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NORTH CENTRAL MICHIGAN COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING – Library Conference Rooms 1 & 2
Tuesday, April 23, 2024 (4:00 p.m.)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

2. ATTENDANCE: ROLL CALL

Trustee Etienne: AYE

Trustee Fought: AYE

Trustee Keiswetter: AYE (via phone)

Trustee Kring: AYE

Trustee Pretty: AYE

Trustee Shirilla: AYE

Trustee Rasmussen: AYE

service. In addition to increasing awareness about food insecurity, the Hunger Games provide an opportunity to raise funds and secure donations for the local community. The donations are then tallied and delivered to local community food pantries.

In this year's competition, MCCA member schools collected enough food and monetary donations to provide 9,833 meals for students. According to the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, every dollar donated is equal to six meals, and every pound donated is equal to one meal. NCMC held its annual Hunger Games on February 21 when the Timberwolves hosted the Alpena Community College Lumberjacks. NCMC fans donated 4,606 meals in support of the Campus Cupboard, the college's year-round, on-campus food pantry available to any North Central student.

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North Central is now two for two, winning the Hunger Games award in each season the Timberwolves have been part of the MCCA.

The full article can be found online at:

https://www.ncmctimberwolves.com/general/2023-24/releases/hunger_games_24

7. SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

a. AFPS– Chet Jessick, President of AFPS, noted that after 15 months of negotiations, the AFPS has requested the Michigan Employment Relations Commission to provide a mediator to assist with the process.

The Institutional Research Committee are reviewing the results of the PACE survey to gain insight into the health of the college environment, understand the employees perceptions and perspectives. They will continue that work ~~in the~~ fall.

Faculty member Brian Goetz was North Central's nominee for Outstanding Person in Education (OPIE) Awards last night at the Gypsy Distillery. Two of the three nurses that assisted with a medical emergency at the event were our ~~community~~ faculty member Erayna Paquette, and former graduate Jamie Moore.

b. CMO – Randy Greenacre, President of the CMO reported the CMO is in calm waters and have had good results with the summer hours. Supervisors are working very well with staff to best accommodate everyone's hours. He expressed that he hopes the ~~is able~~ faculty to reach smoother waters soon.

8. FINANCIAL REPORT

Dr. Tom Zeidel, Vice President for Finance & Facilities was asked by Trustee Fought to provide a financial report for March 2024. Tom certified that the financials as of March 2024 are within the adopted tentative budget for 2023-24.

It was moved by Trustee Fought and supported by Trustee ~~Pratt~~ Pretty the financial report and statement of bills be accepted as submitted.

AYES: Trustees Etienne Fought, Keiswetter (via phone), Kring, Pretty, Rasmussen, and Shirilla

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

9. PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

Commencement will showcase more than 250 graduates. It will also include the awarding of honorary degrees to Pier and Renee Borra for their educational and community service to Northern Michigan these past 15 years. North Central alumna and Boynet District Director Monica Peck will provide the keynote address.

I am pleased to share that we are also reinstating the Graduation Reception with refreshments and hors d'oeuvres immediately following Commencement.

g. OPIE Awards Winner

President Finley extended congratulations to Brian Goetz for receiving the MEA's Outstanding Person In Education (OPIE) award for North Central.

h. Passing of Jolene Amo

President Finley shared the sad news of the passing of Jolene Amo. Jolene served North Central for 14 years as Executive Assistant to the President, first for Bob Graham and then Cameron Brunet-Koch.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finance & Facilities Committee

Trustee Fought shared that the Finance & Facilities Committee met last Tuesday and reviewed the financial statements through March of this year. They also discussed the purchase of another house on Howard Street, the status of the purchase of bonds, and the architect and construction manager for the CATEE Project.

i. Purchase of Property

Trustee Fought provided the following background:

The College is aware that new staff members continue to have difficulty finding temporary rental housing upon moving to Petoskey.

Recently the College was advised by the owner of 1418 Howard Street that they were planning to build a house in the area and were looking to sell their home on Howard Street. The College obtained three appraisals which confirmed that a price of \$380,000 was reasonable. Further, a property inspection report on the house was favorable.

An offer to purchase the property has been signed.

Trustee Fought moved and Trustee Kring supported that the College proceed with the purchase of the house at 1418 Howard Street, Petoskey, MI for a cash purchase price of \$380,000 plus closing costs with the stipulation that the current owner be permitted to remain in the house until May 31, 2025, with rent charged at \$2,000 per month, January thru May, 2025.

AYES: Trustees Etienne Fought, Keiswetter (via phone), Kring, Pretty, Rasmussen, and Shirilla

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ii. 2024 Proposed Bond Issuance

Trustee Fought provided the following background:

During the March 26, 2024 meeting, the Board agreed to issue College Building and Site Bonds in the aggregate amount of \$6.5 million.

It is now necessary to formalize that action to comply with the bond requirements.

Trustee Fought put forth and Trustee Kring supported the following resolution Authorizing Issuance and Sale of College Building And Site Bonds, Series 2024.

WHEREAS, North Central Michigan College (the "College") is a community college district operating under the Community College Act of 1966, Act 331, Public Acts of Michigan, 1966, as amended ("Act 331"); and

WHEREAS, Section 122(b) of Act 331 authorizes the board of a community college district, subject to the provisions of the Revised Municipal Finance Act, Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended ("Act 34"), to borrow money to pay for various capital improvements to be made or acquired for community college facilities through the issuance of bonds, which bonds may be issued without a vote of the electors of the district, in amounts which, together with the total outstanding bonded indebtedness of the community college district, do not exceed 2% of the first \$250,000,000 of state equalized valuation of taxable property within the district plus 1% of the excess over \$250,000,000 of the last confirmed state equalized valuation of all taxable property the district; and

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2. Bond Details and Bond Form information is included in the full resolution attached to this motion.

3. Full Faith and Credit Pledge for Payment of Bonds. The College expressly and irrevocably pledges its full faith and credit for the prompt and timely payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds. The Bonds shall be payable, as a first budget obligation, from the general fund of the College, and the College shall annually levy ad valorem taxes on all the taxable property in the community college district of the College in an amount which, taking into consideration estimated delinquencies in tax collections, shall be fully sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the Bonds, provided, however, that if at the time of making any such tax levy there shall be other legally available funds for the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds, then credit therefor may be taken against the levy for payment of the Bonds. The levy shall be subject to constitutional and statutory tax rate limitations.

The full Resolution Authorizing Issuance and Sale of College Building and Site Bonds, Serial 2024, be added as an attachment to this motion.

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sent to 6 construction management firms with an April 15, 2024 response date for phase I and an April 24, 2024 response date for phase II. Four firms responded to both phases I and II

13. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT.

Erick Haight, Professor of Psychology and Humanities at North Central since 1998, thanked everyone for approving his sabbatical request. He is excited about generating an end product to use for the assessment process.

14. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, Trustee Fought and Trustee Etienne supported the idea that the meeting be adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

AYES: Trustees Etienne, Fought, Keiswetter (via phone), Kring, Pretty, Rasmussen, and Shirilla

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None



/S/ Daniel D. Rasmussen, Chairman



/S/ Melissa Keiswetter, Secretary