

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Board of Trustees Room, Z-203  
La-Z-Boy Center  
6:00 p.m., May 4, 2015

Members present: William J. Bacarella Jr., Joseph N. Bellino Jr. (via phone), William H. Braunlich, James DeVries, Lynette M. Dowler, Marjorie A. Kreps, Mary Kay Thayer

Also present: Jack Burns, Peter Coomar, Randy Daniels, Jeff Harbaugh, Kojo Quartey, Brian Lay, Jim Ross, Joe Verkennes, Suzanne Wetzel, Grace Yackee, Kevin Zorn, Penny Dorcey (recording secretary)

1. Vice-chair Mary Kay Thayer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and vote upon proposed improvements to the Heating Ventilation and Cooling System (HVAC).
2. Mrs. Thayer read the revised recommended motion aloud. The Trustees discussed whether or not to include the replacement of the HVAC system in the Energy Services Agreement. They weighed the pros and cons of the conventional system versus the geothermal system and related costs were considered. A geo thermal system has double the life of a conventional system and it is environmentally friendly. Mr. Braunlich pointed out that cost efficiency and the environmental impact supports the geo thermal system. President Quartey noted that the current equipment is in failure and can no longer be fixed or delayed. Suzanne Wetzel, Vice President of Administration, explained that if the Board approves the Energy Services Agreement, the College will use an "Installment Purchase Contract" (IPC) rather than a voted bond issue to pay for the new HVAC system. Once the Administration knows the final cost for the project, RFPs will be sent out to banks for the IPC. Both Ameresco and the attorney from Butzel Long recommend an IPC rather than bonds because of the cost of the process and the ease of the IPC, which uses the equipment as collateral. The collateral for bonds is the taxing authority of the institution. A voted bond issue would also slow the project down. Once Ameresco has the final engineering drawing, the projected cost of the project will be brought before to Board for approval, as will the method of financing. At this time, the savings projection on the new equipment is unknown because it is not in place and cannot be evaluated; however, the Career Technology Building has exceeded its savings projection.

*It was moved by Mr. Braunlich and supported by Dr. DeVries that the Board authorizes the President to proceed with the negotiation and signing of the Energy Services Agreement by and between the Community College District of Monroe County and Ameresco, Inc. to include a Geo Thermal HVAC system.*

A role call vote was taken as follows:

[Ayes] 7	Kreps, Braunlich, Bellino, Dowler, DeVries, Bacarella, Thayer
[Nays] 0	None

The motion carried.

3. *It was moved by Mr. Bacarella and supported by Mrs. Kreps that the meeting be adjourned.*

The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph N. Bellino Jr.  
Chair

James E. DeVries  
Secretary

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These minutes were approved at the May 18, 2015 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees.