

**League of Women Voters COD  
Observers Report**

**Board meeting attended:** Board of Trustees-Special Meeting

**Date and Location of meeting:** Thursday, December 14, 2017 Room SSC-2200

**Meeting started:** 6:00PM Closed Session      **Open Session:** 7:03PM -8:22 PM

**Meeting adjourned:** After second Closed Session, which began at 8:22PM

**League Observer(s):** Di Niesman via video recording, not in-person

**Board Members/Trustees present (P) not present (NP) tardy (T):**

P  Deanne Mazzochi, Board Chairman

P  Frank Napolitano, Board Vice Chairman

P  Christine Fenne, Board Secretary

P  Alan Bennett

P  Charles Bernstein

P  Daniel Markwell

NP  Joseph C. Wozniak

P  Anthony Walker, Student Member

**Estimated Number Attending (excluding Board and Staff):** Chairman Mazzochi asked for a show of hands, after public comment period, from those in attendance because of the announced closing of Early Childhood Center. After she counted, the camera turned to the audience, and it looked like close to 40 in attendance.

**Meetings are Streamed and Archived at:**

[http://www.cod.edu/multimedia\\_services/botmedia.aspx](http://www.cod.edu/multimedia_services/botmedia.aspx)

**Agenda can be found at:**

[http://www.cod.edu/about/board\\_of\\_trustees/pdf/agendas/2017/2017dec14\\_notice\\_agenda\\_special\\_board\\_meeting.pdf](http://www.cod.edu/about/board_of_trustees/pdf/agendas/2017/2017dec14_notice_agenda_special_board_meeting.pdf)

**PUBLIC COMMENT (4):** Eleven of thirteen speakers during public comment gave impassioned speeches (one mother cried) about the announcement in a letter to parents on 12/12/17 that the Early Childhood Center at COD was going to close in June 2018. Parents want more information on how the decision was made; they want an opportunity to form a parent-teacher committee to study alternatives to closing, to hold fundraisers. They want to know what will happen to the building built 10 years ago (at a cost of \$4.7 M, which was pointed out by one speaker). Many talked about the lack of alternative child care facilities, despite the claims by VP Joe Cassidy (speaker quoted reply to email) that there were a hundred locations for the children to be placed. One speaker called around and found that other facilities had no notice of COD ECC being closed. They spoke of the state-of-the art facility, of the fact that most other facilities were not all day, just a few hours a day, of COD's best practices; that it was a place for students to observe (and if they aren't, they should be). They want the decision delayed. One speaker was a faculty member with children in the center, another a COD administrator with a child at COD who found out in the Board's packet. They believe the ECC is poorly advertised, and the public thinks there is a wait list. Many speakers brought up the fact that they were not only parents but taxpayers, and the ECC was built with taxpayer money, and the Board can spend endless hours discussing the cost of garbage bags, but not get community input on something so important to the community. Everyone seemed totally blindsided and very upset and disappointed.

The other two speakers were Dr. Jarmon, president of faculty association, talking about the faculty committees working on Pathways, and Jackie McGrath, vice president of faculty association, asking what the college learned from being on probation to prevent it from happening again.

## **REPORTS (5)**

Chairman's Report- Chairman Mazzochi received letter of gratitude from Glenbard H.S. for working with the schools on science and math.

Student Trustee's Report – Congratulated new graduates and thanked faculty

President's Report- Dr. Rondeau introduced Jane Smith, Director Enrollment Service/Registrar to talk about the Pathways program, which is a way the college ensures students have a future after graduation and eliminate the achievement gap. (Dr. Jarmon mentioned Pathways in his public comment.)

Academic Committee Report- Trustee Bennett gave a lengthy report on two committee meetings. He discussed committee training and full Board training. There are 13 faculty positions to be filled and search committees have been formed. He also wants Dr. Jarmon to be placed on a future Board agenda.

