

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 502  
COUNTIES OF DuPAGE, COOK AND WILL  
STATE OF ILLINOIS**

**MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2013  
HELD ON CAMPUS IN SSC-2200, GLEN ELLYN, IL**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL**

At 7:00 p.m., the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by Chairman Carlin

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Student Trustee AJ Knopf, Trustees David Carlin, Erin Birt, Dianne McGuire, Allison O'Donnell, Kim Savage, Nancy Svoboda and Joe Wozniak.

Also Present: President Dr. Robert L. Breuder, Legal Counsel Respicio F. Vazquez of Franczek Radelet P.C., staff members, representatives of the press and visitors. (Minutes prepared by Erin Carrillo, Administrative Assistant, Office of the President.)

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairman Carlin called for a motion to approve tonight's Agenda. Trustee McGuire moved, Trustee Savage seconded the motion. On voice vote, the Board of Trustees approved the Agenda for the Special Board Meeting of May 7, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

**3. A. Former President Dr. Harold MacAninch**

- **Recognition for Theodore Tilton**

Dr. MacAninch recognized Ted Tilton was a great academic leader. He established and nurtured the philosophy that students come first, last and always. He worked very hard to ensure that we had the needed resources to make sure that students had success.

The College owes its excellent reputation for innovation and quality to a very great extent to Ted Tilton. Ted was the educational leader to set the goals and help people achieve it. What a lot of people don't realize is that Ted's background had a tremendous impact on his philosophy. Ted was a high school drop-out. He received his GED in the Navy. After the Navy he attended a community college in California where he learned about the philosophy of a community college, to take people where they are and bring them into the College and ensure their success.

It gives me a great pleasure to thank the Board and commend the Board for their recognition of Ted Tilton's leadership in naming the Learning Commons in his honor.

Student learning and achievement were always the goals that Ted Tilton sought for the students. Therefore this is a very appropriate facility to name after him.

Dr. Breuder mentioned that the original action to honor Ted Tilton was on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March 2009. Back then the Board had wanted to dedicate the Learning Center to you. Regrettably that center no longer exists. Closest to it is our Learning Commons. So now as you know the Learning Commons will be dedicated in your honor and we apologize for having taken four year to get to this. Congratulations.

Ted Tilton thanked the College for this honor which he accepts with a great deal of humbleness. It was great to be a part of the College of DuPage as it developed from the road runner stage to what it is today. I had the distinct privilege of working with the founding president Dr. Rodney Berg and with Dr. Harold MacAninch. Dr. Berg's philosophy was if you have a proposal for me make sure it includes a statement as to how the approval of this proposal will help students. Dr. MacAninch developed the College into the largest single-campus community college in the United States with an excess of 37,000 students at the time that he retired in 1994. No one earns an honor like this on their own. Nobody better than I recognize that. I was privileged to have worked with a dedicated faculty, staff and group of administrators who were committed to developing quality programs to meet the needs of a diverse student body. I commend these individuals for their students come first approach and that was always the philosophy at the College. I want to thank you for naming this particular facility in my honor especially for what it does to help students succeed. I deeply appreciate this honor. Thank you very much.

#### **4. COMMENTS FROM COLLEGE OF DuPAGE EMPLOYEES**

None

#### **5.A. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT-LARGE**

- John Staeck spoke about transparency.

#### **5.B. COMMENTS FROM DISTRICT 502 CITIZENS**

- Joseph M. Wozniak thanked Chairman Carlin for his service and congratulated the new Board.

#### **6. CONSENT AGENDA**

- Chairman Carlin asked if there were any Consent Agenda items the Board would like to remove and vote on separately. Hearing none, Vice Chairman Birt moved, Secretary O'Donnell seconded, that the Board of Trustees approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following items:

##### **A. The following items for BOARD INFORMATION only:**

- 1) Report of Election Canvass

**B. The following items for BOARD APPROVAL:**

- 1) Minutes
  - a) April 24, 2013 Special Board Meeting
- 2) Resolution of Election Canvass
- 3) Compensation for Classified and Managerial Staff, Administrators, President and the President's Senior Management Team
- 4) FY 14 Compensation for Non-Union, Part-Time Teaching Faculty Credit Assignments
- 5) Additional Compensation Adjustments for Classified, Managerial and Administrative Employees for FY 14
- 6) Resolution of Appreciation for Outgoing Trustee, Chairman David Carlin

Chairman Carlin asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board on any Consent Agenda item. Hearing and seeing none, Secretary O'Donnell called the roll for approval of all Consent Agenda items. Student Trustee Knopf 's preference is for the motion. Voting Aye: Trustee McGuire, Secretary O'Donnell, Trustee Svoboda, Trustee Wozniak and Vice Chairman Birt. Voting nay: Trustee Savage. Chairman Carlin abstained. Motion to approve all Consent Agenda items listed above carried.

