

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 11, 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	–	present
John O’Keefe	–	present
Jake Rendleman	–	present
David Hancock	–	present
Bill Kilquist	–	present
Matthew Todd	–	present
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.

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 to that effect.

Jake Rendleman and David Hancock 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 voted yes. Motion carried.
(Resolution #16-1992)

The meeting was declared in closed session at 5:05 p.m.

The meeting was declared back in regular session at 6:12 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE APPOINTMENT OF A PERSON TO FILL THE VACANT SEAT ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board Chair Don Brewer stated that some outstanding applications were received for the vacant seat on the Board of Trustees, making the decision very difficult.

Trustee Bill Kilquist moved and David Hancock seconded that the Board of Trustees select the next-highest vote getter in the 2005 election, Michael Hopkins, to fill the vacancy on the John A. Logan College Board of Trustees.

Mr. Kilquist expressed that this selection that would represent the choice of the people, since Mr. Hopkins was the next-highest vote getter in the last election.

Trustee John Sanders stated that, as he expressed at the last meeting, he would prefer that the Board not appoint anyone since the election is so close. He stressed that he has nothing against Mr. Hopkins and feels he would be an excellent person to serve on the Board. He said that the Board is not bound to take the next-highest vote getter from the last election – this is a totally separate matter.

Upon roll call, members voted as follows: John Sanders–no; John O’Keefe–yes; Jake Rendleman –yes; David Hancock–yes; Bill Kilquist–yes; Matt Todd–yes; and Don Brewer–yes. Motion carried. (Resolution #16-1993)

Chairman Brewer directed Dr. Mees to properly notify Mr. Hopkins of his appointment, and to send a letter of appreciation to the other applicants for their interest in serving the College.

EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT FOR BUSINESS SERVICES

Trustee John Sanders stated that the Board of Trustees had received a letter from Vice-President for Business Services J. P. Barrington regarding his retirement. Mr. Sanders stated that the Board, after much discussion and in their desire to keep Mr. Barrington at the College through June 30, 2007, presents the following motion.

John Sanders and John O’Keefe moved and seconded that the Board of Trustees authorize an increase in salary for Vice-President for Business Services J. P. Barrington of \$1,500 per month effective from September 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007, as an incentive for him to delay his retirement date until June 30, 2007; this being contingent upon Mr. Barrington submitting a revised, irrevocable letter of resignation changing his retirement date to June 30, 2007, with such letter to be formally accepted at the regular Board meeting on January 30, 2007.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows: John Sanders-yes; John O’Keefe-yes; Jake Rendleman-yes; David Hancock-no; Bill Kilquist-no; Matt Todd-no; and Don Brewer-yes. Motion carried. (Resolution #16-1994)

Board Chair Don Brewer appointed a committee of John O’Keefe and David Hancock to meet with President Mees to begin the process to be followed in appointing a new person to replace Mr. Barrington.

DISCUSSION ONLY ON REVISION OF BOARD POLICY #2121– PROCEDURES FOR ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS (Appendix I)

President Mees stated that Board Policy #2121– Procedures for Election of Board Officers needs to be revised to make the time frames compatible with the April consolidated election. The existing policy still refers to the old November non-partisan election time frames. Dr. Mees stated that he will confer with legal counsel and asked for input from the Board for any other suggested changes to this policy. He stated that a proposed revision will be presented for consideration at the January 30, 2007, Board meeting, and the revised policy will appear on the February 27 agenda for action.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Mees announced that the Higher Learning Commission site visit for accreditation will take place February 5-7. He said that the chair of the HLC team has requested a dinner meeting with the Board of Trustees on the evening of February 5, at 6:30 p.m. He encouraged as many Board members as possible to attend this important meeting. President Mees reported that the self-study is complete and will be presented to the Board members at the January 30 meeting. He stated that Deborah Payne and Larry Peterson have co-chaired this self-study and have done a wonderful job.

President Mees reported that one of the College’s long-time faculty members, Paul Menkis, is going to retire at the end of this year, and will be unable to teach this spring semester. He has authorized Dr. Schroeder to go ahead and advertise for a full-time faculty member to take his place. In addition, Dr. Mees reported that Dr. Schroeder has received three resignations from key business term faculty members. One temporary full-time business faculty position was filled at the December 18 Board meeting, and it is necessary now to re-post that and hire a second person to cover these classes. He explained that many of these classes include the displaced Maytag employees who have registered for classes. Dr. Mees said this has been authorized and Dr. Schroeder can begin working on this right away.

Trustee Jake Rendleman reminded the Board of the Foundation Annual Italian Dinner on January 17.

Mr. Rendleman encouraged the Board to stop by the Man-Tra-Con welcome center for the displaced Maytag (and other) employees that is located in the old aerobic center on campus. He commented on what a great effort this is to assist these returning students during a difficult time.

Dr. O’Keefe suggested that something should be done prior to seating Mr. Hopkins to honor Carol Farner’s service to the College. All members were in agreement.

Dr. Schroeder announced that Man-Tra-Con is having an open house in their new on-campus facility next week.

ADJOURNMENT

John Sanders and David Hancock 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 #16-1995)

The meeting was duly adjourned.

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

Don Brewer, Chair

Bill Kilquist, Secretary