

Board of Trustees  
Minutes of the Special Board Meeting  
Benton Harbor Campus Mendel Center Executive Board Room  
September 20, 2017  
11:00 a.m.

**I. Call to Order**

Dr. Lindley called the Special Meeting of the Lake Michigan College Board of Trustees to order at 11:00 a.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Roll Call**

Present: Dr. Michael Lindley, Mr. John Grover, Mr. Paul Bergan

Present by phone: Ms. Mary Jo Tomasini, Ms. Judy Truesdell, Mr. Jeff Curry

Absent: None

**IV. Setting of the Agenda**

The agenda stands as presented.

**V. Petitions and Communications from the Floor**

None

**VI. New Business**

**A. Addendum to the Lake Michigan College Board Bylaws**

Goode vs. Department of Social Services 143Mich App 756 (1985) and Office of Attorney General, no.6835 (January 13, 1995) provide for participation by a Board member in a Board meeting by telephone. Specifically:

A public body may conduct a meeting under the Open Meetings Act without all of the participants being physically present in the same room. The meeting would be held through a speaker phone and audible to everyone in the room.

Further, a quorum must be physically present to satisfy the requirement for a Board meeting to take place.

**ACTION:**

It was recommended that the Lake Michigan College Board of Trustees include the above practice as an addendum to their Board bylaws.

**MOTION** by Mr. Bergan, with support by Mr. Grover to include the above practice as an addendum to their Board bylaws.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Neas: None

Absent: None

**APPROVED**

**B. Facility Purchase Recommendation**

Western Michigan University will end its land lease with Lake Michigan College and sell their Western Michigan University – Southwest Campus facility to Lake Michigan College, including all furnishings, for \$2,700,000, with Lake Michigan College assuming all closing costs. Asking to authorize college administration to authorize purchase.

**ACTION:**

The College Administration recommends that the Lake Michigan College Board of Trustees adopt the Facility Purchase Resolution, as presented, and is asking for approval to authorize the purchase as outlined in the following resolution.

## Facility Purchase Resolution

Whereas, Lake Michigan College leased for a proposed 75-year term a specific land area on its Benton Harbor Campus to Western Michigan University for the construction of a satellite campus; and

Whereas, Western Michigan University constructed a 43,478 square foot academic facility on the College's property in 2002; and

Whereas, Lake Michigan College is in need of additional academic space on its Benton Harbor Campus;

Be It Resolved that Western Michigan University will end its land lease with Lake Michigan College and sell their Western Michigan University – Southwest Campus facility to Lake Michigan College, including all furnishings, for \$2,700,000, with Lake Michigan College assuming all closing costs.

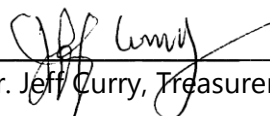
Therefore, the Lake Michigan College Board of Trustees authorizes the College Administration to administer the purchase of the Western Michigan University-Southwest Campus facility as presented.

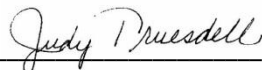
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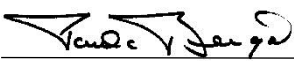
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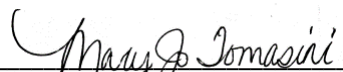
  
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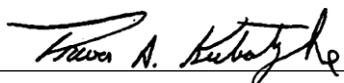
  
Mr. Jeff Curry, Treasurer

  
Ms. Judy Truesdell, Secretary

  
Mr. Paul Bergan, Trustee

  
Mr. John Grover, Trustee

  
Ms. Mary Jo Tomasini, Trustee

  
Dr. Trevor A. Kubatzke, President

**MOTION** by Ms. Truesdell, with support by Mr. Grover to authorize the College Administration to administer the purchase of the Western Michigan University-Southwest Campus facility as outlined in the resolution.

**Comments:**

Dr. Lindley questioned if there was anything to prohibit the College from moving into the building. Ms. Erdman responded that once Western Michigan University's board approves the purchase at their meeting today, it will be available for the College's immediate use.

Ms. Johnson asked if the current use of the building by the community will still be available to them. Dr. Kubatzke responded that there will still be space available to meet the needs of the community. The purchase of the building also opens up additional space at the Mendel Center, etc. for community events.

Dr. Kubatzke commented that Lake Michigan College is working with Western Michigan University intently on programs to offer on campus and that we will know by October 1, 2017 if we can partner with other institutions to serve our district needs.

Ms. Truesdell agreed it is a great day, and expressed her appreciation for the vision and speed at which the College has been able to move on this project.

Ms. Tomasini agreed and expressed her delight about the purchase of the building. She commented that this will serve us well, and is excited about possibilities for the College.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

Neas: None

Absent: None

**APPROVED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Mr. Bergan with support from Mr. Grover to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Lake Michigan College Board of Trustees at 11:11 a.m.



Michael Lindley, Chair



Judy Truesdell, Secretary