

MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
OF McHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE

A Special Board meeting of the Board of Trustees of McHenry County College was held on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 in the Board Room, Room A217, in Building A on the Campus. Chair Jenner called the meeting to order at 8:11 p.m. When Ms. Walsh called the roll, the following were present:

Mr. Peters
Ms. Evertsen
Ms. Liddell
Mr. Parrish
Mr. Smith
Ms. Tirio
Ms. Walsh
Mr. Jenner

Dr. Gabbard was also present. Attorney Samuel Cavnar was present at legal counsel.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Jenner led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people addressed the Board expressing support for Ms. Dawn Valdes-Wagner, sharing their personal experiences and stories.

Mr. John Kircher	Ms. April Dougherty	Ms. Amber McCoy
Mr. Andrew Shaughnessy	Ms. Inez Young	Ms. Mackenzie Hellgeth
Mr. Tom Dougherty	Mr. Bret Dougherty	Ms. Alexandra Sanchez
Mr. Chess Dougherty	Ms. Melanie Dougherty	Ms. Jenna Bardwell
Ms. Liz Cowsert	Mr. Matt DePaepe	

SUMMARY COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Walsh expressed her appreciation for those who addressed the Board.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:42 p.m., Ms. Walsh moved to go into Closed Session under Open Meetings Act Exception #1, *The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.* Ms. Tirio seconded the motion. The roll was called, and all were in favor.

A short break was taken, and closed session began at 8:47 p.m.

At 9:51 p.m., Ms. Walsh moved to come out of closed session and Ms. Liddell seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, and all were in favor. The motion carried. Closed session ended at 9:51 p.m.

RECOMMENDATION TO ISSUE NOTICE TO REMEDY TO TENURED FACULTY, Board Report #17-100

Chair Jenner asked for a motion and a second, and read the following resolution aloud.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF NOTICE TO REMEDY

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of McHenry County College District No. 528 (“the Board”) must manage and operate the McHenry County College District No. 528 (the “College”);

WHEREAS, the Board has the power to dismiss tenured teachers and to issue remedial warnings pursuant to Sections 3B-4 of the *Illinois Public Community College Act*, 110 ILCS 805 *et seq.*;

WHEREAS, the Board has received information, reports and recommendations from its administrative staff regarding Dawn Valdes-Wagner, a tenured teacher in contractual continued service with the College, which indicates that she has engaged in inappropriate conduct; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that such information, reports and recommendations state causes and reasons regarding Dawn Valdes-Wagner’s inappropriate conduct which, if not removed or remedied, may be causes and reasons for dismissal from the teaching staff of this College.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of McHenry County College, as follows:

Section 1. The recitals above are hereby adopted as true and correct.

Section 2. Dawn Valdes-Wagner shall be given a Notice to Remedy, which shall be substantially in the form of, and for the reasons set forth in, Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Section 3. The Chairperson and Secretary of the Board of Trustees are hereby authorized and directed to send the Notice to Remedy to Ms. Valdes-Wagner via certified mail, return receipt requested, and regular U.S mail.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and shall remain in effect through the term of Ms. Valdes-Wagner's employment with the College.

Mr. Smith moved to approve, and Ms. Tirio seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The roll was called, and all voted in favor. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Patricia Kriegermeier, Recording Secretary

Molly H. Walsh, Board Secretary