

DRAFT
MINUTES OF THE STUDY MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Board of Trustees Room Z203
La-Z-Boy Center
August 28, 2014

Members present: William J. Bacarella Jr., Joseph Bellino Jr., William H. Braunlich, Dr. James DeVries, Marjorie A. Kreps, Mary Kay Thayer.

Members Absent: William H. Braunlich, Linda Lauer.

Also present: Randy Daniels, BJ Fisher (FLS Group), Molly McCutchan, Joshua Myers, Kojo Quartey, Suzanne Wetzel, Grace Yackee, and Penny Dorcey-Naber (recording secretary)

1. Chair Bacarella called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the November 4, 2014 millage request.
2. President Quartey and the millage team met with FLS Group on Monday, August 25, 2014, to strategize on how to inform the community about the upcoming millage request. MCCC should encourage students and community members to register and vote.

B.J. Fisher of FLS Group spoke about the two main messages pulled from the recent polling: affordability and quality. MCCC needs to recruit volunteers to assist with the informational campaign including door-to-door, phone calls, and writing letters to the editor. President Quartey will be speaking at every community gathering possible in the next two months accompanied by a person from the business community and/or a student. He will include churches, senior centers, libraries, and civic and social organizations on his tour.

President Quartey has contacted a couple of people to serve as coordinators of the volunteer activities. The college will run an educational/informational campaign throughout the community. Employees must be mindful of what they do and say regarding the millage while on company time as well as in public. Board members can speak freely and ask community members to vote “yes.” Students will be running voter registration events across campus in the upcoming weeks.

President Quartey and Trustee DeVries have scheduled a visit to the Mabel Kehres Senior Center and will schedule meetings with other senior centers in the County to take the millage information to the senior population.

Goals to be addressed if the millage passes are to preserve affordability and access, maintain current programs so they align with what is needed in the current job market, and address critical needs in educational programming, technology and physical facilities. If the millage request does not pass, the college will not be able to continue to be the institution to which the community has become accustomed. MCCC has an exceptional 50-year legacy and all employees and Board members must work hard to ensure that the college can continue to deliver excellence in education at an affordable price to its community.

As employees begin to get questions from community members that are not addressed on the website, they are asked to convey those questions to Sue Wetzel or Joe Verkennes and they will post the answer on the website.

3. *It was moved by Mrs. Thayer seconded by Mr. Bellino that the meeting be adjourned.*

The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Bacarella, Jr.
Chair

Suzanne Wetzel
Secretary

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