

**Minutes of the Formal Meeting
of the
Oakland University Board of Trustees
April 4, 2007**

Present: Chair Dennis K. Pawley; Trustees Henry Baskin, Penny M. Crissman, David J. Doyle, David T. Fischer, Jacqueline S. Long, Ann V. Nicholson, and Rex E. Schlaybaugh, Jr.

Also Present: President Gary D. Russi; Vice Presidents John W. Beaghan, Susan Davies Goepp, Mary Beth Snyder, and Virinder K. Moudgil; General Counsel and Secretary to the Board of Trustees Victor A. Zambardi and Assistant Rhonda G. Saunders; and Student Liaisons James V. Gammicchia and Frederick A. DeNault

A. Call to Order

Chair Dennis K. Pawley called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. in the Auditorium of Elliott Hall of Business and Information Technology.

B. Roll Call

Mr. Victor A. Zambardi, General Counsel and Secretary to the Board of Trustees, conducted a roll call. All of the Board members were present.

C. Reports

Tab 1. Treasurer's Report

Mr. John W. Beaghan, Vice President for Finance and Administration, presented the Treasurer's Report as set forth in the agenda item.

Mr. Beaghan also reported that the University continues to monitor the status of the State's budget and appropriations for higher education. He went on to explain that the University's revenue from tuition is about \$100 million dollars so every one percent of enrollment equates to approximately \$1 million dollars. Mr. Beaghan also indicated that the University has begun its planning and has built several models to address any reduction in State appropriations.

D. Consent Agenda for Consideration/Action

Tab 2. Consent Agenda

Chair Pawley presented the following Consent Agenda recommendations for Board approval:

Tab 3. Minutes of the Formal Session of March 7, 2007

Tab 4. University Personnel Actions

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approve the personnel actions below:

New Appointment (correction)

Chen, Yu, Assistant Professor of Marketing (\$95,000.00) effective December 4, 2006. Previously reported as Instructor in Marketing (\$90,725.00) effective August 15, 2006.

Faculty Promotions

Sharp, Janet M., from Associate Professor of Education (without tenure) to Professor of Education (with tenure), effective November 15, 2006.

The faculty bargaining agreement requires that certain reviews for possible promotion be completed by April 15. The following recommendations are made by the President and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost:

Optional Promotions – Effective August 15, 2007

Associate Professors with tenure considered for promotion for full Professor:

Cheng, Eddie	Mathematics & Statistics	Promote
Clason, Christopher R.	Modern Languages & Literatures	Promote
Elder, Ken	Physics	Promote
Mourelatos, Zissimos P.	Mechanical Engineering	Promote
Nassar, Sayed A.	Mechanical Engineering	Promote
Spencer-Wood, Suzanne M.	Sociology & Anthropology	Promote
Sugumaran, Vijayan	Decision & Information Science	Promote

Emeritus Appointments, effective April 4, 2007

Goldstein, Robert J., Professor Emeritus of Political Science

Hung, Yau (Michael) Y., Professor Emeritus of Engineering

Landau, I. Theodore, Professor Emeritus of Psychology

Olson, Ronald E., Professor Emeritus of Health Science

Emeritus Appointments, effective April 4, 2007 (Cont'd)

Macauley, William A., Professor Emeritus of Political Science

Reddy, Venkat N., Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Biomedical Sciences

Varani, Flavio, Professor Emeritus of Music

Tab 5. Acceptance of Gifts to Oakland University for the Period of February 1, 2007 through February 28, 2007

(A copy of the Gifts report is on file in the Board of Trustees Office.)

Tab 6. Acceptance of Grants and Contracts to Oakland University for the Period of January 1 through February 28, 2007

(A copy of the Grants and Contracts report is on file in the Board of Trustees Office.)

Tab 7. Final Undergraduate and Graduate School Reports Fall 2006 – December 13, 2006

(A copy of the Final Undergraduate and Graduate School Reports Fall 2006 – December 13, 2006 is on file in the Board of Trustees Office.)

