

Lake Michigan College Board of Trustees
Minutes of the Special Meeting
Mendel Center Executive Board Room
August 2, 2016 – 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Mary Jo Tomasini called the Special Meeting of the Lake Michigan College Board of Trustees to order at 10:00 a.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Ms. Mary Jo Tomasini, Mr. Stephen Small, Dr. Michael Lindley, Ms. Judy Truesdell, Mr. Paul Bergan, Ms. Debra Johnson

Absent: Dr. David Maysick

SETTING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda stands as presented.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Mike Polehancheck, neighbor and graduate of Lake Michigan College requested that the college not increase the amount of cameras on campus.

Board Chair Tomasini ensured Mr. Polehancheck that the Board will have someone in administration address his concern.

Mr. Ken Snyder from Eau Claire expressed concern over raising taxes to support a millage.

Ms. Tomasini thanked both gentleman for their comments.

A. PROPOSED CAPITAL MILLAGE BACKGROUND

Mr. Mike Cook, attorney and real estate developer of St. Joseph addressed the Board on behalf of the Citizen Task Force which had met multiple times to review the needs of the college and the options for solutions. Mr. Cook stated that based on the information presented, the Citizen Task Force recommended that the college move forward on the November 2016 ballot with a capital millage request of .48 mill over 10 years to address high priority facility improvements at LMC's campuses. Among the types of projects the Task Force supported included student support service areas, modernized classrooms on all campuses, safety and security and any improvements to increase energy efficiency.

Mr. Cook also stated that the Task Force recommended the board appoint a Citizen Oversight Committee, to ensure the capital millage funds are used as intended.

B. PROPOSED CAPITAL MILLAGE RESOLUTION

Ms. Truesdell stated that it doesn't matter whether you are in your home, business, or working in school, we have to protect our assets and what is here. To not do that does not show our

responsibility of this institution. She also commented that people are learning differently today; the buildings are not appropriate. For our students to succeed, they need to have proper environments that coincide with education today.

Dr. Lindley commented that the Board recognizes that it is always difficult to ask taxpayers for money, but stated that the college is a 1960s facilities, and it is the Board's fiduciary responsibility to update them.

Mr. Bergan expressed that this is the community college for this area, and that we need to give the community an opportunity to show their pride. We need to keep our college as a point of pride – not falling down and failing to provide services. He stated that this is about adults, retraining, workforce, opportunity, and future. It's important to carry forward the message that will enhance and move this college forward.

Mr. Small stated that when the millage passes in November that the college raise enough revenue so there is not a need to raise tuition and fees. He also asked that as the residents north of Berrien County support the millage, that when renovations are needed at the college in the north county, that all will come out and support that endeavor.

MOTION by Mr. Bergan, with support by Ms. Truesdell to approve the following resolution, and to move forward on the November 2016 ballot with a capital millage request of .48 mill over 10 years to address high priority facility improvements at LMC's campuses. This would have an estimated tax impact of \$2.00 per month per \$50,000 of a property's taxable valuation, and to appoint a Citizen Oversight Committee whose purpose is to assure that the capital millage funds are used as intended.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Ms. Truesdell, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lindley, Mr. Bergan, Ms. Tomasini, Mr. Small

Nays: None

Absent: Dr. Maysick

APPROVED

RESOLUTION

Lake Michigan College District, Michigan (the "College District").

A special meeting of the board of trustees (the "Board") of the College District was held in the Lake Michigan College Mendel Center Executive Board Room at 2755 E. Napier Avenue, Benton Harbor, MI 49022, in the College District on the second (2nd) day of August, 2016, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Mary Jo Tomasini, Board Chair.

Present: Ms. Mary Jo Tomasini, Ms. Debra Johnson, Dr. Michael Lindley, Mr. Stephen Small, Ms. Judy Truesdell, Mr. Paul Bergan

Absent: Dr. David Maysick

The following preamble and resolution were motioned by Trustee Truesdell and supported by Trustee Bergan:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that, in its exercise of its statutory duties and in order to best serve the need of the College, an additional 0.48 mill be levied by Lake Michigan College for a period of 10 years (i.e., 2017- 2026) to be used for the purpose of safety and security improvements, energy efficiency upgrades, renovation of instructional spaces, instructional technology upgrades, and other capital improvements.

WHEREAS, the Proposed Ballot Language will read as follows:

ADDITIONAL MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall the charter tax rate limitation, previously approved by the electors of Lake Michigan College District, Michigan, for levy on all real and personal property within said District, be increased by 0.48 mill (\$0.48 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years (2017 to 2026, inclusive), for the purpose of safety and security improvements, energy efficiency upgrades, renovation of instructional spaces, instructional technology upgrades, and other capital improvements, which if approved, is expected to raise approximately \$4,364,000 in the first year (2017) of such a levy?

Yes

No

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this ballot language shall be submitted to the County Clerk of Berrien County, Michigan, for submission to the electorate of the Lake Michigan College District at the general election to be held on November 8, 2016.

THAT IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as the same conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Motion declared adopted

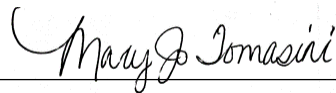
The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Lake Michigan College District, Michigan, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at a special meeting held on August 2, 2016, the original of which resolution is a part of the Board's minutes and further certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public under the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended.



Debra Johnson
Secretary, Board of Trustees

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Bergan to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 10:11 a.m.



Mary Jo Tomasini
Board of Trustee Chair



Debra Johnson
Board of Trustee Secretary