6:00 p.m. DINNER MEETING:
Board members gathered for dinner at 6:00 p.m. Discussion on millage options was held for Grand Traverse and the four adjacent counties. No actions or decisions were made.

7:00 p.m. REGULAR MEETING:

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Shirley Okerstrom, Chair.

B. Roll Call
Trustees Present: James Beckett, Robert Chase, William Cunningham, Cheryl Follette, Michael McManus, Shirley Okerstrom, and Elaine Wood

Trustees Absent: none

Also Present: Kathleen Guy, Lynn Hills, Douglas Lape, Shelley Merrill, Bruce Montgomery, Timothy Quinn, Roberta Teahen, and five guests

C. Secretary's Report
William Cunningham made a motion, supported by Michael McManus, to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of November 21, 1994, and the special meetings of November 28 and December 5, 1994, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Contributions Report
A motion was made by James Beckett, supported by Elaine Wood, that contributions for the month of November be accepted for deposit into specified funds. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Approval of Agenda
The agenda was reviewed and approved by the Board with a motion by Robert Chase, supported by Elaine Wood. Motion passed unanimously.
F. Public Input
Dr. Charles Kesner, Chairman of the Founders 21 Committee, representing 135 citizens from the five counties, requested that the Board of Trustees approve the resolution to extend an invitation to Antrim, Benzie, Kalkaska, and Leelanau Counties to join the Northwestern Michigan College district through county elections.

II. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

University Center Partner
Bruce Montgomery, Dean of the University Center, presented a proposal to add Oakland University as a partner of the NMC University Center. A motion was made by Elaine Wood, supported by Michael McManus, to approve the addition of Oakland University as a partner in the NMC University Center. Motion passed unanimously.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

A. Treasurer's Report
A motion was made by Robert Chase, supported by William Cunningham, to accept the Treasurer's report for November 1994 as presented by Douglas Lape. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Budget Guidelines
Robert Chase made a motion, supported by Michael McManus, to adopt the guidelines for preparation of the budget for fiscal year 1995-96 with the exception of item II. A. Tuition Guideline, as presented by President Tim Quinn. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Continuation of Summer Tax Collection
William Cunningham made a motion, supported by James Beckett, to approve the following resolution affirming the Board's intent to collect summer taxes.

WHEREAS:
The Board of Trustees by resolution adopted December 16, 1991, determine to impose a summer property tax levy of 50% of property taxes, including debt service, upon property located within the College district, beginning with 1992 and continuing from year to year until specifically revoked by this Board of Trustees; provided, however, that if the total available millage for the next fiscal year, excluding debt, as determined on June 1 is equal to or less than 50% of the total available millage, excluding debt, for the current fiscal year, the College will levy all available millage, excluding debt, on July 1.
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The Board of Trustees shall annually adopt a resolution prior to January 1 acknowledging its decision to impose summer taxes on an ongoing basis and determine the amount of taxes to be levied on the next ensuing summer tax roll and to direct the administration to notify the governing body of each city and township of this decision and request an agreement to collect said levy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:
This Board of Trustees, pursuant to 1976 PA 451, as amended (the "School Code"), does hereby invoke its previously adopted ongoing resolution imposing a summer property tax levy upon property located within the College district of the year 1995 and further determines that it is necessary to impose a tax levy of 50% of the College property taxes, including debt service.

Pursuant to and in accordance with Section 1613(1) of the School Code, the Vice President for Administrative Services, is authorized and directed to forward to the governing body of each city and township in which this College district collected summer taxes for 1993 a copy of this Board's resolution imposing a summer property tax levy on an ongoing basis and advising those tax collecting units to collect a summer tax levy of 50% of the College property taxes, including debt service, of the year 1995 in accordance with the agreements now in existence between the College and the tax collecting units. Such forwarding of the resolutions and the request to collect the summer tax levy shall be sent so that they are received by appropriate governing bodies before January 1, 1995.

All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Motion passed unanimously.

IV. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee McManus reported that Senate Bill 76 was "killed" in the House Education Committee. Therefore, any expansion of our college district will need to be done on a county-by-county basis. Mr. McManus also reported on charter school discussions with the Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District.

V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Invitation
Michael McManus made a motion, supported by Robert Chase, to extend the invitation to the counties of Antrim, Benzie, Kalkaska, and Leelanau to join the NMC district in accordance with the recommendation of the Founders 21 Committee through adoption of the resolutions presented, and furthermore, that the administration be directed to proceed with the actions necessary to establish a vote on this issue in each county on Tuesday, May 2, 1995. Motion passed unanimously.
B. Ad Hoc Board of Trustees Membership
A motion was made by Cheryl Follette, supported by Elaine Wood, that the Board reaffirm its prior position to immediately appoint ad hoc members to the NMC Board of Trustees from each county which elects to join the Northwestern Michigan College district. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Commitment to the Citizens of Northwest Michigan
Elaine Wood made a motion, supported by William Cunningham, to adopt the following resolution committing the NMC Board of Trustees to mill rate limitation for the 1995-96 school year.

WHEREAS Northwestern Michigan College has been engaged in a collaborative process with citizens of Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, and Leelanau counties aimed at enhancement of educational opportunities throughout the region; and

WHEREAS the Founders 21 Committee, comprised of 135 citizens throughout the region, has collectively and by county recommended that equal access to higher education be provided throughout the region by way of a regional millage; and

WHEREAS, under current law, that access may only be provided by a vote of the people of each county to assume the same tax rate as the existing community college district which is comprised of Grand Traverse County; and

WHEREAS the established tax rate of 2.5 mills is more than will be initially required to operate NMC, provide in-district tuition rates for all citizens of the northwestern Michigan region, and provide support for the university center; and

WHEREAS we have taken action to offer the opportunity to join the NMC district by vote of the citizens of each county to be conducted on May 2, 1995; and

WHEREAS it is the desire of the Board of Trustees to operate as efficiently and effectively as possible in trust of local tax dollars;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that while all counties must vote on the 2.5 mill rate, we do hereby commit ourselves as a Board to the Proposition that:

A. Should one or more of the above-named additional counties vote affirmatively on this issue, the mill rate level to support the above-stated purpose for the 1995-96 school year shall be less than 2.5 mills.

B. Should all four of the above-named additional counties vote affirmatively on this issue, the mill rate level for the 1995-96 school year shall be no more than a maximum mill rate of 1.55 mills.

Motion passed unanimously.

VI. OTHER
Faculty Council Report
None

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Recorded by,

Douglas H. Lape

SIGNED ________________________________________________________

__________  William J. Cunningham, Secretary

ATTESTED _____________________________________________________

__________  Shirley S. Okerstrom, Chair