Trustee David J. Doyle, seconded by Trustee Ann V. Nicholson, moved approval of the Consent Agenda, and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

E. New Items for Consideration/Action

Tab 8. Alfred G. and Matilda R. Wilson Awards and Human Relations Award

Dr. Mary Beth Snyder, Vice President for Student Affairs, presented the Alfred G. and Matilda R. Wilson Awards and Human Relations Award recommendations as set forth in the agenda item.

Trustee Nicholson, seconded by Trustee Rex E. Schlaybaugh, Jr., moved approval of the following resolutions:

Commendation of Alfred G. Wilson Award to Mr. Peter S. Halabu

WHEREAS, Mr. Peter S. Halabu entered Oakland University as a freshman from Notre Dame Preparatory School in Pontiac, Michigan to pursue a major in English; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Halabu demonstrated academic excellence as a member of The Honors College at Oakland University, maintaining a 3.82 grade point average, and completing an Honors College Thesis on "Dystopian Literary Presentations of Religion," examining such works as "Utopia," "Animal Farm" and "Brave New World"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Halabu takes seriously his civic leadership responsibilities as president of the St. John Fisher Catholic Newman Group, past Parliamentarian and public relations officer of the Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Society; and member of the Chaldean-American Student Association, member of Students for Life, and member of the Chess Club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Halabu is active in the community as a lector at St. Irenaeus Catholic Church, a debate judge at Detroit Catholic Forensics League, a debate coach at Notre Dame Preparatory School, and pianist at Fusion Young Adult Mass; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Halabu has been selected as the 2007 recipient of the Alfred G. Wilson Award given annually to a graduating senior who has maintained high academic standards, who has demonstrated extraordinary leadership capabilities and involvement in the Oakland University community, and who has expressed social concern; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Oakland University Board of Trustees expresses its appreciation to Mr. Peter S. Halabu for his unwavering commitment to campus life at Oakland University; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees commends Mr. Peter S. Halabu for the quality of his leadership and extends to him its best wishes for continued success in all of his future endeavors.

Commendation of Matilda R. Wilson Award to Ms. Jianna L. Hair

WHEREAS, Ms. Jianna L. Hair entered Oakland University as a freshman from Waterford Mott High School in Waterford, Michigan to pursue a major in English; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hair demonstrated academic excellence as a member of The Honors College at Oakland University, maintaining a 3.84 grade point average and completing an Honors College Thesis on "'The Deadly Space Between': Truth and Language in the Fiction of Herman Melville"; and completed research on advanced placement pedagogy entitled, "Advanced Placement Programs: Are They Really the Apple in the College Admissions' Eye?"; and received the Oakland University Talented Scholars Award, Oakland University Alumni Association Working Student Scholarship, the Handleman Scholarship and J. Alfred Jones Memorial Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hair demonstrated leadership by serving as president of the Sigma Tau Delta-English Honors Society, and as a member of the Golden Key International Honour Society and the Student Michigan Education Association; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hair committed herself to community service by working as an English, Spanish and writing tutor in the Academic Skills Center and writing consultant in the Writing Center, and as an academic assistant and tutor with Project Upward Bound; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hair has been selected as the 2007 recipient of the Matilda R. Wilson Award given annually to a graduating senior who has maintained high academic standards, who has demonstrated extraordinary leadership capabilities and involvement in the Oakland University community, and who has expressed social concern; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees expresses its appreciation to Ms. Jianna L. Hair for her unwavering commitment to campus life at Oakland University; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees commends Ms. Jianna L. Hair for the quality of her leadership and extends to her its best wishes for continued success in all of her future endeavors.