**7. RESOLUTION HONORING DR. ROBERT L. BREUDER**

Chairman Carlin entertained a motion that the Board of Trustees approve the Resolution Honoring Dr. Robert L. Breuder. Secretary O'Donnell moved and Trustee Wozniak seconded.

Trustee Savage asked for a discussion. I think this is a wonderful resolution if Dr. Breuder were retiring. However only 3 of the members seated at the table right now will have terms that will be going on to the point where Dr. Breuder is retiring so I believe it's premature to do this resolution at this time. I would like to move to table this resolution. Trustees McGuire and Svoboda both seconded the motion to be tabled.

Trustee Svoboda says it's all true what is here but I am also concerned about the fact that we have been doing lobbying for the second phase of Homeland Security and I am very sensitive to all issues that may make a difference in our being able to get the support of partners. So I also think that the timing might be a bit off. To make sure that there is no doubt that the reasoning for the Homeland Security second phase is based totally on the needs of the community, the needs of our students, the needs of our nation. I am agreeing with tabling this till a later time.

Chairman Carlin mentioned that we have a couple of buildings on campus that are named after former presidents for distinguished service. One of those gentlemen are sitting in the room tonight Dr. MacAninch. It's my understanding that the MacAninch Arts Center was named in 2003 long after he left his position of service to the College. Rodney Berg was obviously the other President to have the Berg Instructional Center named after him. To me the most appropriate Board to honor the accomplishments of both Rodney Berg and Harold MacAninch is a board that had the privilege and honor to serve with them. Obviously for Hal MacAninch it happened much later after his service to the College and Rodney Berg it happened after he had left his position as well. To simply illustrate the importance of this Board considering this action now, is that I'd ask those of you around the table and the community, if your boss tomorrow told you that he wasn't ready to evaluate you that he was going to leave it to a future board to decide whether you were worthy of a promotion or you were worthy of an honor, I think that you would be a little disappointed with your boss "punting" it for somebody else down the road to handle. Dr. Breuder's service to the College of DuPage in the time that he has been here – he has accomplished more than some community colleges will accomplish in a lifetime. Looking through the list of accomplishments in the resolution itself, I don't know how you argue with bestowing this honor upon him. Further, looking at the AAA bond rating of the College. We can go through a litany of issues. Three different chairmen of the College of DuPage while Bob Breuder has been here have asked him and have provided direction for what they and the Boards with them would like the President to accomplish and he's done it with tremendous results. His evaluations have been stellar. To say that the "timing" is off, I would say you are wrong. I have had the privilege to work with Dr. Breuder now for a little over 4 years and I think I am in a position to make an educated decision with regard to his service and I'm not going to leave it up to trustees three years from now who may not have had that same opportunity and that same exposure to all of the accomplishments that Dr. Breuder has had.

Trustee McGuire still feels new to the Board just having served two years and has never been a party to a naming. She did a little research and pulled up University of Illinois and saw a long list of various criteria and various procedures. She believes there is some policy which she has not seen. She thought they should take a step back and look at what we already have in place and just take a little time and think about it. I would not take away from any of Bob's accomplishments, they are stellar. I wouldn't disagree. I was a party to the lobbying in DC and it's so impressive what we have and what we are proposing. I don't disagree with any of that. I think we should table it for the time being, to take a good look at our own process. We will set a precedent and we want to be aware of that as well. There are numerous approaches to the naming of buildings.

Chairman Carlin noted that our current policy is specifically that. The authority to grant naming rights to any facility on campus rests solely with the Board of Trustees with recommendations from the Foundation for individuals who are supportive of the College and the Foundation. One need only look around to see the accomplishments that have been made during Dr. Breuder's time with the College. It would be sad if this Board didn't recognize those accomplishments.

Trust McGuire said she does not disagree.

Trustee Svoboda said the two former presidents Dr. Berg and Dr. MacAninch weren't forgotten for what they did and I think all of us are not trying to take anything away from Dr. Breuder, he has really done a lot and I think that is going to stand on its own. I don't think he is going to be forgotten. I think it's the timing. We have brought up three different issues with timing and I think it's just that, the timing.

Chairman Carlin asked Dr. Svoboda about the naming of the courtroom that was named in honor of Judge Bauer and did she have any questions about the timing on an that?

Trustee Svoboda was not here at the time of that naming.

Chairman Carlin apologizes but continues to ask if she had any arguments about naming the Cleve Carney Art Center?

Trustee Svoboda said her issue is with lobbying. She has been in Washington lobbying. She's been in Springfield lobbying. She has been looking to help build that next phase.

