

JOHN A. LOGAN COLLEGE
Carterville, IL 62918

Minutes of the 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 October 14, 2015, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

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

The chair directed the recording secretary to call the roll:

Cheryl Graff	-- present
Bill Alstat	-- present
Jackie Hancock	-- present
Bill Kilquist	-- present
Jake Rendleman	-- present
Ray Hancock	-- present
Brandi Husch	-- present
Don Brewer	-- present

Also present were: Brad McCormick, Vice-President for Business Services and College Facilities; Larry Peterson, Interim Vice-President for Student Affairs and Community Education; Laurel Klinkenberg, Vice-President for Instruction; Don Prosser, College Legal Counsel; Steve O'Keefe, Director of College Relations; Donna Glodjo, Recording Secretary to the Board of Trustees; and other College personnel.

Board Chair Brewer led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Former Student Trustee Mandy Little addressed the board and delivered a statement regarding her concerns and disappointment with the direction of the board and its integrity. As a member of the search committee who selected Dr. Dreith for president, Ms. Little expressed her support for him and the exemplary way he has conducted his presidency. She said, "For the board to allow him to walk away without fighting for him is nothing short of failure on their part." She spoke of her positive experiences and lessons learned from trustees when she was on the board, her positive experiences with faculty and staff, and her pride in the College; but stated that actions of the current board have made her ashamed. She challenged the board to stop working for themselves, stop the deception and lies, meet the expectations of the voters, put students first, and think what their decisions will mean for the future of the College and its students. She noted that if students are truly put first and that is done properly, everything else will fall into place. Ms. Little concluded by stating that decisions on the agenda are about much more than Dr. Dreith – they are about the future of the College, the faculty, staff, and the students.

CLOSED SESSION

Board Chair Don Brewer stated it was desirable to hold a closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, and compensation of specific individuals; and pending litigation; and that he would appreciate board action and a roll call vote to that effect.

Bill Alstat and Bill Kilquist moved and seconded that the regular 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 #16-3235)

The meeting was declared in closed session at 7:13 p.m.

The meeting was declared back in regular session at 8:25 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

A. PERSONNEL

1. Consideration and Action on Resignation and Separation Agreement for Michael Dreith

Bill Alstat and Bill Kilquist moved and seconded that the Board of Trustees approve the voluntary resignation of President Michael Dreith and the related separation agreement effective October 14, 2015.

Upon roll call, members voted as follows: Cheryl Graff – yes; Jackie Hancock – no; Bill Kilquist – yes; Jake Rendleman – yes; *Ray Hancock – no; Bill Alstat – yes; Brandi Husch – no; Don Brewer – yes. Motion carried.
(Resolution #16-3236)

*Trustee Ray Hancock wished to explain his vote as follows: “I do not think it is necessary or desirable to buy out contracts of employees, including the President, unless there are documented and compelling reasons. However, I support payment to Dr. Dreith consistent with the years remaining on his contract. Our actions here tonight, in my opinion, are not consistent with generally accepted board policy/procedures or with the stated mission of this College. Neither citizens nor students of the College district are well-served by these actions. Moreover, the financial impact on the College is negative. With all that said, I will do whatever I can to support the positive progress of this College now and in the future. My vote is no.”

2. Consideration of and Possible Employment of an Interim President

Jake Rendleman and Bill Alstat moved and seconded that the Board of Trustees employ Ron House as Interim President of John A. Logan College effective October 19, 2015, on a month-to-month basis, until a permanent president is employed, at a salary of \$4,000 per month for his services.

Upon roll call, members voted as follows: Jackie Hancock – no; Bill Kilquist – yes; Jake Rendleman – yes; Ray Hancock – no; Bill Alstat – yes; Cheryl Graff – yes; Brandi Husch – no; Don Brewer – yes. Motion carried.
(Resolution #16-3237)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Jake Rendleman and Bill Alstat 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 #16-3238)

The meeting was duly adjourned.

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

Don Brewer, Chair

Jake Rendleman, Secretary