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**MILWAUKEE AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
OCTOBER 25, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Milwaukee Area Technical College District Board was held in open session on Tuesday, October 25, 2005, and called to order by Chairperson Bell at 5:00 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, Pedro Colón (via telephone), William H. Hughes, Mark S. Maierle, Bobbie R. Webber, and Lenard Wells.

Linda S. Sowell joined the meeting at 5:02 p.m. (via telephone).

Peter G. Earle arrived at 5:11 p.m.

ITEM B. COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW

Discussion Chairperson Bell indicated that proper notice of the meeting had been given in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law.

ITEM C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

C-1 Regular Board Meeting: September 27, 2005

Motion It was moved by Mr. Webber, seconded by Dr. Hughes, to approve the September 27, 2005, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Action Motion approved.

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ITEM D. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Discussion Ms. Kathy Tomczyk, physical therapy faculty; Mr. Erwin Wuehr, program coordinator, Invasive Cardiovascular Technology Program, Echocardiography Program, and Anesthesia Technology Program; and Mr. Paul Mansfield, chair, Health Occupations Advisory Committee, expressed concern regarding the reduction of coordinating time (load) and the increase in responsibilities of Health Occupations program coordinators.

Peter G. Earle arrived at 5:11 p.m.

Ms. Anne Steinberg and Mr. Bob Stocki, Graphic Arts faculty, expressed concern regarding the negative impact the budget has had on students.

Dr. Michael Rosen, president, Local 212, requested that the board adjust the tax levy by increasing the mill rate to 1.5 percent.

Mr. John Reiss, Culinary Arts faculty, expressed concern regarding budget cutbacks and larger class sizes, which have affected student training.

ITEM E. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

FPO-2 Bills – September 2005
FPO-3 Financial Report – September 2005
FPO-4 Human Resources Report
FPO-5 Procurement Report

Motion It was moved by Mr. Webber, seconded by Dr. Hughes, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Discussion Ms. Baker requested a report on consultants' expenses. Mr. Earle requested an itemization of consultants in the current fiscal year.

Action Motion approved.

Chairperson Bell noted that the order of the agenda items would be changed by moving Item L., Finance, Personnel, and Operations Committee Report; FPO-8, Resolution to Establish Tax Levy for FY2005-06; and FPO-7, Resolution to Approve FY2005-06 Budget Modification, after Item E., Approval of Consent Agenda Items.

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ITEM L. FINANCE, PERSONNEL, AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Action Items

FPO-8 Resolution to Establish Tax Levy for FY2005-06

Discussion Mr. Webber stated that the FPO Committee had deferred a recommendation regarding the resolution to the full board in order to allow full discussion.

Motion It was moved by Dr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Maierle, to approve the Resolution to Establish Tax Levy for FY2005-06.

Discussion Mr. Webber expressed concern regarding the fund balance and its possible effect on students related to services, programs, and supplies.

Mr. James R. Walsh, interim provost, noted that the current average class size was virtually identical to last year's size. He reported a 20 percent increase in the dollar amount of classroom supplies from the previous year to the current year, and a 24 percent increase in the other supplies category for academic departments.

Chairperson Bell noted that the Wisconsin Technical College System District Boards Association had urged the colleges to pass a reasonable levy. She stated that the needs of students should be balanced with the needs of taxpayers.

Ms. Baker expressed concern regarding cuts in essential areas that assist the communities served by the college.

Mr. Earle expressed concern regarding the number of Student Services positions that were funded by soft (grant) money. He noted that while the college had an opportunity to increase the tax levy by \$2.7 million, administration, through careful planning, had recommended the increase be limited to \$1.3 million, which would not have an impact on the approved levy. He stated that he was inclined to support the balanced levy as proposed by administration, if the board would direct funds into student services and academic support areas.

Chairperson Bell noted that her understanding had been that the \$1.3 million would be applied to reserves. She suggested that the board would have to set priorities.

