

REPORT OF MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING

BAY de NOC COMMUNITY COLLEGE Catherine Bonifas Room (200D) Escanaba, MI

February 2, 2018

President Coleman welcomed trustees, U.P. legislators, and representatives at 12:28 p.m. ET. Introductions were made.

Members Present: Bill Lake, Eric Lundin, Philip Strom, Tom Butch, Terri Mileski, Steve Davis, Joy Hopkins

Members Absent: None

Administration: Laura Coleman

Guests: Sen. Tom Casperson, Rep. Beau LaFave, Rep. Sara Cambensy, Rep. Scott Dianda, Jay Gage, U.P. Regional Manager for Sen. Stabenow, Katelyn Rader, U.P. Regional Coordinator for Sen. Peters

Media: Jordan Beck, *Daily Press*
Craig Woerpel, WDBC

Recorder: Laura Johnson, Assistant Board Secretary

A luncheon was held to share information specific to community colleges and discuss legislative issues of concern to Bay College with the U.P. legislators and representatives.

Items discussed included:

- The funding model of community colleges and their dependence on state appropriations.
- Sen. Casperson requested support to maintain the statute that dictates the time land management funds are distributed to community colleges and other public entities.
- The Michigan Supreme Court decision in the Tax Tribunal case was discussed. Trustees were encouraged to educate peer community colleges about the impact of dark store tax relief to gain legislative support.
- Rep. Cambensy discussed the demand for career and technical education (CTE). Dr. Coleman shared the College is responding to workforce needs by creating engineering internships with area manufacturers and described opportunities for K12 students and parents to tour and learn about the technologically advanced manufacturing businesses in Delta County. She urged legislators to encourage four-year institutions to accept transfer of entire associate degrees or 60 credits from the Michigan Transfer Agreement.

