keefe 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 #16-1991)

The meeting was duly adjourned.

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

Don Brewer, Chair

Bill Kilquist, Secretary