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**Turtle Mountain Community College
Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
December 6, 2014
12:00 p.m.**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Board of Trustees Present: Jim Lindgren, Yvonne St.Claire, Theresa Davis-Rivard, Dwight Trottier, David Brien, Cole Frederick, Royce Poitra, Patrick J. (PJ) Marcellais

Board of Trustees Absent: John Frederick, Elmer Davis

I. Call to Order: Chairman Lindgren called the meeting to order at 5:12 p.m.

II. Invocation: Theresa Rivard performed the opening prayer.

III. Roll Call: Wanda Laducer performed roll call.

IV. Approval of Agenda: Chairperson Lindgren asked for the motion to approve the agenda. Yvonne St. Claire would like to do an addendum. She would like to add – board of trustee secretary. PJ seconded. Roll call taken. All in favor. Motion carried.

V. Approval of Minutes:

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

VII. NEW BUSINESS:


A. Review Board of Director by-laws: There has been discussion about the students not being present at the Board of Trustees meetings in the summer months. Maybe that needs to be addressed in the board policy. Discussion on the student members during the summer months and the critical decisions that they need to make. Cole, as a student, feels that it would be a waste of time for them to come in during the summer months. Royce felt that he could understand the way the other Board of Trustee members feel as far as the students in the summer time. He feels that they should look at what the options are. Discussion held. Dwight stated that we would need to add a clause ~ stating that the student terms would be for the school year only, with the composition of the remaining Board of Trustees being eight members during the summer months. Therefore a quorum would be five members during that time frame. Dwight asked if the board changes the time frame to nine months, will it have to be approved by

46 higher learning. Pj stated that maybe the number of the quorum could be
47 changed. Dwight stated that a quorum is half of the members + 1. So the
48 quorum is six right now. Dwight informed the student members of why there is
49 a concern right now with what constitutes a quorum in the summer time when
50 they are possibly not on campus. This past year, they had difficulties getting a
51 quorum for meetings and board members were sitting and waiting and a quorum.
52 Jim stated that Wanda should ask Dr. Davis is we can add this clause to our by-
53 laws. Wanda will contact Dr. Davis and ask if this change would need to be
54 approved by the Higher Learning Commission. The board is requesting that
55 Wanda bring the information back to them. Wanda will draft a letter up to Dr.
56 Davis in regards to the student members during the summer. Without the two
57 student board members in the sum months, the composition of the Board of
58 Trustees would be an eight members with a quorum of five members present.

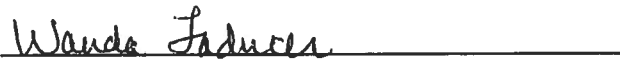
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60 **B. Secretary Salary:** Yvonne placed this item on the agenda. There are two board
61 secretaries, one is the Board of Director's and one is the Board of Trustee's. The
62 Board of Director's secretary receives a yearly contract. Yvonne feels that the Board
63 of Trustees secretary should have a yearly contract as well. The board feels that the
64 salaries should be comparable. Dwight asked if we could look at the Board of
65 Director's secretary contract. Yvonne will request this information from Tracy
66 Azure. Yvonne made a motion to table this item. PJ seconded. A meeting will be
67 set for January 12, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. Roll call taken. All in favor. Motion carried.
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70 **VIII. Next meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.**

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73 **IX. Adjournment:** Chairman Lindgren asked for the motion to adjourn. PJ made the motion to
74 adjourn, Yvonne seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:58
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80 **James Lindgren, Chairman**



Wanda Laducer, Board of Trustees Secretary