Commendation of Human Relations Award to Ms. Nerissa K. Brown

WHEREAS, Ms. Nerissa K. Brown entered Oakland University as a freshman from Advanced Technology Academy in Southfield, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brown has demonstrated academic excellence and commitment while majoring in Human Resource Development with a minor in Training and Development while maintaining a 3.45 grade point average, and holding the positions of vice president of the Human Resource Development Honor/Professional Society, secretary of the National Honour Society and secretary of the National Society of Black Engineers; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brown has distinguished herself as an untiring and conscientious student leader committed to increasing unity and understanding as a Keeper of the Dream recipient and by serving as a coordinator and secretary of Diverse Voices, a resident assistant in University Housing; an admissions ambassador for the Office of Admissions and Orientation, Office of New Student Programs Orientation Group Leader, and as a member of the Legislative and Multicultural Affairs Committee of Student Congress, the Future Alumni Network, Circle of Sisterhood, One Body Prayer Organization and the Gospel Choir of Oakland University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brown is an active member of the community, serving as a volunteer for the Greater Apostolic Faith Temple, and participating in the annual church clean-up day, youth department and kitchen ministry; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brown has been selected as the 2007 recipient of the Human Relations Award given annually to a graduating senior who has made an outstanding

contribution to intergroup understanding and conflict resolution in the Oakland University community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees expresses its appreciation to Ms. Nerissa K. Brown for her unwavering commitment to campus life at Oakland University; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees commends Ms. Nerissa K. Brown for the quality of her leadership and extends to her its best wishes for continued success in all of her future endeavors.

The motion was unanimously approved by those present.

Tab 9. Appointment of Distinguished Professor

Dr. Virinder K. Moudgil, Vice President for Academic Affairs, presented the Appointment of Distinguished Professor recommendation as set forth in the agenda item.

Trustee Doyle, seconded by Trustee Penny M. Crissman, moved approval of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Ronald C. Finucane, Professor of History, to the rank of Distinguished Professor, effective August 15, 2007.

The motion was unanimously approved by those present.

Tab 10. Interest Rate Swap Transaction Relating to the Oakland University Board of Trustees General Revenue Bonds, Series 2001

Mr. John W. Beaghan presented the following resolution for the Interest Rate Swap Transaction Relating to the Oakland University Board of Trustees General Revenue Bonds, Series 2001 recommendation as set forth in the agenda item:

Trustee David T. Fischer, seconded by Trustee Nicholson, moved approval of the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Oakland University (the "Board") is a constitutional body corporate established pursuant to Article VIII, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, as amended (the "Constitution"), with general supervision of Oakland University (the "University") and the control and direction of all expenditures from the University's funds; and

WHEREAS, the Board has previously issued its \$48,000,000 General Revenue Bonds, Series 2001 (Variable Rate Demand Bonds) (the "2001 Bonds"), and in connection with, and as a hedge related to, the Series 2001 Bonds, the Board entered into an interest rate swap transaction (the "Initial Transaction") dated February 5, 2001 with Lehman

Brothers Special Financing Inc. ("Lehman"), in the notional amount of \$34,370,000; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined it may be economic and appropriate to adjust the effective terms of the Initial Transaction through an overlay interest rate swap transaction (the "Current Transaction") with Lehman or with another counterparty (in either case, the "Counterparty"), to be designated by an Authorized Officer (hereinafter defined); and

WHEREAS, in the exercise of its constitutional duties, and in order to prudently control and direct expenditures from the University's funds, the Board determines it is necessary and desirable to authorize the consummation of the Current Transaction as a further hedge related to the 2001 Bonds; and

WHEREAS, documentation related to the Current Transaction, including some or all of an ISDA Master Agreement, Schedule, Credit Support Annex and Confirmation, and related certificates, instruments and opinions (collectively, the "Swap Documents") must be entered into by and between the Board and the Counterparty; and

WHEREAS, in order to be able to enter into the Current Transaction at the most opportune time, it is necessary for the Board to authorize the President of the University and the Treasurer to the Board (each, an "Authorized Officer"), or either of them, to designate the Counterparty, to negotiate, execute and deliver on behalf of the Board the Swap Documentation, and to approve the terms of the Current Transaction, all within the limitations set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the Board has full power under its constitutional authority and supervision of the University and control and direction of expenditures from the University funds to issue its General Revenue Bonds and to enter into related interest rate swap transactions, and to pledge General Revenues (as defined in the General Trust indenture related to the 2001 Bonds); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the consummation of the Current Transaction, as described herein, as a hedge related to the 2001 Bonds; and, now, be it further

