



**MILWAUKEE AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
JUNE 1, 2004**

CALL TO ORDER

The Public Hearing on the proposed 2004-05 budget of the Milwaukee Area Technical College District Board was held in open session on Tuesday, June 1, 2004, and called to order by Chairperson Maierle at 5:03 p.m. in the Board Room, Room M210, at the Milwaukee Campus of Milwaukee Area Technical College.

ITEM A. ROLL CALL

Present: Lauren Baker, Jeannette Bell, Peter Earle, Carl (Chuck) Gobel, William Hughes, Mark Maierle, Linda Sowell and Bobbie Webber.

Excused: Keith Terry.

ITEM B. COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW

Chairperson Maierle indicated that proper notice of the Public Hearing had been given in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law.

ITEM C. PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED BUDGET

Discussion Mr. Craig Piotrowski, interim chief financial officer, and Ms. Renee Dudley, controller, presented the Activity Plan and Budget for 2004-05.

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ITEM D. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Discussion Mr. Douglas Udell, instructor, Early Childhood Education, distributed testimony on the MATC Child Care Centers and suggested that the child care centers not be included in the enterprise fund because they were learning labs.

Ms. Ellen Bravo, director of 9 to 5 National Association of Working Women, stated that the college was a model in the child care area and urged the board to continue the child care program.

Dr. Michael Rosen, president of Local 212 and member of the President's Budget Committee, noted that in 2002-2003 the committee had unanimously passed a 3 percent salary increase assumption, which was approved by the MATC District Board on June 24, 2003. He stated that the committee and the board were never informed that the budget was not balanced. He suggested that the work week for administrators be reduced to four days during the summer. He urged the board to examine the college's priorities and spending practices on multiple consultants' contracts; marketing, athletic, and presidential initiatives budgets; and the hiring of an additional attorney. He urged the board to develop strategies to grow the college. Dr. Rosen stated that the union would be willing to negotiate a cost-saving Memorandum of Understanding.

Ms. Sheila Cochran, former MATC District Board member, opined that changing the name and logo of the college was a waste of money. She stated that the college was a technical college. Ms. Cochran urged the board to scrutinize the Bills List and examine the contracted services expenses as well as money spent at Wal-Mart, which was in opposition to a previous board's directives. She stated that the board's responsibility was to the taxpayers, and that the proposed budget was not acceptable.

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Ms. JoAnn Haglund, president of Local 587, questioned why the food service area was expected to be a money maker. She reminded the board that she had objected to the board approving the hiring of the Director of Enterprise Services, the Coordinator of Food Service, and the Bookstore Manager. She asked that the board not privatize Local 587 jobs.

Ms. Marietta Love, Academic Support Services, opined that the services being cut represented about 90 percent of the special services offered to people of color.

Ms. Christine Neumann-Ortiz, HEP Program, clarified that the program was funded by a grant from the Department of Education and may face a shortfall in funding. She requested the board to commit hard monies to bilingual programs so that the college reflected the community.

ITEM E. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Communications and Petitions

None.

ITEM F. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbie R. Webber,
Secretary