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Ms. Amanda Gray asked that the board consider educational needs above advertising budgets and politics.

Dr. Hughes called the vote.

Action Motion approved, the roll call vote being as follows:

Ayes: Colón, Hughes, Maierle, Sowell, Wells,
and Bell – 6.

Noes: Baker, Earle, and Webber – 3.

FPO-7 Resolution to Approve FY2005-06 Budget Modification

Motion It was moved by Mr. Colón, seconded by Mr. Webber, to approve the Resolution to Approve FY2005-06 Budget Modification.

Discussion Mr. Michael S. Sargent, vice president and chief financial officer, reported that \$1.3 million would be moved from debt service into the operation budget to be used for increased utility costs, with the balance allocated to the reserve fund.

Motion It was moved by Mr. Earle, seconded by Ms. Baker, to refer FPO-7, Resolution to Approve FY2005-06 Budget Modification, back to the FPO Committee to consider the possibility of working with the amount targeted for reserves and determine a plan to address Student Services concerns.

Action Motion approved.

Chairperson Bell noted that the order of the agenda items would be changed by moving Item I., Legislative Matters Report, before the Chairperson's Report in order to accommodate board members' schedules.

Mr. Colón and Ms. Sowell departed the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

ITEM I. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS REPORT

Action Items

- I-1 Resolution in Support of**
 - 1. AB 297 Business Tax Credit for Tuition Payment**
 - 2. AB 378 Reenrollment in College of Returning Military Personnel**
 - 3. AB 576 In-State Tuition for Certain Non-Residents of Wisconsin**
 - 4. LRB-3264/1 Reenrollment of Returning Military Veterans in Colleges and Universities**
 - 5. SB 370 Eligibility of Two-Year Vocational Diploma Program Students in Tech Colleges for Academic Excellence Higher Ed. Scholarships**
 - 6. AB 726 Refund of Motor Fuel Tax for Technical Colleges and Others**

- I-2 Resolution in Opposition of**
 - 1. AB 246 Uniform Health Curricula**
 - 2. AB 462 Spending Limits for Cities, Villages, Towns, Counties, and Technical Colleges**

Motion It was moved by Mr. Maierle, seconded by Ms. Baker, to approve Resolution in Support of: 1. AB 297 Business Tax Credit for Tuition Payment; 2. AB 378 Reenrollment in College of Returning Military Personnel; 3. AB 576 In-State Tuition for Certain Non-Residents of Wisconsin; 4. LRB-3264/1 Reenrollment of Returning Military Veterans in Colleges and Universities; 5. SB 370 Eligibility of Two-Year Vocational Diploma Program Students in Tech Colleges for Academic Excellence Higher Ed. Scholarships and 6. AB 726 Refund of Motor Fuel Tax for Technical Colleges and Others; and Resolution in Opposition of: 1. AB 246 Uniform Health Curricula; and 2. AB 462 Spending Limits for Cities, Villages, Towns, Counties, and Technical Colleges.

Action Motion approved.

Discussion Ms. Baker gave highlights of the WTCS District Boards Association fall meeting.

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ITEM F. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Discussion Chairperson Bell extended the board's condolences to Ms. Baker on the passing of her mother, Helen Baker. She welcomed Ms. Gray's return as student representative to the board.

Chairperson Bell reiterated the WTCS District Boards Association's concern regarding increases in tax levies, and thanked the board for its action regarding the Resolution to Establish Tax Levy for FY2005-06.

Chairperson Bell reminded the board of the November 19, 2005, fall retreat on board governance.

Chairperson Bell suggested that the board visit each of the campuses for a Listening and Learning Session.

ITEM G. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Discussion Dr. Cole reported that the college had hosted 300 students for the Southeastern Asian Youth Conference.

President Cole announced that he had been appointed by Governor Doyle to serve on the 440th Reserve Advisory Committee.

Dr. Cole introduced Ms. Dessie Levy, dean, Health Occupations.