RESOLVED, that the terms of the Current Transaction shall be determined by an Authorized Officer, but within the following parameters:

- (a) The notional amount of the Current Transaction shall not be in excess of the notional amount of the Initial Transaction from time to time in effect.
- (b) The Effective Date of the Current Transaction (i.e., the date of the commencement of the calculation of the required payments thereunder) shall be not earlier than April 1, 2007, and not later than December 31, 2011, and the Current Transaction shall have a stated Termination Date not later than March 1, 2031.
- (c) The amount to be paid by the Board on the Current Transaction shall be measured by the BMA Municipal Swap Index or a percentage thereof or a percentage of 30-day LIBOR, with, if appropriate, a positive or negative spread, and the amount to be received by the Board shall be measured by

five or ten year swap rates or treasury rates, or percentages thereof, with, if appropriate, a positive or negative spread, all as shall be determined as necessary or appropriate by an Authorized Officer.

- (d) The Board shall have the right to terminate the Current Swap, on such terms as are determined to be appropriate by an Authorized Officer; and, now, be it further

RESOLVED, that the faith and credit of the University shall not be pledged in any way to payment of any amounts owing with respect to the Current Transaction or under the Swap Documents; and, now, be it further

RESOLVED, that the obligations of the Board under the Swap Documents and with respect to the Current Transaction shall be limited and not general obligations of the Board payable from and secured by a lien on the General Revenues, on a parity basis with the 2001 Bonds and certain other outstanding General Revenue obligations of the Board, and a lien on moneys, if any, from time to time on deposit as collateral pursuant to the Credit Support Annex; and, now, be it further

RESOLVED, that no recourse shall be had for the payment of any amounts under the Swap Documents or in connection with the Current Transaction, or any claim based thereon, against the State of Michigan, or any member of the Board or any officer or agent of the Board or of Oakland University, as individuals, either directly or indirectly, nor shall the Current Transaction or any payments due in connection therewith or under the Swap Documents become a lien on or be secured by any property, real, personal or mixed of the State of Michigan or the Board, other than the General Revenues and the moneys from time to time deposited as collateral under the Credit Support Annex; and, now, be it further

RESOLVED, that the right is reserved to issue additional bonds, notes or other obligations payable from and secured on a parity basis with the Board's obligations under the Current Transaction and the Swap Documents upon compliance with the terms and conditions as are set forth in the Board's Trust indentures relating to its outstanding General Revenue Bonds; and, now, be it further

RESOLVED, that an Authorized Officer is hereby authorized and directed, in the name and on behalf of the Board, and as its corporate act and deed, to designate the Counterparty and to negotiate, execute and deliver the Swap Documents, all within the limitations set forth herein; and, now, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Authorized Officers or either of them and any other appropriate officer of the Board or the University are hereby authorized to perform, execute and/or deliver all instruments and documents for and on behalf of the Board required by this resolution, or the Swap Documentation, or necessary, expedient and proper in connection with the ongoing administration of the Current Transaction and to take any and all actions related thereto, as contemplated hereby; and, now, be it further

RESOLVED, that prior to the execution by any Authorized Officer or other officer of the Board or the University of instruments or documents authorized to be executed

hereunder, that the instruments and documents shall be reviewed and approved by the Office of the General Counsel prior to execution, and shall be in compliance with the law and University policies and regulations and shall conform to the legal standards and policies of the Board of Trustees; and, now, be it further

RESOLVED, that all resolutions or parts of resolutions or other proceedings of the Board in conflict herewith are hereby repealed insofar as such conflict exists.

Mr. Beaghan then introduced Steve Roberts, Assistant Vice President for Finance and Administration, Mark Salimena from CDR Financial Products, Inc. which is acting as the University's swap advisor, and Jerry Rupley from Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, retained by the University as Bond Counsel.

