



MONTGOMERY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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MONTGOMERY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AGENDA

A called meeting of the Montgomery Community College Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in room 257 of the Capel Hall.

Call to Order - Claudia Bulthuis, Chairman

Welcome - Claudia Bulthuis, Chairman

Approval of the Agenda - Action

Board of Ethics Reminder - Claudia Bulthuis, Chairman

In keeping with MCC Board Policy 130.05 Conflict of Interest and Chapter 138A of the North Carolina Board of Ethics, any potential or actual conflicts of interest with matters coming before the Board of Trustees should be declared. Having reviewed our agenda for this evening's meeting, are there any conflicts or potential conflicts of interest to be announced? If so, please state them at this time.

- * **Request from County Commissioners regarding Central High School equipment funds – Appendix A**
- * **Closed Session – Action (Pursuant to North Carolina General Statue section 143-318.11(a)(1) to prevent the disclosure of information that is confidential or privileged pursuant to North Carolina General Statue section 115D-27.)**
- * **Open Session – Action**
- * **Updates from President – Dr. Chad Bledsoe**
- * **Adjourn – Action**

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June 19, 2018

Dear Board of Education and College Trustees:

The County has received a request from Morris-Berg architects and Montgomery County Schools for the County to reduce the Central High School construction budget for furniture, fixtures, and equipment (FF&E) and to move the overage to the allocation allowance for the field house. The County requests that this issue be brought before both the MCS Board and the College Trustees prior to approval from the Board of Commissioners.

As you are aware, the County awarded the contract for the Central High School as designed for the academic areas, but did not fund the field house as drawn. This decision was in line with our Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2016 emphasizing academics as priority. It was agreed before design that no corners would be cut and no obstacles created to prevent our students from excelling in the classrooms, labs, and vocational training areas of the new school. Any shortfalls, which initially amounted to over ten million dollars, were agreed to impact athletics.

The County sacrificed many projects to keep true to this promise and vision. The high school contract was awarded as designed for academics, and included a one million dollar allowance for the field house. The architects and MCS staff were tasked with a redesign within that budget. This redesign has not occurred. After calculating the costs for FF&E, however, the County is informed that the budget required for those items is considerably less than anticipated and several hundred thousand dollars are unspent. MCS wishes to capture these funds for the field house.

The County asks both Boards to thoroughly examine the work completed on FF&E and to decide if the academic equipment, in particular the IT infrastructure and the CTE equipment, is the best available for the education of our students. The County will not be able to fund shortfalls if this process was done inadequately.

Specifically the Board of Commissioners requests the College Trustees to evaluate the partnership in the CTE facility. The County has long emphasized the need for the College to take ownership of the grades 9-14 vocational concept, and the Commissioners wish to be reassured that the College staff has been at the forefront of the CTE facility equipment purchase process and that the equipment identified for purchase is more than satisfactory for this cohesive continuum of education needed to provide job ready and career relevant skills.

If fully endorsed by both Boards, the County will make the request to the USDA to adjust the budgets for FF&E and field house allocation, but again will be made with the understanding that the responsibility is in your hands, and that the Montgomery Central High School and the CTE facility will be the state-of-art facility envisioned.

Signed,

Jackie Morris
 Chairman