

## **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: Jane Zdrojewski, Board Chair; Michael Jankoviak, Vice Chair; Richard S. Allen Jr., Secretary; Thomas W. Metzger, Treasurer; George Gilmore, Trustee; Onita Oles, Trustee; Nate Weisenburger, Trustee

Absent: All Trustees Present

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

Board Chair Jane Zdrojewski called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM.

### **Agenda Item II: *WELCOME & ICE BREAKER***

The Board started the retreat with an ice breaker exercise.

### **Agenda Item III: *ATHLETICS STRATEGY***

Vice President of Student Services and Advancement Matt Miller presented the Board with a history and association membership of athletics at Mid. He spoke about the current state of athletics, the composition of student athletes and funding for athletics.

A discussion took place regarding the potential of athletic facilities in Clare. At this point, Mid has not committed to this project. The future of the baseball team was brought up and issues with fields to play on. A facility to host games is needed or being able to utilize the option of playing away games. Trustees with longevity spoke about past options for athletics. A long term discussion regarding the vision for athletics needs to be held.

Trustee Gilmore asked if prices were available yet regarding the updating of cross country trails. President Hood stated that he would have more information at the next meeting. A goal discussed would be to figure out which sports interest students and which of those sports the college can afford. Trustees also spoke about the demographics of the college in regards to athletic teams and how that may affect decision making. Trustees requested periodic updates regarding the Clare facility in future meetings.

### **Agenda Item IV: *CAMPUS PLAN OVERVIEW***

Provost Scott Mertes gave the Board an overview of the various campus plans, as each of them may overlap. The current Strategic Plan covers the years 2022-2025 and is a live document that can be updated as necessary. A discussion took place about the importance of continuing the strategic plan updates during the Board workshops.

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The Capital Outlay Five-Year Master Plan showcases the budgetary and administrative functions devoted to planning and financing for the acquisition, construction/renovation, and maintenance of facilities used by a state agency, public university or community college. Mid was approved for capital outlay money when the Center for Liberal Arts and Business was built in 2010.

The Campus Master plan defines a conceptual and physical framework for making physical changes to the campus over time. Mid is working with Hobbs + Black Architect to complete the Campus Master Plan. Representatives from Hobbs + Black were present during the meeting to gather feedback from the Board regarding the Campus Master Plan. Trustees shared their feedback regarding specific questions provided by Hobbs + Black. Those questions will be shared via a survey to the entire campus community. The Board requested another time to discuss their thoughts after survey results have been gathered.

A 15 minute break was taken at this point.

### **Agenda Item V: *ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND FUNCTIONING AS A BOARD***

A discussion regarding the reason for the Board's existence, responsibilities of the Board, responsibilities of individual trustees and the duties of administration vs Board took place. The Trustees talked about the importance of having them present in discussions regarding program standards and how accrediting bodies have affected those decisions. The Trustees talked about the importance of supporting employees and setting the proper tone as Board members.

The Trustees discussed what should be expected of them as an individual member of the Board and what is inappropriate for them to engage in on an individual basis. They also discussed what should be overseen by the administration and/or the Board. A Board orientation packet will be put together. They also discussed how to handle bigger decisions in a more effective manner.

### **Agenda Item VI: *WRAP-UP***

The Trustees agreed they would like to have another retreat in the near future. They appreciated the time together to openly discuss issues.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM

Recording Secretary,

Amy Lince

Executive Assistant to the President and Board of Trustees

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Jane Zdrojewski, Board Chair

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Richard S. Allen, Jr., Board Secretary