

WILLIAM RAINEY HARPER COLLEGE
Algonquin & Roselle Roads
Palatine, Illinois

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

AGENDA

May 5, 1980

8:00 pm

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. RECOMMENDATION: Tuition Fee Increase
- IV. RECOMMENDATION: ICCTA Membership Dues
- V. BOARD INFORMATION: Round II Budget Planning
- VI. Board Committee Appointments
- VII. Adjournment

Exhibit III

Exhibit IV

Exhibit V

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 Special Board Meeting of Monday, May 5, 1980

CALL TO ORDER:

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 512 was called to order by Chairman Barch on Monday, May 5, 1980, at 8:12 p.m., in the Board Room of the Administration Building, Algonquin and Roselle Roads, Palatine.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Members Brian M. Barch, Janet W. Bone, George F. Dasher, Joan M. Klusmann, Shirley A. Munson and David Tomchek
Absent: Member Ray Mills and Student Member John Malkowski

Also present: James J. McGrath, Felice Avila, Steve Catlin, George Dorner, John Lucas, Liz McKay, Don Misic, Vera Murchison, Jeanne Pankanin, James D. Perry, Donn Stansbury, Elaine Stoermer, George Voegel, David Williams and Laurie Wren--Harper College; Michael LaVanway--Harper Student; Margaret Holt--Paddock Publications; and Jan Schrader--Palatine League of Women Voters.

For clarification purposes, Chairman Barch stated that the Members of the Board of Trustees had met in an executive session prior to this meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss negotiations and possible litigation. Chairman Barch explained that the litigation was not discussed and that the information needed by the administration would be obtained by a poll of Board members on May 6.

NEW BUSINESS:
Tuition Increase

President McGrath called attention to Exhibits III and V which relate to budget items. He stated that Exhibit III included a history of Harper tuition increases, projected revenue from tuition increase, and a comparison of tuition and other costs among community colleges and universities in Illinois. Additionally, Exhibit V outlines a projected deficit for 1980-81 which would require a tuition increase. Based on 6890 FTE, the President stated that an increase of \$1.00 per credit hour would generate approximately \$224,000 additional income for the fiscal year, resulting in a slight surplus.

Member Dasher felt that tuition should be increased by \$2.00 in order to keep reasonably close to rising costs.

NEW BUSINESS:
Tuition Increase
(cont.)

Member Dasher moved, Member Tomchek seconded, that the Board of Trustees approve an increase in tuition of \$2.00 per credit hour effective with the Summer 1980 term.

In reference to working with surplus funds, Member Munson advised Board members to move with caution inasmuch as other school districts in the area have been "under the gun" in working with funds of this type. Member Dasher reiterated his belief that tuition should be increased to be comparable with increased costs. It was Member Tomchek's feeling that enrollment would rise substantially in the coming year. More students will come to Harper College because sufficient jobs are not available for them to earn the necessary money to go away to college. Member Bone mentioned that she receives mailings from numerous colleges. She added that these colleges are increasing tuition at a healthier rate than the 5.5 percent increase being proposed for Harper to meet rising costs. She expressed concern that students will be asked to absorb the increase in costs.

Although not necessarily advocating a change, Member Bone voiced concern about tuition for senior citizens. She pointed out that it has been a policy of Harper College for senior citizens to pay 20 percent of the tuition fees if they are over age 65. In speaking engagements during the recent election campaign, Member Bone was asked if this age limit would be reduced. Upon checking with the administration, Member Bone found that there were no dollar figures available in terms of what this reduction in tuition for senior citizens was costing the College. She requested information regarding the number of senior citizens taking advantage of the reduced rate and the impact of this in dollar figures. President McGrath replied that this information would be furnished to Board members.

Member Klussmann noted that many factors have to be considered regarding a tuition increase. There are intangibles such as enrollment and legislative actions, over which the Board has no control. The College needs money for cash flow purposes. In determining tuition increase, the students also have to be considered. Member Munson felt that the Board would have a clearer picture during fall enrollment and that another recommendation for the extra dollar could be presented to the Board next year, if necessary. In reference to the Harper catalog, Member Bone noted that it specifies that tuition and fees are subject to change without notice.

NEW BUSINESS:
Tuition Increase
(cont.)

Member Tomchek called the question, seconded by Member Dasher.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Members Barch, Bone and Dasher

Nays: Members Klussmann, Munson and Tomchek

Motion defeated.

Member Tomchek moved, Member Munson seconded, that the Board of Trustees approve an increase in tuition of \$1.00 per credit hour, from \$18.00 to \$19.00, effective for the Summer 1980 term (as per Exhibit III attached to the minutes in the Board of Trustees' Official Book of Minutes).

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Members Barch, Bone, Dasher, Klussmann, Munson and Tomchek

Nays: None

Motion carried.

ICCTA
Membership
Dues

Member Bone explained that the ICCTA Board of Representatives will vote on the proposal to change the method of assessing membership dues. She stated that Board members had received copies of the goals and proposed budget of the ICCTA. Although Harper rather vigorously opposed the hiring of an additional staff lobbyist, the ICCTA has budgeted for this position. In addition, the extra money will be used for participation in unanticipated lawsuits and for meeting goals, such as staff raises. Member Bone advised that there would be a roll call vote on this matter at the May 10 meeting. She requested direction from Board members in order to cast the appropriate Harper College vote.

Member Tomchek moved, Member Klussmann seconded, that Harper College oppose any increase in the cost of membership in ICCTA.

Member Bone explained that the ICCTA has felt that some of the smaller colleges have not been paying the proper amount for dues. Their recommendation would increase Harper's fee approximately \$500 over last year. In terms of continued participation by Harper College in the ICCTA, Member Bone stated that June 30 is the final date for notification regarding a decision in this regard.

In a voice vote, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:
Round II Budget
Planning

In reference to Exhibit V, President McGrath explained that Round I of the Budget was being completed, cuts were being made, and the materials for Round II were being prepared. The exhibit also explained the excess revenue and projections. Following discussion, it was decided that a Committee of the Whole meeting would be held on Thursday, May 29, at 8:00 p.m. to discuss Round II of the Budget.

Board Committee
Appointments

In reference to Board committee appointments, Chairman Barch stated that he would like the Budget Committee to continue to meet as a Committee of the Whole.

In regard to other committees such as Public Relations, Policy and Institutional Goals, Chairman Barch deferred making any appointments. In effect, he felt that all existing committees should be disbanded and appointments made when it becomes necessary to establish a committee.

He further stated that the following liaison assignments would continue: Member Dasher, Building; Member Munson, Salt Creek Watershed Project; and Member Bone, ICCTA.

In conclusion, Chairman Barch stated that all other liaison and committee appointments would be deferred pending review and discussion with Board members and the administration.

ADJOURNMENT:

Member Dasher moved, Member Klussmann seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Brian M. Barch
Chairman

Janet W. Bone
Secretary