Mr. Roberts presented a brief history of the issuance of \$48 million dollars in general revenue obligation bonds in August of 2001. He noted that the bonds were issued in a variable rate mode, and that the interest rate floats and is readjusted from week-to-week. To hedge against that interest rate, the Board approved a variable rate to fixed interest rate swap, with a notional amount of \$34,370,000 fixed at 4.62%. Mr. Roberts also explained that the University was tracking a potential interest rate cost savings possibility related to this bond issue because of the current, or flat, inverted bond yield curves. To evaluate the opportunity further, the University engaged CDR Financial Products, Inc., as a swap advisor and consultant, to help analyze the potential of a constant maturity swap.

Mr. Salimena then directed the Board to his power point presentation (a copy of which is on file in the Board of Trustee's Office) and indicated that the three month treasury and the 30-year treasury interest rates are currently at the same level and creating a "flatness" of the yield curve. Basically, that would allow the University to move its current one-month LIBOR further out on that curve which would allow the University to obtain a cost savings in the event that the BMA restructures itself back to the normal curve.

In response to questions from Trustee Schlaybaugh, Mr. Salimena stated that the overall effect is that the University would pay the 10-year rate going forward rather than the one-month LIBOR. He further explained that the current one-month evaluation is re-set every seven days but that the University pays the one-month LIBOR on \$34,370,000 and concurred with Trustee Schlaybaugh's basic analysis that the transaction is simply an interest rate bet that the yield curve will go back to its normal levels giving the University an opportunity to achieve additional savings over the life of the bonds, but also a risk of loss that the University does not presently have. He also confirmed that the proposed transaction becomes a separate security right based upon an interest rate that the University can trade-in and capture value for purposes of any cost of money in the future. He further explained that the University could, at any time, go back to the counter-party and unwind the trade for cash that could be used for any purpose the University chose. Trustee Schlaybaugh commented that this transaction represents a policy issue for the Board.

In response to questions from Trustee Baskin, Mr. Salimena stated that CDR Financial Products, Inc. would provide the University with a trade valuation on a monthly basis to determine when a trade would be most beneficial to the University. He further stated that

Lehman Brothers would be the counter-party that would guarantee the fixed rate on the swap transaction.

A general, but detailed, discussion then ensued regarding the risk/reward parameters based on various interest rates as contained in CDR Financial Products, Inc.'s power point presentation.

In response to further questions from Trustee Baskin, Mr. Rupley stated that he, as the University's Bond Counsel, would recommend this transaction to the University. The transaction represents a trade that is a reasonable trade for the University, it can be characterized as a bet against the way interest rates move, the same way that issuing variable rate debt as opposed to fixed rated debt is a bet against the way interest rates move. Trustee Schlaybaugh commented that the proposed transaction is materially different than a bond issuance that includes an interest rate swap hedge since the University has, at this time, no defined use for the proceeds. Mr. Rupley also noted that Michigan State University and Western Michigan University have issued similar instruments. Trustee Fischer mentioned that the University of Texas has also issued a similar instrument.

In response to questions from Trustee Pawley, Mr. Salimena stated that the fees to CDR Financial Products, Inc. to complete the transaction would be \$25,000, plus the cost of the Bond Counsel's fees.

Trustee Baskin, seconded by Trustee Crissman, offered a friendly amendment and moved to refer the Interest Rate Swap Transaction Relating to the Oakland University Board of Trustees General Revenue Bonds, Series 2001 to the Board's Finance, Audit and Investment Committee for further analysis and consideration.

Trustee Baskin's motion was unanimously approved by those present.

Tab 11. Bachelor of Arts with a Major in International Relations

Dr. Virinder K. Moudgil called on Dr. John S. Klemanski, Chair and Professor of Political Science, who presented the Bachelor of Arts with a Major in International Relations recommendation as set forth in the agenda item.

Trustee Doyle, seconded by Trustee Nicholson, moved approval of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Bachelor of Arts with a major in International Relations is consistent with several objectives contained in Oakland University's 2020 Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Bachelor of Arts with a major in International Relations will provide an unmet need in Southeast Michigan; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Department of Political Science, with the participation of the Departments of History, Philosophy, Modern

Languages and Literatures, and Economics, to offer a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in International Relations; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in International Relations be reviewed annually by the Provost to determine whether the program should be continued.