**PRESENTATIONS (6)-** No presentations

**INFORMATION ITEMS (7)**

- a. Personnel Items
- b. Financial Statements
- c. Gifts & Grants Report
- d. Construction Change Orders
- e. Monthly Construction Update
- f. Board Policy 10-40: Unrestricted Fund Balance – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

There was no discussion of information items, which require no action

**CONSENT AGENDA (8)**

- a. Computer and Equipment Purchases for the FY18 IT Replacement Plan
- b. Purchase of Leica Microscopes for Biology, Anatomy & Physiology and Microbiology Courses
- c. Purchase of Tablet Computers and Accessories for the Automotive Service Technology Program
- d. Portable Virtual Reality Welding (VRW) Training Equipment for Welding Technology
- e. Board Policy No. 25-76: Assignment of Credit Hours – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading
- f. Approval for Trustee to attend ACCT Legislative Summit in Washington DC
- g. Approval of Dr. Ann E. Rondeau's Reimbursement Requests
- h. Disposal of College Property with an estimated fair value exceeding \$25,000
- i. Stone Hearth Electric Deck Oven
- j. Contract Renewal for Web Content Management Services
- k. Construction Change Orders for Board Approval
- l. On Location Production Flypack for MPTV
- m. SLEA Direct Tuition Reimbursement
- n. Renewal of Campus Architect Agreement for Design and Monitoring Services
- o. License Agreement for Innovation DuPage
- p. Memorandum of Understanding with Village of Glen Ellyn for Innovation DuPage
- q. Approval of Closed Session Minutes – *Confidential for Board Only*
- r. Minutes of the November 16, 2017 Committee of the Whole and Regular Board Meeting
- s. Personnel Action Items
- t. Financial Reports
- u. Financial Reports – Alpha Graphics, Wheaton
- v. New Fund Balance Restrictions

Trustee Bennett removed item 8 s. Personnel Action Items. Trustee Bennett moved to approve items 8 a-r and 8 t-v, and Trustee Markwell seconded the motion. Trustee Napolitano asked, regarding items 8 o and 8 p, who will have oversight on the Innovations project with Glen Ellyn. Mr. Caputo and President Rondeau replied that it was very much a

work in progress and Board will be kept informed. Before vote was taken on consent items, item 8 u (Alpha Graphics) was also removed by Bennett and seconded by Markwell. Items 8 a-r, item 8 t, and item 8 v were approved unanimously. On 8 s, the termination of staff at ECC with severance pay, Trustee Bennett wanted the item tabled. "I think we need to rework our communication effort and have more of a deliberative consultation with the impacted parents that have children attending this center at this point in time," Bennett said. There was no second to table the item, so the motion failed. Bennett, Markwell, and Walker voted no. Mazzochi, Bernstein, Napalitano, and Fenne voted yes to approve terminations, so item passed. Item 8 u was approved with Fenne abstaining.

**TRUSTEE DISCUSSION (9)** No discussion

**CALENDAR DATES (10)** The December 21, 2017 Regular Board Meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting will be **Thursday, January 18, 2018**, Regular Board Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. – SSC-2200

**Comments/Concerns: Strongly recommend all listen** to the public comments about the anticipated closing of the Early Childhood Education Center at COD. Began at approx. 3 minute mark of audio and ended at approx. 40 minute mark. All but two of thirteen speakers were concerned with the closing of ECC. My notes cannot do these comments justice. [http://www.cod.edu/multimedia\\_services/botmedia.aspx](http://www.cod.edu/multimedia_services/botmedia.aspx)

This may be an issue for which LWV Coalition for COD may want to make public comment.

**General Features**

|                                | Yes | No | Comments |
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| Did the meeting start on time? | X   |    |          |

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| Were members attentive and prepared?               | X |  |  |
| Were members courteous to each other?              | X |  |  |
| Were members attentive to the publics' comments?   | X |  |  |
| Was the facility adequate?                         | X |  |  |
| Could the audience see and hear?                   | X |  |  |
| Were visual aids easily visible to the audience    | X |  |  |
| Were the meeting facilities handicapped accessible | X |  |  |

**FOIA (Complete once, unless information changes.)**

**Illinois Open Meetings Act requirements**

|   | Yes | No | Comments                                      |
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| Was the agenda posted 48 hours before the meeting? If yes, note where | X   |    |   |
| Did the agenda items clearly describe what was to be discussed?       | X   |    |   |
| Were background materials made available to the public?               | X   |    |   |
| Was there adequate discussion of the issues?                          | X   |    |   |
| Was there a closed session before, during or after the meeting?       | X   |    | Closed session before and after open meeting. |

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| If there was a closed meeting, was any action taken after the closed session? If so, what action? | X |  | All votes taken in open session. Meeting adjourned after second closed session with no further actions. |
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**Date Submitted:** 12/31/17

**By:** Diane Niesman