Chairman Carlin said that if the State of Illinois wants their name on the Homeland Security Center, I will show up here every meeting to say that is not in the best interests of the College considering how they maintain their finances.

Trustee Svoboda said she feels like they are in a debate and she would just like to be able to say her piece. Her focus is the College. Her focus is always the College and doing what's best for the College. She is not trying to take away from Dr. Breuder, I didn't say it would never happen and that I would never support it. It's just right now we are looking at trying to build the second phase of the Homeland Security Building and going to legislators. We have so many people say great idea but people aren't coming up with the money. I know how sensitive this is and some of that sensitivity I learned from Dr. Breuder. We are trying in every way to make a connection so that we can do what's best for the community and I don't want to see anything stand in the way of what's best for our community and I learned that from Dr. Breuder.

Chairman Carlin said that honoring an individual who has maintained a AAA bond rating who has grown the reserves of the College to over 50% of our reserve balance, over \$100 million dollars. Do you think potential donors of the College are going to be offended by honoring such distinguished leadership and service. Is that what I am getting?

Trustee Savage thinks that when Dr. Breuder actually retires that the Board in place will want to honor him then. What are we going to name the campus in Costa Rico after him?

Chairman Carlin said he didn't know that Trustee Savage supported a campus in Costa Rico. With regards to honoring him I think you would do what is fitting and deserved. You

would have the plaque made, you would have the signage made and you will have an event welcoming the community to come and celebrate all the contributions Bob Breuder will have made to the College of DuPage.

Trustee Savage thinks it will be appropriate for the Board serving at that time to do. Joseph will be on the Board for 9 years by then, Erin will be on the Board 6 years by then and somebody in the audience who hasn't been sworn in yet will be on the Board for 3 years by then. Some of us may still be on the Board and there will be other people who will be new to the Board. That's an appropriate decision for that Board at that time.

Vice Chairman Birt made a brief comment saying that the original issue at least what she understood the issue to be is a timing issue and also take into account some of the speakers concerns about how we arrive at what decision we have made or things that we consider. It's been my understanding within the last week we have been aware of this Resolution and that timing was an issue and I felt that it was adequately addressed by saying "upon retirement" this would be dedicated to Dr. Breuder and that was sufficient and we all considered that at the time. So I feel that the modification of "upon retirement" was sufficient to address the issues that were being presented during the week and therefore I support voting for this.

Chairman Carlin said that the issue had been moved to table and seconded. Secretary O'Donnell please call the roll. A vote in the affirmative would mean that you do want to table it and you do not think the Board should name the Homeland Security Education Center after Dr. Breuder upon retirement. Student Trustee Knopf's preference would be no. Voting aye: Trustee McGuire, Trustee Svoboda and Trustee Savage. Voting nay: Secretary O'Donnell, Vice Chairman Birt, Trustee Wozniak and Chairman Carlin. Chairman Carlin announced that the motion to table failed. Secretary O'Donnell called the roll. Again an answer in the affirmative would mean that you are for the Homeland Security Center to be named after Dr. Breuder. Student Trustee Knopf's preference was yes. Voting aye: Secretary O'Donnell, Vice Chairman Birt, Trustee Wozniak and Chairman Carlin. Voting nay: Trustee McGuire, Trustee Svoboda and Trustee Savage. Motion passed.

Chairman Carlin thanked Dr. Breuder for his service and the whole Board for all of the accomplishments since he has been here at the College of DuPage. We have a small sampling of the accomplishments that you have had in your career thus far and I look forward to the many more you will have in your time here at the College and I know in 30 years your accomplishments will be phenomenal and I congratulate you on those. It has been an honor to serve with you and serve the people of District 502 and we are lucky to have you.

#### **8. FAREWELL AND THANKS to Trustee and Board Chairman David Carlin.**

Vice Chairman Birt spoke on behalf of the Board that it is never adequately represented the amount of dedication and commitment that you have to this College. I have experienced

being Vice Chair with you now for the last 2 years and the limited interaction people may see of you here at the meetings. I don't think it is ever accurately portrayed that you are completely dedicated to the citizens, the students and the College and I thank you for that. I thank you for your years of service. I think you have been a valuable and great asset to the College. I know that you will continue to be so. On behalf of the College we have the Resolution that Secretary O'Donnell previously read and we would like to dedicate this book which was written by former President George W. Bush called Decision Points to our library with a dedication inside.

