



BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
September 11, 2014 – 12:30 p.m.
Room 1100 – Stevenson Center Lecture Hall

Present: Chair Crandall; Vice Chair Osborn, Trustee Frye, Trustee Mullally, Trustee Oakes and Trustee Portenga

Absent: Trustee Lester

Chair Crandall called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m.

The consideration of a purchase agreement between the Herald Publishing Company and Muskegon Community College is the reason for the special meeting.

Before the purchase agreement was addressed, Tom Harryman made an announcement about the MCC Theater Season. Theater buttons were given to the Trustees along with two season passes for each show, and a challenge was put forth, on behalf of Sheila Wahamaki, to see everybody at all of the shows and to bring a student.

Trustee Mullally made a motion to move forward with the purchase agreement; second.

A brief summary was given by Chair Crandall. MCC will be purchasing the Muskegon Chronicle Building for its downtown campus. This includes the main facility, the press room and a parking lot down the street (everything on the South side of the alley; it does not include the circulation building on Western Avenue). This will be fitted for applied technology and entrepreneurial studies. The contract states it will be purchased as is, so anything left in the building would belong to MCC.

Vote unanimous; motion carried.

Discussion:

- The purchase price is \$700,000, with a \$25,000 earnest deposit and 45 days to complete due diligence and an architectural assessment of the building before a final decision/purchase is made. The approximate size is 55,000 sq. ft. MCC also expects to pursue state and federal grants to help with the facility and has a budget of \$7.2M for the downtown center.
- An anticipated date for when classes could begin there is approximately one year (January 2016, possibly earlier).

A roll call vote was taken in favor of approving the purchase agreement:

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| Trustee Frye – Yes | Trustee Oakes – Yes |
| Chair Crandall – Yes | Vice-Chair Osborn – Yes |
| Trustee Portenga – Yes | Trustee Mullally - Yes |

Trustee Mullally thanked the staff for putting so much work into this search, as well as the community that came out and voiced their support last fall.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Nancy Frye.

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