ITEM H. STUDENT SENATE REPORT

Discussion Ms. Gray requested that she be included in the Listening and Learning Sessions. She gave an update on student government activities, including Student Life Committee, Area Student Senate Board, and American Student Association of Community Colleges.

ITEM J. PUBLIC TELEVISION COMMITTEE REPORT

No report.

**ITEM K. EDUCATION, SERVICES, AND INSTITUTIONAL
RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Action Item

**ESIR-2 Resolution to Approve Designation of Milwaukee
Area Technical College State Public Officials**

Motion It was moved by Ms. Baker, seconded by Mr. Maierle, to approve Resolution to Approve Designation of Milwaukee Area Technical College State Public Officials.

Action Motion approved.

**ITEM L. FINANCE, PERSONNEL, AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
REPORT**

Action Items

**FPO-6 Resolution Authorizing the Sale of \$1,000,000 General
Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2005-06B of
Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin**

Discussion Mr. John A. Mehan, managing director, Robert W. Baird & Co., distributed and discussed the Final Pricing Summary for the \$1,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2005-06B.

Ms. Baker commended Mr. Mehan on his presentation to the WTCS District Boards Association on Tax Increment Finance.

Motion It was moved by Mr. Webber, seconded by Dr. Hughes, to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Sale of \$1,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2005-06B of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.

Action Motion approved, the roll call vote being as follows:

Ayes: Earle, Hughes, Maierle, Webber, Wells, Baker,
and Bell – 7.

Noes: None.

**FPO-9 Resolution Requesting that WTCS Approve
Construction of the Advanced Technology Center**

Motion It was moved by Mr. Webber, seconded by Mr. Maierle, to approve the Resolution Requesting that WTCS Approve Construction of the Advanced Technology Center.

Action Motion approved.

**FPO-15 Procurement and Construction Services Annual
Summary**

Motion It was moved by Mr. Webber, seconded by Dr. Hughes, to approve the Procurement and Construction Services Annual Summary.

Action Motion approved.

Discussion Item

FPO-11 Budget Variance Analysis

Discussion Mr. Sargent reviewed the budget variance analysis.

Information Item

FPO-17 Out-of-Country Travel Quarterly Report

Discussion Mr. Webber presented the Out-of-Country Travel Quarterly Report as information.

ITEM M. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1. Communications and Petitions

Discussion Mr. Maierle requested that the board be surveyed regarding their interest in attending a budget workshop.

2. Information Items

Mr. Webber announced that the college would host the Wisconsin Technical College System State Board meeting on November 27, 2005.

ITEM N. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

1. Future Agenda Items

Chairperson Bell noted interest in the following topics:

- Budget workshop
- Priorities/direction for the administration
- Student activities (ESIR Committee item)
- Report on consultants

2. Date of Next Meeting

November 22, 2005, 5:00 p.m., Regular Board Meeting, Board Room (M210).

ITEM O. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND DISCUSSION OF RELATED FISCAL INFORMATION

ITEM P. LITIGATION UPDATE

Closed Session

Motion It was moved by Mr. Webber, seconded by Dr. Hughes, to convene into Closed Session pursuant to Sections 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes to discuss Item O., Collective Bargaining and Discussion of Related Fiscal Information, to discuss and formulate strategy in upcoming negotiations with MATC's collective bargaining units when such bargaining reasons require a Closed Session; and pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(g) of the Wisconsin Statutes to discuss Item P., Litigation Update, to confer with legal counsel with respect to litigation in which the MATC District is, or is likely to become, involved. The MATC District Board may reconvene into Open Session to take action on matters discussed in Closed Session under Items O. and P.

Action Motion to convene into Closed Session to discuss Items O. and P. approved, the roll call vote being as follows:

Ayes: Hughes, Maierle, Webber, Wells, Baker, Earle, and Bell – 7.

Noes: None.

Mr. Earle departed the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

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Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Sowell
Secretary