

## **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: Michael Jankoviak, Vice Chair; Richard S. Allen Jr., Secretary; George Gilmore, Trustee; Jane Zdrojweski, Trustee; Onita Oles, Trustee

Absent: Terry Petrongelli, Board Chair; Thomas W. Metzger, Treasurer

### **Agenda Item I: *CALL TO ORDER***

Vice Chair Mike Jankoviak called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM.

### **Agenda Item II: *APPROVAL OF AGENDA***

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

### **Agenda Item III: *PUBLIC COMMENT***

Vice Chair Jankoviak asked for public comment, no one wished to comment.

### **Agenda Item IV: *POTENTIAL ATHLETIC FIELD & FACILITY UPDATE DISCUSSION***

President Hood reflected on the work that has been done regarding the potential athletic fields. He stated that the administration does not feel confident in moving forward with the proposed plans as presented. He apologized to the Board for any pressure they felt and said he took full responsibility for any shortcomings. The conversation turned to a discussion regarding the maintenance facility upgrades and proposed advanced manufacturing center.

President Hood spoke about the focus on a new 5 year master plan for Mid and prioritizing projects in that plan. Vice President of Finance and Administration Lillian Frick discussed the process that took place to prepare the most recent master plan and what aspects were involved. She also spoke about the capital outlay process and the most recent project that was submitted for that funding.

Marty Ruitter, Architect with Hobbs and Black spoke about the addendum bids that were received pertaining to specific pieces of the proposed project. He said that if the Board were to make a decision on the project during the October 4, 2022 Board meeting, they would still be within the 60 day bid window. Vice President of Finance and Administration Lillian Frick presented an overview of potential costs for the initial proposed project and the potential costs for the maintenance building alone. The costs already approved by the Board regarding exploratory design and development were discussed.

The proposed maintenance facility would be roughly 7,500 square feet and the training facility would be roughly 10,400 square feet. If a new maintenance facility were to be built, that would

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free up significant space in the Morey Tech Center to provide more dual enrollment courses or industry specific training.

President Hood stated that the College Cabinet would be holding a retreat on Thursday, September 15, 2022 in order to discuss the current strategic plan and how it correlates with the 5 year master plan.

Trustee Zdrojewski was thankful for more information that was provided to help with an understanding of the process and proposal. She also wondered if a new maintenance facility were built, could the current salt barn building be sold.

If the Board were to approve the project at the October meeting, there most likely would not be a lot of work done yet this fall. The completion time would be roughly July 2023. Trustee Oles asked about lighting on the proposed maintenance facility in order to properly meet the needs of the employees utilizing that space.

Trustee Gilmore asked about current sport field rentals. Vice President of Student Services Matt Miller stated that we are currently paying roughly \$15,000 in order to rent facilities for baseball and softball. A discussion regarding natural grass versus artificial turf and cost saving strategies pertaining to that took place.

President Hood stated that the retraction of a proposed athletic field does not mean that it could not be revisited in the future, however based on prioritization that project can be pushed back. Trustee Gilmore expressed concerns with waiting on the athletic field based on the amount of money that has already been invested. Marty Ruitter stated that if the project was prolonged to another time, that the college should focus on maintaining the current wetlands to ensure that they do not grow larger and reduce usable space.

Vice Chair Jankoviak verified that the master plan was regarding facilities and not programmatic and employment priorities. He also verified that programmatic planning falls into the strategic plan. Trustee Zdrojewski asked to clarify the differences between the strategic plan, master plan and the 5 year plan. The Board expressed thanks for the clarification and deeper dive into the information regarding this proposed project.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM  
Recording Secretary,  
Amy Lince  
Executive Assistant to the President and Board of Trustees

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Terry Petrongelli, Board Chair

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Richard S. Allen, Jr., Board Secretary