

Mid Michigan College Board of Trustees Special Meeting

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The meeting took place in the Esther C. Conference Room, Harrison Campus.

Present: Terry Petrongelli, Board Chair; Michael Jankoviak, Vice Chair; Thomas W. Metzger, Treasurer; Jane Zdrojweski, Trustee; Onita Oles, Trustee

Absent: Richard S. Allen Jr., Secretary; George Gilmore, Trustee

Agenda Item I: *CALL TO ORDER*

Board Chair Terry Petrongelli called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Agenda Item II: *APPROVAL OF AGENDA*

Motion by Trustee Oles to approve the agenda. Second by Trustee Zdrojewski. All Ayes; Motion Carried.

Agenda Item III: *PUBLIC COMMENT*

Board Chair Petrongelli asked for public comment, no one wished to comment.

Agenda Item IV: *POTENTIAL ATHLETIC FIELDS- MT. PLEASANT CAMPUS*

President Hood reviewed the Mt. Pleasant campus athletic field proposal. He updated the Board with some information regarding wetlands near the project space and a reconfiguration that was made in order to follow rules pertaining to those wetlands and the updating of a maintenance facility/salt barn. Updates to the maintenance salt barn and utilization of space in the Morey Tech Center was discussed. Director of Facilities Joe Myers presented the Board with information regarding the current salt barn on the Mt. Pleasant campus, its condition and how a new maintenance facility would assist with operations. Vice President of Finance and Administration Lillian Frick discussed some planning and zoning information and necessities.

Vice President of Student Services Matt Miller reviewed the reconfigured plan. Questions regarding the safety of the current salt barn, drainage in the potential ball fields and parking lot capacity were discussed. Vice President of Academic Affairs Scott Mertes discussed other potential future expansions in relation to the campus master plan. Questions regarding the dimensions for potential facilities in the plan were discussed. President Hood discussed plans the Foundation has regarding fundraising for this project. Bids for this project are scheduled to be accepted starting in August with a recommendation expected for the September Board meeting. A discussion regarding initial projected costs versus updated projected costs and how Mid would be able to afford this project based on how much is expected in fundraising efforts. A question regarding projected utilities expenses and maintenance expenses was discussed.

Questions regarding why the athletic field project is receiving the attention it is right now, when there are other educational areas that may need to be addressed sooner, were addressed.

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Board members proposed the question of completing the various projects in phases. The project currently needs additional funds around \$150,000 in order to complete the RFP portion of the project.

Trustee Zdrojewski requested a needs versus wants comparison and phased approach for the September meeting. Trustee Jankoviak stated that he is not in favor of the athletic fields for the use of that property and had concerns about economic factors affecting this project. He would also like to see other options where this project might be viable. Board Chair Petrongelli agreed that more information needed to be presented in a phased option so that Trustees can better digest what they are being asked to approve. The idea of receiving expected information at the regular meeting in September and being asked to make a decision at the same time was discussed and the potential for holding a special meeting or utilizing workshop time was noted. A final approval from Union Township would not be given until at least September 20.

The importance of Trustees wishing to see the bigger picture plans for the college was discussed. Vice President of Academic Affairs Scott Mertes reviewed the capital outlay process, potential projects, previous project proposals and approvals. The potential for updating the campus master plan was discussed. The Board will await the additional information that will be expected by the September meeting.

Agenda Item V: *BOARD POLICY REVIEW SCHEDULE*

A survey showed that most administrators involved would be available to focus on a Board policy review with a call to action in February, first reading in April and second reading with motion to take place in May. The only outlier to this would be college compliance and ethics, which would need to submit updates and changes based on law requirements. The Board decided that it would be best for a committee of Board members to meet after the first of the year and go through the policies that the Board will specifically need to address.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

Recording Secretary,

Amy Lince

Executive Assistant to the President and Board of Trustees

Terry Petrongelli, Board Chair

Richard S. Allen, Jr., Board Secretary