

WILLIAM RAINEY HARPER COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT #512
COUNTIES OF COOK, KANE, LAKE, AND McHENRY, STATE OF ILLINOIS

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Wednesday, August 14, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 512 was called to order by Chair Bill Kelley on Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Wojcik Conference Center, 1200 W. Algonquin Road, Palatine, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Present: Members Greg Dowell, Herb Johnson, Bill Kelley, Diane Hill, Walt Mundt, Nancy Robb, Pat Stack and Student Member Liman Lei.

Absent: None

Also present:

Mike Barzacchini, Director of Marketing Services; Dr. Yolonda Barnes, Dean of Business and Social Science; Dr. Dennis Baskin, Associate Provost of Student Affairs; Dr. Susanne Brock, Senior Director Innovation and Development; Tony Butler, Director of Risk Management; Orlando Cabrera, Tech Support Specialist; Dr. Scott Cashman, Senior Manager Community, Career and Corporate Education; Meg Coney, Administrative Coordinator; Amanda Duval, Chief Human Resources Officer; Rob Galick, EVP Finance and Administrative Services; Bob Grapenthien, Controller; Dr. Joanne Ivory, Dean of CTP; Dr. Tamara Johnson, Vice President, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Jeff Julian, Chief of Staff; Rick Kellerman, Network Specialist; Matt McLaughlin, Associate Dean; Kristyn Meyer, Associate Executive Director Educational Foundation; Bob Parzy, Associate Provost, Enrollment Services; Kim Pohl, Director of Communications; Dr. Kimberley Polly, Dean of Mathematics and Science; Darlene Schlenbecker, Vice President of Planning, Research and Institutional Effectiveness; Dr. Michelé Smith, Vice President, Workforce Solutions; Darice Trout, Senior Director - Workforce Solutions and Job Placement; Dr. Ruth Williams, Provost; Riaz Yusuff, Chief Information Officer; Heather Zoldak, Chief Advancement Officer.

Guests: David Yandel, FGM Architects, Jim Creath and Tim Lumpp, Pepper Construction,

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DISCUSSION OF
FOLLOW UP ITEMS

David Yandel presented an update on the Business and Social Sciences building design and budget update. Buildings I and J will become one under Building I, housing the following programs:

- Business Programs: Business Administration and Accounting.

- Social Science Programs: Anthropology, Early Childhood Education, Economics, Geography (including GIS and Drone), History, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology.
- Careers and Technical Programs: Computer Information Systems, Paralegal Studies, and Studio V Retail Lab.
- Additional Programs: Fast Track, Child Care Center, Small Business Development Center, and Artificial Intelligence Lab.

The building will have resiliency with its accessibility and universal design. Mr. Yandel highlighted the sustainability and LEED Silver Certification aspects of the design. When the project was presented to the Board in January/February the project was \$13.6m over budget. Since then, the team identified a targeted \$10.4m potential cost savings via theater equipment, interiors, sitework/landscaping, building façade and vegetative roof. An additional \$4.9m proposed cost savings was presented involving building design, shell space, early demolition of Building J and theatre, and alternate funding for stormwater – which brings the project to under budget by \$0.3m.

The Board inquired about the early teardown savings. Mr. Yandel explained the early tear down will provide a cleaner site to work with and that a later tear down would add cost and time to the project. Dr. Proctor said that a review of programs was underway to determine what could move online to help facilitate an early teardown.

The next step is to proceed with the construction documents, confirm phasing approach, and plan for temporary conditions. Bidding in early 2025 and construction start in summer 2025.

Darlene Schlenbecker presented the FY2024 Accountability Report highlights providing fiscal year outcomes on College Plan activities. The Institutional Effectiveness Measures (IEM) status: 14 of 16 measures are on target. Three need attention. Equity gaps: 17 of 28 on target with 11 needing attention. For the Strategic Plan all 27 targets were completed; and 75 measures were completed. Additional highlights included reduced equity gaps by 20% in developmental and gateway coursework, persistence and completion and increase graduation rate to an all-time high of 45.6%. The Operational Plan goals reflected an 82.6% completion (target met) of the 46 tasks under the six goals. The College Plan will be presented in September. The Board appreciated all the great work and the Strategic Plan highlights.

Athletic Director Sherese Parker presented an update on the outdoor athletic facilities by first recognizing Harper's National Champion teams: 2024 Women's Outdoor Track & Field, 2023 Women's Cross Country, 2023 Men's Cross Country and the 2023 Men's Soccer which advanced to the national tournament. She then reviewed the Phase 1 project scope and estimated costs for turf, lights, seating, and support structures which include storage, restrooms, concessions, etc. projected to be \$7.2m-\$11.6m. Phase 1 focuses on renovation of the soccer stadium, track and field area

and renovation and converting the court complex to support tennis and pickleball. Phases 2 and 3 focus on the baseball and softball fields respectively. Estimates for the stadium/track are \$6.6m, and estimates for the tennis/pickleball courts is \$2m-\$5m

Ms. Parker also shared the data on the positive influence of the tuition waivers and the move to Division II. All teams are on track to utilize their allotted waivers for FY2025. Rob Galick asked the Board to consider moving forward with the RFQ and RFP processes in Phase 1, asking for architects to submit proposals. Trustee Robb expressed appreciation for the well thought out plan for Phase 1. Student Trustee Lei said his peers have complained about the fields and looks forward to future discussions. Trustee Mundt asked if there was flexibility in Phase 1 proposals to address the bigger long-term picture of the track being more utilized than the baseball field and the location to the parking lot. Dr. Proctor asked Mr. Galick to incorporate the bigger lens into the RFQ. Trustee Johnson asked if Harper had any discussions with the Palatine Park District. Dr. Proctor noted that the college has met with the new director but due to other priorities for the Park District, they have not had any discussions lately.

Bob Grapenthien reviewed the budget timeline to date and the scheduled public hearing and budget adoption at the August 21 Board meeting. He reviewed the revenues and expenditures of the Tax Capped funds, and FY2025 capital projects. He provided a breakdown of proposed usage of FY2024 surplus, which is to be voted on by the Board at the August 21 Board meeting.

Jeff Julian reviewed the August Board packet. He reminded the Board there will be a closed session after the August 21 Board meeting. Amanda Duval spoke to the reclassification process as delineated in the July personnel report reflecting the compensation study. She said that each union is negotiated separately.

Trustee Kelley thanked Dr. Proctor for sharing the link to watch the all-campus meeting.

FORMAL ACTIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Stack moved, Member Hill seconded, adjournment at 6:09 p.m.

In a voice vote, motion carried.

Chair

Secretary