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Framingham State College

Emergency Meeting of the Board of Trustees

May 7, 1996

Present: Trustees: Lepore, Chair; Buckley; Coyle; Flaherty; Gadbois; Greenblatt; Oxman; Weinroth; and Wiggin.

Absent: Trustees: Johnson; and Tavares.

Chair Lepore called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Chair Lepore expressed his appreciation to members of the Board for attending the Special Meeting of the Board. This meeting is being held as a follow-up to the May 6, 1996 Board of Trustees vote to appoint Dr. Robert Taylor as President of Framingham State College. Chair Lepore stated that on behalf of the Board, he placed numerous telephone calls to Dr. Taylor in an attempt to negotiate and finalize a contract. Unfortunately, due to the inability to reach an agreeable negotiated contract, at approximately 11:30 a.m. today, eastern time, Dr. Taylor FAXed a letter to my attention informing the members of the Board of his decision to respectfully decline the nomination of President of Framingham State College.

Following confirmation of Dr. Taylor's decision, telephone calls were placed to both Drs. Raymond Kieft and Wayne Miller. I was able to speak with Dr. Kieft who restated his interest in the Presidency position.

Dr. Miller was not available, but did return my call at approximately 2:00 p.m. today, eastern time. When I spoke with Dr. Miller at this time, he was in transition of accepting a position at another institution, and inquired as to the number of votes he had among the Board of Trustees to approve his nomination as President of Framingham State College. I was unable to respond to Dr. Miller's request directly. At 2:35 p.m. eastern time, today, Dr. Miller FAXed a letter to my attention informing members of the Board that he has accepted another position, and therefore respectfully declines further consideration to be nominated as the next President of Framingham State College.

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On motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: [Trustee Lepore, Chair, opposed]  
to enter into Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. A roll call vote of Trustees: Buckley; Coyle; Flaherty; Gadbois; Greenblatt; Oxman; Weinroth; and Wiggin upheld the vote to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the character and reputation of the Presidential candidate.

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Chair Lepore requested that those members of the Presidential Search Committee in attendance remain for Executive Session.

Regular Session re-convened at 7:30 p.m.

Trustee Flaherty stated that the names of Drs. Raymond Kieft, Wayne Miller, and Robert Taylor were submitted to the Board of Trustees for review and action at the meeting held on May 6, 1996. It was the Search Committee's deliberate intention to submit the names of the three finalists in unranked order, as outstanding candidates all equally qualified to lead Framingham State College.

Trustee Flaherty enthusiastically nominated Dr. Raymond Kieft to be appointed as President of Framingham State College.

Trustee Buckley questioned the validity of the Presidential Search Process given the recent developments of two finalists withdrawing their nomination.

Trustee Chair Ralph Lepore stated since three finalists were forwarded to the Board in unranked order, all equally qualified, the Board of Trustees has before them the name of Dr. Raymond Kieft for consideration of President of Framingham State College.

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On motion duly made and seconded, it was

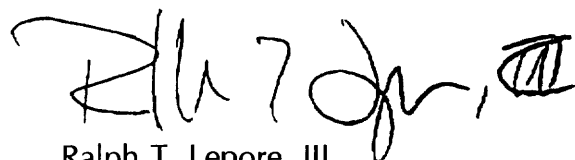
[Trustee Buckley opposed]  
VOTED: to appoint Dr. Raymond Kieft as President of Framingham State College, subject to finalization of contract negotiations as determined by Ralph T. Lepore, III, Chair, Framingham State College Board of Trustees.

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Chair Lepore noted that the Board of Trustees' appointment of Dr. Raymond Kieft will be forwarded to the Higher Education Coordinating Council for final approval at their meeting on June 17, 1996.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ralph T. Lepore, III  
Chair, Framingham State College Board of Trustees