In response to questions from Trustee Schlaybaugh, Mr. Klemanski stated that students graduating from this program would have a significant level of fluency in a foreign language. He further stated that the department, in addition to receiving an endorsement from the College's Advisory Group, also surveyed individual corporate executives to determine the level of interest of multi-national corporations in this program. There is a stated need to train students better for the global economy, to have a foreign language competency and to have more training in international affairs.

In response to questions from Trustee Long, Mr. Klemanski stated that a "Capstone Course" is a culminating experience that may be an actual course or an internship, and that the major would require a career orientation course. Further responding to Trustee Long's concern that this program may duplicate current International Studies programs, he stated that those programs usually focus on one country whereas the current proposed program is multi-disciplinary.

In response to further questions from Trustee Long, Provost Moudgil stated that he would review this program annually to determine whether the program should be continued. Provost Moudgil also noted that this program would compliment the Advanced Technology in Business ("ATiB") Program, which is a sponsorship by a corporation for students in the ATiB Program.

In response to questions from Trustee Pawley, Mr. Klemanski stated that other universities have not developed similar programs because it is difficult to find faculty experienced in this area. He further stated that the proposed program does represent a joint collaboration between the School of Business and Administration and the College of Arts and Sciences.

In response to questions from Trustee Baskin, Mr. Klemanski stated that the program could be implemented immediately.

In response to questions from Trustee Doyle, Mr. Klemanski stated that he had reviewed a similar program at Michigan State University and that Oakland's program would explore both student abroad and internship options, such as internships with the U.S. State Department.

The motion was unanimously approved by those present.

Tab 12. Administrative-Professional, Excluded Clerical-Technical, Individual Contract Employees, Athletic Coaches, Executive, Dean, and Academic

Administrator Benefit Changes, and Revisions to the Administrative-Professional Manual

Mr. John W. Beaghan presented the Administrative-Professional, Excluded Clerical-Technical, Individual Contract Employees, Athletic Coaches, Executive, Dean, and Academic Administrator Benefit Changes, and Revisions to the Administrative-Professional Manual recommendation as set forth in the agenda item.

Trustee Doyle, seconded by Trustee Fischer, moved approval of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approve the following:

APs, Excluded Clerical-Technicals, individual contract employees and athletic coaches who are employed full-time on December 31, 2007 will be eligible for a one-time lump sum contribution to their retirement account as follows:

For calendar year 2008, a one-time lump sum of:

<u>Age as of January 1, 2008</u>	<u>Contribution</u>
Under 55	\$ 350
55 – 57	\$ 700
58 - 60	\$ 950
61 and over	\$1,250

Beginning in calendar year 2009, an annual lump sum of \$500; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that APs, Excluded Clerical-Technical employees, individual contract employees, athletic coaches, Deans, Academic Administrators and Executives will be allowed to utilize available sick leave days for the acute and serious personal illness of a parent or step-parent (in addition to the current utilization for immediate family members); and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the benefit changes for APs be reflected in revisions to the Administrative-Professional Manual.

Trustee Pawley commented that one very seldom sees identical benefits for represented and non-represented employees.

The motion was approved with seven positive votes and one negative vote by Chair Pawley.

Tab 13. Replacement of Pioneer Drive at Recreation and Athletic Center

Mr. Beaghan presented the Replacement of Pioneer Drive at Recreation and Athletic Center recommendation as set forth in the agenda item.

Trustee Crissman, seconded by Trustee Schlaybaugh, moved approval of the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees (Board) authorize the Vice President for Finance and Administration to negotiate and execute a contract(s) to repair Pioneer Drive in front of the Recreation and Athletic Center, not to exceed \$262,000; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the contract(s) be reviewed and approved by the Office of the General Counsel prior to execution, and be in compliance with the law and University policies and regulations and conform to the legal standards and policies of the Board.

