



**LAKE MICHIGAN<sup>®</sup>**  
**C O L L E G E**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Materials for Regular Meeting**

**March 24, 2015**

*Submitted to Board of Trustees*

*by*

*Dr. Robert Harrison*

Board of Trustees  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Napier Campus  
March 24, 2015

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Tomasini called the Regular Meeting of the Lake Michigan College Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Dr. Maysick, Ms. Truesdell, Mr. Small, Ms. Tomasini, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Bergan  
Absent: Dr. Lindley

III. **SETTING OF THE AGENDA**

IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the January 27, 2015 Regular Board Meeting were accepted as presented.

V. **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

None

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Harrison requested Dr. Gabbard introduce the men and women's basketball coach, Mr. Doug Schaffer and Mr. Jason Cooper respectively. The coaches each thanked the Board of Trustees and the President for their ongoing support of the team. Each player was introduced and presented with a gift of appreciation. The Board commended the teams not only for their successful basketball season, but also for their success in the classroom and overall GPA.

**FINANCE REPORT**

Dr. Harrison presented the January 2015 finance report. He stated that the College is moving through the budget and is still on track to end the year as expected.

**ACADEMIC SERVICES REPORT**

Mr. Christopher Spradlin introduced Math Faculty, Mr. Chris Bendixen and Mr. Peter Brown who gave a presentation on Math in Action. Mr. Bergan congratulated the Math Department and their leadership in bringing from concept to reality the idea that math isn't a mystery, but a tool everyone can use.

**STUDENT SERVICES REPORT**

Dr. Gabbard distributed the Career and Workforce Education brochure along with the brochure, Destination.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **FY '16 Tuition and Fee Schedule**

The FY '16 tuition and fee schedule was presented for consideration at tonight's meeting.

### **ACTION**

It was recommended that the Lake Michigan College Board of Trustees accept the FY '16 tuition and fee schedule as presented.

**MOTION** by Mr. Bergan with support by Ms. Truesdell to accept the FY '16 tuition and fee schedule as presented.

### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

Yeas: Dr. Maysick, Ms. Truesdell, Ms. Tomasini, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Bergan

Neas: Mr. Small

Absent: Dr. Lindley

## **APPROVED**

### **Niles Downtown Development Authority District A**

The City of Niles created the Downtown District for the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Niles ("District A.")

After a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is established, the DDA may "capture" all or a portion of ad valorem taxes assessed against property by the municipality and other taxing authorities associated with the increase in the assessed or taxable value of properties in the district realized since the district's creation.

The other taxing authorities levying taxes on property within the DDA district may vote to exempt their taxes from capture by the DDA.

### **ACTION:**

In accordance with Lake Michigan College's established policy, it was recommended that the Lake Michigan College Board of Trustees confirm its exemption of the taxes of Lake Michigan College from capture by the City of Niles for District A.

**MOTION** by Dr. Maysick with support by Mr. Small to confirm its exemption of the taxes of Lake Michigan College from capture by the City of Niles for District A.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Dr. Maysick, Ms. Truesdell, Mr. Small, Ms. Tomasini, Mr. Bergan

Neas: None

Abstain: Ms. Johnson

Absent: Dr. Lindley

**APPROVED**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEE OF  
LAKE MICHIGAN COLLEGE TO EXEMPT THE COLLEGE'S TAXES  
FROM CAPTURE BY CITY OF NILES DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the City of Niles, County of Berrien, Michigan (the "City"), proposed the Downtown District for the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Niles ("District A of the DDA") pursuant to Act 197, Public Acts of Michigan 1975, as amended, ("Act 197"); and

WHEREAS, such revenues may be captured from the tax base portion resulting from growth within District A of the DDA's designated area; and

WHEREAS, any taxing unit affected by said District A of the DDA has the right to exempt itself from the capture of its respective taxes pursuant to Section 3 (3) of Act 197;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Lake Michigan College confirms that it exempts and prohibits capture of its respective taxes for use by District A of the DDA, and directs that a certified copy of this resolution go to the clerk of the City of Niles in conformity with the requirements of Section 3 (3) of Act 197.

All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provision of this resolution are hereby rescinded.

### **Professor Emeritus Recommendation**

In August 2010, the Lake Michigan College Board of Trustees established a procedure for Professor Emeritus appointments for teaching faculty. With no expectation for a nomination each year, candidates must have at least 15 years of full-time LMC teaching experience to be eligible. In addition, a consistent record of quality performance must be demonstrated by one or more of the following:

- A recognized record of outstanding teaching and education contributions;
- A substantive record of scholarly achievement commensurate with national standards within the specific discipline of the nominees; and/or
- Clear evidence of service to the College beyond normal expectations.

This year's nominee is Robert Schodorf, a retired full-time biology faculty who served at Lake Michigan College for over 40 years. Bob was an exemplary member of the College community as a faculty member, department chair, and interim dean. He was named Full-time Faculty of the Year in 1995. Schodorf created and maintained the College's Nature Center. His leadership was collaborative, inspiring and student-centered throughout his time at LMC. Bob also served actively in the community including with Sarett Nature Center and Lakeshore High School Girls' Soccer Team.

