

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 519
Counties of Stephenson, Ogle, Jo Daviess and Carroll

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A special meeting of the Board of Illinois Community College District No. 519 was called to order by Mr. Doug Block, Chairperson, at 3:18 p.m. on May 15, 2018, in the Robert J. Rimington Board Room in the Highland Community College Student/Conference Center, 2998 West Pearl City Road, Freeport, Illinois in said district.

The following members were present: Mr. David Shockey, Mr. Doug Block, Mr. Jim Endress, Mr. Blake Musser, and Ms. Pennie Groezinger

The following members were absent: Mrs. Diane Gallagher, Dr. Steve Jennings, and Ms. Erin Schrader

Also present: Mr. Tim Hood, President; Ms. Chris Kuberski, Executive Vice President; Ms. Jill Janssen, Vice President, Administrative Services; Ms. Liz Gerber, Vice President, Student Development & Support Services; Ms. Rose Ferguson, Associate Vice President, Human Resources; Ms. Leslie Schmidt, Director, Marketing & Community Relations; Ms. Sarah Goeke, Director, Columbia College Freeport Campus; Dr. Jennifer Grobe, Associate Dean, Nursing & Allied Health; Mr. Thedford Jackson, Academic Advisor/Transfer Coordinator; Mr. Brad Hart, Big Radio; Mr. Derrick Mason, *The Journal-Standard*; News Reporter, WREX Channel 13; News Reporter, WIFR Channel 23; and, Ms. Terri Grimes, Board Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

COMMENTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF HIGHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND COLUMBIA COLLEGE OF MISSOURI

Mr. Block thanked Ms. Sarah Goeke and Dr. Jennifer Grobe for bringing the agreement to Highland. He noted that the agreement solidifies Highland's longstanding partnership with Columbia College and continues the College's commitment to make education accessible for the area. He stated that, without Columbia College's commitment to the College, Highland would not be able to continue to meet the needs of area employers and students.

Mr. Hood noted that the demand for nurses has gone "through the roof," and the College is well suited for the agreement. He reiterated that the College has a longstanding partnership with Columbia College, and there are a number of other opportunities on the horizon to continue to strengthen the partnership. In addition, one of Columbia College's vice presidents will be the keynote speaker at Highland's upcoming commencement.

Ms. Goeke stated that this is a “fantastic opportunity” to reaffirm the partnership between Highland and Columbia College in a new way, and the agreement formalizes things that were already happening.

Dr. Grobe stated that she is thrilled with the agreement and has always encouraged students to go forward to Columbia College, but this agreement makes it official and seamless. Her hope is that students will stay here locally and in the region, and she would like to see 80 percent of our nursing students go on to get their BSN.

Mr. Jackson noted that this is an opportunity to also serve CareerTEC students, as they can stay right here and continue their education at Highland and then at Columbia College.

Mr. Hood thanked Ms. Kuberski, stating that the agreement is the result of great teamwork with multiple voices, thoughts, and perspectives. The agreement will allow the College to serve more people in more ways, and the College can achieve more through collaboration.

CEREMOMIAL SIGNING OF AGREEMENT

Mr. Block, Mr. Hood, Dr. Grobe, and Ms. Goeke formalized the agreement with their signatures.

Mr. Hood stated that he believes the College has nearly doubled the number of agreements with transfer institutions in the last five to six years. Mr. Block referred to the College’s mission, which is posted at the top of the north stairs on the second floor of the Student/Conference Center, stating that the agreement truly fulfills the College’s mission to provide educational opportunities to the people of northwestern Illinois. Mr. Hood concluded by noting that the “real winners” are students of all ages.

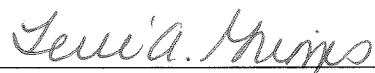
NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Musser moved and Ms. Groezinger seconded the motion to adjourn the special meeting. At 3:28 p.m., the vote being unanimous, the Chairperson declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Terri A. Grimes, Board Secretary
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