President Dr. Breuder mentioned that when I came to Harper, oops I mean when I came here to COD 5 years ago I am reminded of Harper only because I instituted the same concept there, and shortly after I came to Glen Ellyn I felt that I needed to do that here at the College of DuPage and that was to create what would be called the Presidential Leadership Medal. That Leadership Medal would be given to someone who in my judgment (it is bestowed by the President of the College) someone who either did something particularly special in a single event that warranted our singling that out and recognizing it publicly in expressing our eternal gratitude for it or in some instances because an individual that gave so much to the College of DuPage that not to recognize those accomplishments would fall short of what I felt was a responsibility I have as a President of the College of DuPage. So David I think that you are one of those people who have made an enormous contribution to this institution. This Presidential Leadership Medal has only been given now the third time, there were two state senators who have received it and you are the third recipient of it and it gives me great pleasure to present it to you in a moment. I have had the pleasure of working with you for almost five years and in that capacity you have served in a leadership capacity 4 of those 5 years and I would tell you that it has been an exhilarating, both personally and professionally rewarding encounter. One that I will remember for many years to come or at least until my time gets called. One day when I retire and I look back I will look back with great fond memories of the time we worked together for the benefit of this extraordinary institution. Let me tell these people a few things about you from my point of view, from where I sit as a person who probably worked closest with you, of anybody at the College of DuPage. David, I don't know of anybody that has given more of himself than you without any expectation in return. You have devoted all of the time that is necessary to help me as the President to help execute the myriad of duties and responsibilities that I have. I have never in the five years that we have been together ever experienced or witnessed where you expected something in return where there was an issue at hand personally or professionally benefit you but rather each and every decision that you have been involved in has been with a firm belief of what benefits the College of DuPage. I consider that to be extraordinary in terms of public service and would like to see that so often replicated not only in this state but in this nation. You work a full time job, take care of a young growing family, you give unselfishly of your time, often when I couldn't access you during the day I was able to access you in the evening or on weekends. I don't recall ever when you said to me "I can't get there, I can't make the meeting, I don't have the time, give it to someone else." That was never part of your vocabulary. Whenever I need your advice and counsel or if I needed your assistance, if I needed your creativity or your thought or anything else that you bring to the table you

were always there to provide that for me and to offer that assistance which has allowed me and my colleagues to work at this institution and do the extraordinary things that we have. I have not met or worked with a trustee who better understood the distinct role between Board of Trustees and the Administration of an institution. You understand the concept of policy, you understand the role and the function of the Board of Trustees and as it is separate and different from the people who operate this institution to benefit the taxpayer. So you stay clearly where I think a Board should stay in terms of approving policy, in terms of approving the institution's financial plan so it benefits the taxpayer. In terms of approving the Strategic Long Range Plan which allows us to chart the institutions future and to the extent that time permits for you to be able to involve yourself in the affairs of the community either directly or through our legislature. You have performed admirably in each of these areas. You have understood that responsibility and you have taken it seriously. The public is fortunate to have had the opportunity to have had you sit on that chair and be able to be a member of the Board of Trustees. Not once in the five years that we have worked together, especially the last two years, have you crossed over into the realm of the operating side of the institution. Once those things were approved in terms of a financial document or financial plan as well as our policy you allowed the administration in concert with the 4,000 people who work here to be able to craft the direction that this institution would go in and to make sure that we continue to serve the public. I am forever grateful for that because there are not an awful lot of Presidents, David that can say that. The other thing that strikes me about you is that you never sought recognition. I don't know ever in all of these years where you have overtly or subliminally suggested that "there should be a return on the investment," one of my favorite phrases. You have served unselfishly. You have given of yourself. You have subjected yourself to criticism, often unjustified, often very difficult and challenging, often mean-spirited by some who didn't understand what it is that you bring to the table and what it is that you offer the people of this District. I feel privileged to have been able to work with you these five years. I am privileged to be able to say that you are my friend and that the relationship between you and this institution does not end tonight, but continues. I believe that because it is what you want and I believe it is what we at this institution need. You are by any definition an extraordinary human being. You have discharged your duties and responsibilities as an elected public official with distinction and great humor and therefore it is my opportunity tonight to present you with (only the third time it has ever been presented) the College of DuPage Presidential Leadership Medal presented to David Carlin Board of Trustees 2007-1013, Chairman 2011-2013 given this day to you in May 2013. A great honor David, and it is my privilege to give it to you.

Chairman Carlin thanked Dr. Breuder and the Board and said he will continue to support the College. You will see a little bit of me here and there and I will continue to try and make College of DuPage a great place for years to come in my own way. Glenn (Hansen) I look forward to working with you in the future – all of you. Thank you.

**9. ADJOURN**

At 7:53 p.m., Chairman Carlin noted that, if there was no further business to come before the Board, he would entertain a motion to adjourn. Chairman Carlin moved, Vice Chairman Birt seconded, that the Board Meeting adjourn. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

By: Allison O'Donnell  
Allison O'Donnell, Board Secretary

Approved: May 16, 2013

By: Erin Birt  
Erin Birt, Board Chairman