### **ACTION:**

It was recommended that the Lake Michigan College Board of Trustees convey the honor of Professor Emeritus at Lake Michigan College to Robert Schodorf.

**MOTION** by Mr. Small with support by Ms. Truesdell to convey the honor of Professor Emeritus at Lake Michigan College to Robert Schodorf.

### ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Dr. Maysick, Ms. Truesdell, Mr. Small, Mr. Bergan,  
Ms. Johnson, Ms. Tomasini

Neas: None

Absent: Dr. Lindley

### **APPROVED**

Mr. Schodorf thanked the Board of Trustees and the Administration for their support, and his colleagues for nominating him. He explained how a great experience, a positive experience pushes you to do more and to do it even better. The College exhibits a cycle of learning: you learn, and the more you learn, the more successful you become, and then when you become

successful, you help others learn. This is the business Lake Michigan College is in: helping others learn and to become successful.

Dr. Harrison presented Mr. Schodorf with his Professor Emeritus identification badge and a congratulatory gift.

**Bernard C. Radde Distinguished Service Award**

The Bernard C. Radde Distinguished Service Award is named in honor of the late Dr. Bernard C. Radde, who served as a member of the Lake Michigan College Board of Trustees for twenty-five years. It is presented annually to an individual or individuals who have advanced the cause of Lake Michigan College and higher education. Tonight Board Chair Tomasini announced Ms. Janice Varney as the recipient of the 2015 Bernard C. Radde Award.

**MOTION** by Mr. Bergan with support by Ms. Truesdell to convey the honor of the 2015 Bernard C. Radde Award to Ms. Janice Varney.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Dr. Maysick, Ms. Truesdell, Mr. Small, Mr. Bergan, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Tomasini  
Neas: None  
Absent: Dr. Lindley

**Honorary Degree Recommendation**

Honorary degrees shall be conferred by the Lake Michigan College Board of Trustees at commencement. These degrees shall be awarded by the College President, the Chair of the Board of Trustees, or a Trustee designated by the Board. Honorary degrees may be awarded in absentia and/or posthumously, but only upon recommendation of the President to the Board of Trustees in cases of extraordinary circumstances.

**ACTION:**

It was recommended that the Lake Michigan College Board of Trustees adopt the following Resolution posthumously awarding an Art in Science degree to Raymond Robert Ricordati, Jr.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Dr. Maysick, Ms. Truesdell, Mr. Small, Mr. Bergan, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Tomasini

Neas: None

Absent: Dr. Lindley

**MOTION** by Mr. Bergan with support by Mr. Small to adopt the following Resolution posthumously awarding an Art in Science degree to Raymond Robert Ricordati, Jr.

**APPROVED**



## Raymond R. Ricordati, Jr. Resolution

**Whereas**, Raymond Ricordati found college late in life but embraced it wholeheartedly,


**Whereas**, Raymond Ricordati was an asset to the collegial environment of Bertrand Crossing, serving and mentoring his fellow students,

**Whereas**, Raymond Ricordati proved to be an avid 4.0 GPA scholar and an enquiring and engaged life-long learner, and

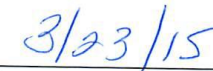
**Whereas**, his journey to college graduation was tragically and suddenly cut short;

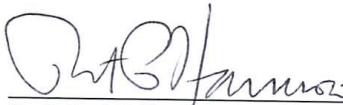
**Be it resolved** that with the recommendation of President Harrison, Liz and Lloyd Miller and the Bertrand Crossing Campus Staff, the Lake Michigan College Board of Trustees will award posthumously an honorary Associate in Arts degree from Lake Michigan College to Raymond Robert Ricordati, Jr. at its May 2015 commencement.

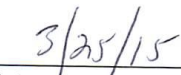
  
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Mary Jo Tomasini, Board Chair

  
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Debra Johnson, Board Secretary

  
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Dr. Robert P. Harrison, President

  
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**Extended Academic Programming at Additional Locations**

Due to the breadth of course and/or program offering potential and strong partnerships, Lake Michigan College would like to offer associate degrees and/or certificates at Allegan County Area Technical & Education Center, Brandywine High School, Four Winds Casino at New Buffalo, and Four Winds Casino at Hartford.

**ACTION:**

The Administration recommended that the Lake Michigan College Board of Trustees authorize the Administration to proceed in pursuing extended academic programming at the following locations: Allegan County Area Technical & Education Center, Brandywine High School, Four Winds Casino at New Buffalo, and Four Winds Casino at Hartford.

**MOTION** by Mr. Bergan with support by Ms. Truesdell to authorize the Administration to proceed in pursuing extended academic programming at the following locations: Allegan County Area Technical & Education Center, Brandywine High School, Four Winds Casino at New Buffalo, and Four Winds Casino at Hartford.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Dr. Maysick, Ms. Truesdell, Mr. Small, Mr. Bergan,  
Ms. Johnson, Ms. Tomasini

Neas: None

Absent: Dr. Lindley

**APPROVED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Mr. Bergan, supported by Mr. Small, to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Lake Michigan College Board of Trustees at 6:48 p.m.

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