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STCC President Andrew Scibelli listens as Raquel Obregon speaks at a meeting last night on the school's radio station.

Radio station gets reprieve

By RAY KELLY

Springfield Technical Community College's Board of Trustees voted unanimously last night to give "a six-month reprieve" to the campus radio station and notify the bidders for WTCC-FM that the college's president has decided not to recommend a bidder to the board.

"This will give students and community volunteers an opportunity to organize themselves (in regards to) operation of the station, times of programs and on-air and off-air conduct," Brian Q. Corridan, chairman of the board, said.

President Andrew M. Scibelli told trustees he was "not satisfied with the low number of bids," and would not present a recommended bidder to the board.

Scibelli recommended that an ad-hoc committee comprised of station volunteers, administration members and trustees work from Aug. 1 to Feb. 1 to create "a structure of operation" for WTCC.

Scibelli declined to elaborate on future plans for the campus station.

STCC had received three bids for the radio station after expressing interest in selling the station last April.

"Save WTCC," a Springfield-based minority group was the highest bidder. Connecticut Educational Telecommunications Corporation of Hartford and a symbolic bid by the

station's all-volunteer staff were also submitted.

Prior to the board's vote, Scibelli attacked a statement made by Ida R. Flynn, president of the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in The Daily News that the proposed sale of the station was racially motivated.

The college president said Flynn's remarks "boarded on slander (and) show the woman obviously knows nothing about this college. We do more for minorities than any college in the area."

Flynn had told The Daily News, "We question what is the real reason for selling the station. Is it the fact that it is a service basically to the minority community?"

WTCC broadcasts consist mainly of ethnic and minority programming.

Raquel Obregon, a WTCC volunteer, said members of the volunteer staff, who had opposed the sale of the station, were "caught by surprise" at the board's decision, expecting that trustees would have approved the sale of the station.

\$28,500 goes to food bank drive

HADLEY — The Western Massachusetts Food Bank's goal for its Hampden County Capital Campaign is now about 93 percent complete, with the most recent contributions totaling \$28,500.

A total of \$255,525 has now been raised, just \$19,475 short of its \$275,000 goal, reported the Food Bank, located on 47 East St.

Organizations contributing more than \$20,000 are Friendly Ice Cream Corp. and Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co.

Donations from \$15,000 to \$19,999 are from: BayBank/Valley Trust Co., Milton Bradley Co., Monarch Capital Corp. and New England Telephone Co.

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