In response to questions from Trustee Pawley, Terry Stollsteimer, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management, stated that the addition of curbs was not a part of this project, but that deteriorated curbs would be repaired and brought up to code.

In response to questions from Trustee Fischer, Mr. Stollsteimer stated that there are no plans, for at least the next five years, that would require the road to be reconstructed after installing utility or other service lines.

The motion was unanimously approved by those present.

F. Other Items for Consideration/Action that May Come Before the Board

Chair Pawley called on Mr. Thomas White, of the Academy of Michigan, who requested to address the Board. Mr. White represents the Academy of Michigan and stated: We are a Charter School that is chartered by Oakland University. I also am the assistant principal at the school but today I don't represent the administration, I am also a parent. My senior student, he is a student and I am a father of five. I don't know if you are familiar with the nuances that we do at the school and those are – we have a safe, clean environment. We have been working with Oakland University for years. We have gone through some rough times because we came out of the Oak Park campus and we had probably about 80 students and all of a sudden, we ended up with 500. We had problems initially but Oakland has worked with us. They have said why don't you try this, why don't you try that and everything that we have tried that Oakland has suggested, we have been successful at. I can talk to you about AYP rates, the MEAP... our scores have been going down since 2002 but because of the recommendations that Oakland University made and that we followed and implemented, as of last year, we started going up. There are a lot of things that we are doing. We don't have guns, we don't have knives, we don't have gangs, we don't have drugs because anytime we suspect, you've got to go because we want to have at least a safe haven for our students. We want you to at least reconsider; give us an opportunity, give us some recommendations so that we can keep our school open. Give us an opportunity.

Mr. Pawley thanked Mr. White for his comments and called on Ms. Tracy Carter, President of the Academy of Michigan PTO, who requested to address the Board. Ms. Carter

stated: I am here as a parent and a parent representative for the Academy of Michigan. In addition, I am the president of the PTO of the school. The purpose of the PTO is to support and speak on behalf of the children in the school and the community and encourage parents and the public involvement in the school and we have done that. We are developing a partnership between the parents and the teachers to make sure that every advantage in the school, for the students' physical, mental, social and spiritual education is available. Studies have shown that involvement with parents in their child's education means more success and completion towards the child's dreams and we are accomplishing that at the Academy of Michigan. My testimonial is it took me a year to find this school for my child. When I investigated, the school was very clean, very well respected in the community, they have a program there that sets the child up for a career outside of school when they graduate if they choose not to go to a university, and since my child has a learning disability I felt that this school would accommodate her needs and it has.

Mr. Pawley thanked Ms. Carter for her comments and called on Ms. Joanna Darvey, Senior Class President of the Academy of Michigan, who requested to address the Board. Ms. Darvey stated that: I am currently the senior class president at the Academy of Michigan. I started the Academy of Michigan in my freshman year and I wanted to go to the school because it had more opportunities than the DPS schools because I reside in Detroit. I stayed at the Academy of Michigan because it had more opportunities than the DPS schools. It is a vocational school, it has medical, BST, CAT, Digital Photography, which is one of my vocations. I never knew that I would like photography as much as I did but I do so I am actually going to Wayne State to study film and minor in photography. I am here to talk to you today to let you know about the opportunities at the Academy of Michigan. It is a small group of kids at the high school so it is very hands on and small classroom sizes. You have a lot of attention from the teachers so you will be able to learn a lot better. I am a senior this year. We have done a lot of fundraisers, a lot of activities such as skating parties, bowling parties, swing outs and we are going on a senior trip this Friday to Orlando, Florida. It is a really great school and I am just here to let you know I want other people to come as freshman, sophomores, juniorw and seniors to have an opportunity even though I am going on to a university right now. I am just here to ask you to save our school. Thank you.

Mr. Pawley referred this matter to Provost Moudgil.

There were no other items presented to the Board.

G. Adjournment

Chair Pawley adjourned the meeting at 2:47 p.m.

Submitted,

Approved,

Victor A. Zambardi
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Dennis K. Pawley
Chair, Board of Trustees