Washtenaw Technical

MIDDLE COLLEGE

Minutes --- Board of Directors Special Meeting September 15, 2010

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Director Griff McDonald at 7:45 a.m.
- **II. Roll Call:** The following members were present: Director Fred McDonald, Director Griff McDonald, Director Miller, Director Richards-Schuster and Director Talburtt. Late: Director Johnson and Director Milshteyn. Absent: Director Gensheimer and Chairman White
- III. Guests: Richard Landau (WCC Board) Kathy Mallette (parent), Mariah Mallette (WTMC student)
- **IV. Agenda Amendment:** Director Griff McDonald asked the board to amend the agenda to move Mark Perry, from Yeo & Yeo, with the annual audit report to the top of our agenda. Miller moved and Talburtt supported a motion to move the audit report to the beginning of the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Mark Perry from Yeo & Yeo presented the final audit report for 2009/2010. WTMC had a fund surplus of \$118,015 for the 2009/2010 school year. The audit did not find any discrepancies with standard accounting practices. Director Talburtt moved and Director Miller seconded that the audit report be accepted as presented.
- **V. Public/Staff Communications:** Staff members: Julee Boland, Debra Grysen and Patricia Sahakian were in attendance. Kathy Mallette, a concerned parent, requested that the board move quickly to put a counselor in place at the school. Mariah Mallette, a senior at WTMC, also requested that a counselor be hired soon.
- **VI. Updates from the Chair:** Director Griff McDonald suggested a farewell dinner for Deborah Trapp. Director Miller and Director Talburtt volunteered to help Director Gensheimer organize the event to be held before November. Director Griff McDonald asked if any of the board members would be interested in attending the funeral of Trent Bolesky, a WTMC student who died in an automobile accident this week.
- VII. Treasurer's Report: Director Miller presented the treasurer's report for August 2010.
- **VIII. Approval of Consent Agenda:** Director Fred McDonald moved and Director Miller seconded that the consent agenda be approved as previously amended. Motion passed unanimously.
- **IX. Old Business:** Director Griff McDonald reported that Director Gensheimer was concerned that the board operations manual was approved quite quickly and needed to be further examined to insure there were no hidden potential problems. Director Gensheimer will be contacted to communicate to the board what she would like to see done by members prior to the November meeting. Pat Sahakian will send out an email with assignments for each board member to review segments of the manual for potential problems.
- X. New Business: New staff members, Julee Boland and Debra Grysen were introduced to the board. Julee is our reading and critical thinking teacher. Debra Grysen teaches critical thinking. New staff members will be mentored by senior staff member and Dr. Covert will meet with them on a regular basis during the school year. Dr. Covert outlined plans for achieving school goals for improving reading and math scores for our lowest quartile while maintaining our current success rates for our students at WCC. He also discussed reducing our budget deficit and establishing relationships with WCC. Our next steps will be cleanup of the WTMC web page, organizing the marketing packet, editing the WTMC video and ELPA testing for students with a language other than English. Discussion followed regarding the hiring of a counselor and the board directed Dr. Covert to proceed with this hiring immediately.
- XI. Adjournment: Director Talburtt moved and Director Milshteyn seconded a move to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Director Griff McDonald adjourned the meeting at 9:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:	
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