

WILLIAM RAINEY HARPER COLLEGE
Algonquin & Roselle Roads
Palatine, Illinois

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
AND
EXECUTIVE SESSION

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees of Community College
District 512, Counties of Cook, Kane, Lake and McHenry
and State of Illinois

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there will be a committee of
the whole meeting and executive session on Wednesday,
March 27, 1985, at 7:30 a.m. in the Board Room for the purpose
of discussing the sale of the second site, Northeast Center,
pending litigations, and other related matters.

Dated this 20th day of March, 1985 at Palatine, Illinois.


KRIS HOWARD
Chairman, Board of Trustees

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Agenda

March 27, 1985

7:30 a.m.

- I. Sale of the Second Site
- II. The Northeast Center
- III. Status of Pending Litigation
- IV. Other Matters

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT #512
COUNTIES OF COOK, KANE, LAKE AND MCHENRY, STATE OF ILLINOIS

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole on Wednesday,
March 27, 1985.

The meeting commenced at 7:30 a.m.

Members present: Kris Howard, John Coste, Don Torisky, Board Members; Lori Johnson, Student Board Member. Also present: James J. McGrath, President; Peter Bakas, V.P. Administrative Services; David Williams, V.P. Academic Affairs; Donn Stansbury, V.P. Student Affairs; Felice Avila, Executive Assistant to the President; Laurie Wren, Recording Secretary; Don Misic, Director of Business Services; Elaine Stoermer, Director of College Relations; Fred Johnson, Audiovisual; Lorence Slutzky, Robbins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton & Taylor, Ltd.; Joan Chojnacki, Paddock Publications; and Arnis Putrenieks, Trinity Realty and Investment Corporation.

Prior to calling the meeting to order, Chairman Howard reported that Board Member David Tomchek has resigned and the Board has thirty days to fill the vacancy. The vacancy will be advertised, applications accepted and reviewed, and an appointment made at the April 25 Board meeting. Chairman Howard polled the Board members present regarding possible dates to interview applicants. The dates of April 18 and April 23 were agreed upon and remaining Board members will be contacted on this matter.

In response to Member Coste, Mr. Bakas explained that, in accordance with the Illinois Community College Act, remaining Board members will appoint a replacement for the vacancy until the next regular election which will be held in November 1985. In addition, if the Board does not fulfill this obligation, an appointment will be made by the Cook County Superintendent of Schools. Member Coste felt that an appointment by the Superintendent would not be appropriate. Chairman Howard agreed and suggested that the Illinois Community College Trustees Association be contacted to commence efforts toward a change in this ruling.

Chairman Howard called the meeting to order at 7:40 a.m.

Items discussed:

1. Sale of the Second Site

Mr. Bakas reviewed this matter for the Committee. In August 1984, six brokers were selected for interviews and it was the consensus of the Finance Committee that Bennett & Kahnweiler should handle the sale of the second site. A meeting was held with representatives of this firm to discuss an agreement and to resolve various matters, including commission. In September 1984, the Board authorized James J. Curtis to conduct a formal appraisal of the site. This was received and distributed to members of the Board.

Sale of the Second Site (cont)

Mr. Bakas also stated that the Board received a proposal in May 1983 from Larry Mayer & Company regarding purchase of the property but it was not accepted. Another proposal was recently received from Trinity Realty Corporation in Arlington Heights and shared with the Board. Mr. Bakas noted that Mr. Arnis Putrenieks of this firm was in attendance today.

Chairman Howard stated that the Committee would go into Executive Session to discuss this matter further. Member Coste noted the number of Board members in attendance and expressed hope that future meetings would have greater participation. Chairman Howard stated that Members Barch and Bone had confirmed attendance and were expected, but Member Norwood had a conflicting engagement.

Member Torisky moved, Member Coste seconded, that the Committee adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the sale of the second site and pending litigations. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Members Coste, Howard, Torisky, and Student
Member Johnson
Nays: None

Motion carried and the Committee adjourned to Executive Session at 7:48 a.m.

Member Bone entered Executive Session at 7:52 a.m. Member Torisky left Executive Session at 8:34 a.m.

Member Bone moved, Member Coste seconded that the Regular Meeting be reconvened. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Members Bone, Coste, Howard, and Student
Member Johnson
Nays: None

Motion carried at 8:42 a.m.

2. Northeast Center

Information was distributed regarding the Northeast Center. Dr. Williams explained that the lease agreement for this facility, also known as Stevenson School, runs from August 1, 1982 to July 31, 1987. The College has the option to purchase this school for up to two million dollars by notifying District 21 of this intention in writing by July 1, 1986.

Dr. Williams reviewed various aspects of the Northeast Center, including space utilization, cost analysis, and frequency of usage. He pointed out that this facility serves a valuable purpose by allowing Harper to extend degree credit, Adult Basic Education, vocational and continuing education offerings in the northeast area of the College District.

2. Northeast Center (cont)

Member Bone stated that the report was excellent and asked if any immediate action should be taken. President McGrath explained that the report is for informational purposes. Chairman Howard added that additional data will be distributed so that Board members have time for review of the material prior to the strategic planning sessions.

Member Coste stated that this facility should be discussed in relation to the second site. He felt that money is not available to purchase this facility and a decision to do so should be made after the second site property is sold. He added that portions of the facility do not meet current standards and should be carefully reviewed prior to purchase.

Chairman Howard pointed out that there are additional possibilities for purchase in the northeast section of the district, including high schools which are being closed. Discussion of these matters will be part of the strategic planning sessions so that the Board may give direction to the administration for long-range planning and the preparation of the 1985-86 College budget.

Member Bone suggested that these materials be shared with potential Board candidates so that they are aware of the numerous pending matters at the College.

3. Other Matters

Member Coste expressed his concern about the proposed increase in lab fees which will be submitted for Board approval at the March 28 meeting. He stated that this matter was discussed with Dr. Williams who explained the rationale for the increase. Member Coste felt that there would be no immediate increases for students due to the passage of the referendum, with the exception of fees required for new courses. In contacting supporters for the referendum, he stated that he would oppose any increase if the referendum passed, and will keep this promise. Chairman Howard stated that his views will be presented to the Board at the regular March meeting.

Member Bone moved, John Coste seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Kris Howard, Chairman

Janet W. Bone, Secretary