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A properly noticed special meeting of the Board of Trustees to discuss the issuance of Series 2010 bonds for the construction of a new residence hall was called to order by Chairman Morrison at 1:32 p.m., Thursday, November 4, 2010, at Central Washington University, Barge Hall 314; some trustees participated by conference phone.

Susan Musselman, financial advisor, explained that the University entered the market to sell the bonds for the Barto replacement project. The bond underwriting process includes a two day period during which the underwriter offers bonds to investors and receives commitments for specific interest rates on each maturity of bonds (in this case 30 year bonds). By achieving the lowest possible yield on each maturity, the underwriter is in a position to present an offer to buy the bonds at the best yield. During the pricing period, there have been significant changes in the bond market, leading our underwriter and financial advisor to recommend that we spend more time in the marketplace rather than rushing to lock in higher rates of interest. Ms. Musselman further explained that a savings of 1/10 of 1% in interest rate translates into real savings of $750,000.

Chair Morrison asked if the Board had the option of approving a range of interest rates. Bond Counsel, Hugh Spitzer, advised that the bond resolution must include final numbers and be passed by a majority of a quorum of the Board.

Vice President Vertrees asked that the bond team be allowed additional time to develop the bond proposal in order to achieve the best possible rates of interest. After consulting with the Board, Chair Morrison declared the meeting to be in recess until 5:00 p.m. that same day.
The Board reconvened at 5:00 p.m. with Trustees Morrison, Thompson, Erickson, Bahr and Reardon in attendance. Vice President Vertrees and the bond team advised that additional time was still needed to develop the bond proposal. Since a special telephonic meeting of the Board had also been duly noticed for the following day, November 5, at 10:00 a.m., it was determined to reconvene the Board at that time.

Adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Next Meeting
The Board of Trustees will meet for a special telephonic meeting at 10:00 a.m., November 5, 2010, at the Ellensburg campus, Barge Hall 314.

Sherer Holter, Secretary to the Board of Trustees
Central Washington University

Sid Morrison, Chair
Board of Trustees
Central Washington University