

REPORT OF MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING

**BAY de NOC COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Catherine Bonifas Board Room (201D)
Escanaba, MI**

January 6, 2017

President Coleman and trustees greeted Senator Tom Casperson and Representative Beau LaFave at 12:10 p.m. ET.

Members Present: Jim Hermans, Bill Lake, Joy Hopkins, Steve O'Driscoll, Eric Lundin, Philip Strom

Member Absent: Tom Butch

Administration: Kevin Carlson, Laura Coleman, Jill Martin-Wiese

Guest: Jordan Beck, *Daily Press*

Recorder: Laura Johnson, Assistant Board Secretary

A luncheon was held to introduce Rep. LaFave to trustees, share information specific to community colleges, and discuss legislative issues of concern to Bay College with Rep. LaFave and Sen. Casperson.

Items discussed included:

- The funding model of community colleges and their dependence on state appropriations.
- Sen. Casperson spoke of upcoming legislation to place into statute how PILT money is distributed to community colleges and encouraged trustees to educate peer community colleges about the impact of dark store tax relief to gain legislative support.
- The importance for community colleges, especially Bay College, to offer BSN (Baccalaureate in Nursing) degrees to support the needs of local health care providers.

Joy Hopkins left the meeting at 12:50 p.m. ET.

- MPSERS (Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System) reform
- Generational differences creating challenges for local employers

Phil Strom, Eric Lundin, and Jill Martin-Wiese left the meeting at 1:10 p.m. ET.

The meeting dissolved at 1:50 p.m. ET.

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Laura L. Johnson Assistant Board Secretary	1/10/17 Completion Date	Approval Date
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James L. Hermans Board Chair	Approval Date
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