

APPROVED MINUTES OF INFORMATION SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF MACOMB

An open information session of the Board of Trustees of the Community College District of the County of Macomb was held Wednesday November 15, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., in Room 125 of the University Center, Professional Development Center, Center Campus, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, Michigan.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lorenzo at 6:08 p.m.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Present:

Katherine Lorenzo, Chairperson  
Frank Cusumano, Vice Chairperson  
Kristi Dean, Secretary  
Joan Flynn, Trustee  
Shelley Vitale, Trustee  
Vincent Viviano, Trustee (arrived at 7:10 p.m.)

Absent:

Roseanne DiMaria, Treasurer

Also present:

James Sawyer, President  
Libby Argiri, Executive Vice President, Business  
Joline Davis, Vice President, Human Resources  
Tiffany Goliday, Executive Director, IDEA  
Carrie Jeffers, Vice President, Student Services  
Leslie Kellogg, Provost, Vice President of Learning Unit  
Sharon Kowalek, Executive Assistant to the President & Board of Trustees  
William Leavens, Chief of College Police  
Deb Mende, Executive Director, Office of the President  
Jeffrey Steele, General Counsel, Office of General Counsel  
Michael Zimmerman, CIO

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Cusumano supported by Dean

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a flashover simulator The simulator is a permanent fixture but because it is burning ordinary combustibles as opposed to propane combustibles need to be continually replaced. Trustee Vitale inquired if the college will be charging others to use the simulator? M. Lopez said yes, it is a trailer so either departments would come to our location or because it is a trailer take it on the road and around the state.

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Agenda Item 11.3 Educational VR Automotive Mechanic Software Trustee Vitale said this is about Michigan based bidding. She knows the policy states we go with the lowest qualified bidder and the board trusts the recommendation of administration, but with this item there is a \$4,000 difference between the lowest qualified bidder and the next lowest qualified bidder. Trustee Vitale asked if there are any companies in the sense that it supports the students, the college and the employment of people in our community that addressed at all in the bidding process? Dr. Sawyer said no, we follow the purchasing policy explicitly and it says the lowest qualified bidder gets it, regardless of it is a difference of a \$1 or \$4,000. If the board would want to introduce preferential treatment for any municipality or the state, they would have to revise the purchasing policy.

Trustee Vitale asked Chair Lorenzo if that would be something good when the bids are that close? She said that is something the board can decide. Dr. Sawyer cautioned about putting gray areas in a policy. If the board was to consider a policy change, administration requests the board give administration the tools with which to assess these things properly so we can satisfy your expectation. He would not want to bring them to the board and board members have different expectations if we are going to be paying higher than the lowest qualified bid. Trustee Vitale stated to Chair Lorenzo that is something we should probably address. Chair Lorenzo said that can be discussed at the special meeting.

Chair Lorenzo shared information about a refresher course trustees attend, available through the MCCA Trust (renz02f30 Tr 11.04 0 0 11.04 457.63 422.11 Tm (, )Tj ET Q q 0 0 612 792 re W\* n BT

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D3C3 Grant Update

- x The First Annual Progress Report has been submitted to the funders Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation and the Ballmer Group.
- x Student Services kicked off the work association with D3C3 in support of Strategy 2.
- x The success coaches and navigators are officially embedded into the counseling and academic advising department.
- x A new opportunity has presented itself to the K12 office to work with Utica Alternative Education. Utica Community Schools made the decision to require all seniors staying for their final semester in that program to participate in dual enrollment at Macomb. This is a great opportunity. We are hopeful this will become a model working with other alternative programs in the county. Staff is providing admission support onsite at the high school on November 20.
- x Our case manager had 24 new cases in October and their current case load remains at 17 students.

Economic Impact Report Dr. Sawyer said included in your packets a press release on our Economic Impact Report. The college periodically uses an outside research firm (this year, Lightcast) to do an analysis study to learn the value of the college to the community at large.

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Trustee Flynn asked if the police have found any guns on campus is there have been any shootings?  
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As far as drugs and alcohol, which does not necessarily rise to the level of violence, is a mental health  
issue which has been pretty significant, and something dealt with daily.

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this something the college wants to get involved with at all, and once you do you are sort of on the hook  
for responsibility Trustee Dean asked based on these statistics, the college could do a mental health  
assessment before students enroll? It was shared that doing that is legal.

Chair Lorenzo said in comparison to the amount of discussion we have spent, on this time talking  
about other high tickets items, is she sensing some underlying concern? Trustee Vitale was concerned  
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important for the college.

M. Koss said to keep in mind that this is a pilot for a recruitment and retention effort, and a nice thing  
about this service is that Christie Campus Health offers a continuum of care a student can take as little  
or as much advantage of as many services as they wish through the provider, free of charge. Other  
services available through Christie are self-help tutorials using an app, phone lines that could put them in  
touch with additional resources in the community or virtually face to face and/or virtual counseling,  
assessments that might need to be done and medication management. Christie Campus has identified  
providers in the community students can be referred to. Trustee Vitale said nothing beats meeting face  
to face or on zoom with a person Will it be easy for students to access on one help? M. Koss said  
yes, and with the Macomb branding offered, a student doesn't necessarily know that it is a different  
provider. The service helps with the marketing piece as well to have us be as accessible as possible to  
students to take advantage to whatever degree they choose.

Trustee Deas said the write up says that Schoolcraft College entered into a contract with Christie, would  
they have data available on this service? M. Koss said she [š% š]š Z v μ u CE • ^ Z } Ğo CE ( š

