MINUTES: June 2, 2015

SPECIAL MEETING: District Board of Trustees

PLACE: Daytona State College
Daytona Beach Campus
Building 100, Room 402L
1200 W. International Speedway Blvd.
Daytona Beach, Florida

PRESENT: Mr. Lloyd Freckleton, Chair
Mrs. Forough Hosseini, Vice Chair
Mr. Bob Davis
Mr. Stanley Escudero
Mr. Brad Giles
Mrs. Mary Ann Haas (telephonically)
Mrs. Betty Holness
Mr. Garry Lubi
Mrs. Anne Patterson

Board Meeting began 11:05 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER
   Mr. Freckleton called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL
   All trustees were present with Mrs. Haas joining the meeting via telephone.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
   Mr. Freckleton inquired if there were any members from the public that requested time to appear before the Board. No requests had been received.

V. PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH
   A. Review of Listening Sessions Findings and Online Survey Results
      Mrs. Hosseini thanked the Presidential Search Committee members who were in attendance and introduced Ms. Evelyn Fine, Presidential Search Committee Member, who reviewed the results of the online survey. Ms. Fine presented information on the number of respondents, categories of those responding, proximity to the closest campus, age of respondents, and what they felt the significant qualifications and characteristics of a president were. Mrs. Hosseini thanked Ms. Fine for preparing the survey and analyzing the results.
Mrs. Hosseini introduced Mr. Rich Vollaro, Presidential Search Committee Member and Faculty Senate President, who reviewed unique highlights from the listening sessions. Sessions were held at the DeLand, Daytona Beach, Flagler/Palm Coast, Deltona and New Smyrna Beach/Edgewater campuses. He shared there was a diverse group of people that attended each of the listening sessions.

Mrs. Hosseini asked if any of the Presidential Search Committee members would like to comment. Mr. Terry White stated the Board was fortunate to have the leadership and direction of Mrs. Hosseini during the search. By gathering information prior to selecting a search firm, a pattern began to emerge which might produce what the community and others were looking for, as well as provide a significant savings to the College. He appreciated the opportunity to serve on this Committee. Dr. Linda Bradley Thacker shared the process was very inclusive and thorough and appreciated the opportunity to serve on this committee.

Mrs. Hosseini provided a recap of the work done by the Committee. She explained of the importance of conducting the listening sessions and online survey and how this information assisted the Committee. She shared the Board expressed their satisfaction with Dr. LoBasso’s work at their last meeting and gave examples of his leadership. Based on the information from the listening sessions and survey, the Search Committee believes that Dr. LoBasso encompasses the characteristics of a president that will take the College to the next level. The Presidential Search Committee would ask that the Board consider the facts and consider offering Dr. LoBasso a 12-month contract for the presidency. She shared of her satisfaction with Dr. LoBasso’s performance and was a firm believer of promoting from within.

**MOTION:** (Davis/Holness) The District Board of Trustees approve Dr. Thomas LoBasso as the next president of Daytona State College with the terms of the agreement to be worked out with legal counsel.

Mrs. Hosseini asked if the Board would like to suspend the work of the Presidential Search Committee but have it remain in place should they be needed after the 12 month contract has ended. Mr. Escudero felt the Committee worked well together and was suited to continue the search if it was needed.

**MOTION:** (Escudero/Patterson) Amend the motion to include “and the current Presidential Search Committee be retained in suspension for the period of the president’s contract.” Motion carried unanimously.
Board members shared how they felt Dr. LoBasso was a good choice and gave examples of his work over the past months.

**AMENDED MOTION:** (Davis/Holness) The District Board of Trustees approve Dr. Thomas LoBasso as the next president of Daytona State College with the terms of the agreement to be worked out with legal counsel; and the current Presidential Search Committee be retained in suspension for the period of the president’s contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Hosseini asked Dr. LoBasso to join the meeting where she shared the Board’s decision to select him as the next president of Daytona State College. Dr. LoBasso thanked the Board and the Presidential Search Committee and stated the College is a great institution and he has enjoyed working closely with the Board over the last five months and is looking forward to doing great things.

Mr. Freckleton stated the contract for the president will be placed on the June Board meeting agenda.

**VI. TIME RESERVED/BOARD MEMBERS**

Mrs. Hosseini thanked the members of the Presidential Search Committee for their work and time; and thanked the Board for entrusting her with such an important task.

Mr. Davis stated the decision to select Dr. LoBasso was a wise one and spoke on the initiatives implemented by Dr. LoBasso during his tenure as interim president.

Mr. Escudero felt this decision was the best thing done for the institution.

Mr. Giles commented how employees have shared with him how happy and proud they are to work with Dr. LoBasso; and he is looking forward to the future.

Mrs. Haas was sorry she could not be physically present and meet the Search Committee members in attendance. She thanked the Committee for the work they did and was pleased with the choice.

Mrs. Holness thanked Mrs. Hosseini and the Search Committee for their work and leadership and felt they have selected the right person. She shared how it has been a pleasure getting to know Dr. LoBasso and how people appreciate his accessibility and leadership.

Mr. Lubi thanked Mrs. Hosseini and the Search Committee for their work and having it done in a quality fashion. He commented how many have told him they need not look further because they already had the right person in the position.
He discussed organizational and fundamental changes over the past few years in education and how people can rise and grow in an organization because of these changes. He felt Dr. LoBasso was one of these people and was a great fit for the institution; and was optimistic on where the College is heading in the future.

Mrs. Patterson commented how people had spoken to her also about keeping Dr. LoBasso on as the president. She thanked Mrs. Hosseini and the Search Committee for all their work.

Mr. Freckleton thanked the Search Committee members for their work. He thanked Mrs. Hosseini for agreeing to take on this task and appreciated the work that was done. He congratulated Dr. LoBasso and was looking forward to working with him.

VII. ADJOURN
Mr. Freckleton adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.