

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EASTERN IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
March 8, 2010**

The Board of Trustees of the Eastern Iowa Community College District (Merged Area IX) met in Regular Session on March 8, 2010, in the Ellis Vetter Room at 306 West River Drive, Davenport, Iowa. President Robert Gallagher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following directors present: Kendra Beck, Mary Lou Engler, John Frampton, Bill Phelan, Milton Shaw and Shirley Stewart. Absent: Dr. Joseph D'Souza, Bill Vetter.

The Board conducted a public hearing on the 2010-2011 Budget Estimate. No one appeared to speak for or against the budget estimate, and President Gallagher closed the public hearing at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes from the February 15, 2010, Regular Board meeting had been mailed to the Board members for their review. Director Phelan moved, seconded by Director Stewart, to approve the minutes as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Director Frampton presented an IACCT update. He reported that a few plots remain available in the IACCT landscaping plan. The Board was asked how they would like to participate.

Director Phelan moved, seconded by Director Frampton, to delegate to Chancellor Keir the authority to recommend what contribution EICCD should make to the IACCT landscaping project. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Staff reports were presented. Dr. Jeff Armstrong, president of Muscatine Community College, introduced the fine arts faculty coordinators from Clinton, Muscatine and Scott Community Colleges. Robyn Smith of Clinton Community College talked about the art classes offered at CCC, as well as some of the arts-related activities there. She introduced three art students – Jackie Couppee, Lindsay Gibson and Nick Teachout — who shared their work with the Board. Rob Lipnick, art instructor at Scott Community College, talked about the art program at SCC, noted the connections the program has with area schools and organizations such as the Figge Art Museum, and showed slides of student work and art field trips. Jan Phillips, music instructor at Muscatine Community College, talked about the unique music program at MCC, how students can transfer to four-year colleges with junior status, and the performance opportunities available to students. She introduced student Joe Berns of Dubuque, who talked to the Board about his experiences in the music program. Chancellor Keir thanked the students for coming and praised the faculty members for their dedication and innovation.

Dr. Nancy Kothenbeutel gave the Board an update on the potential cooperative efforts with area law enforcement agencies for training at the Midwest Center for Safety &

Rescue Training. She has met with many chief law enforcement officials in the region and is working on a bi-state approach. Federal funding for such a program is a possibility and the interested parties will next outline how such a center could work. Board members encouraged Dr. Kothenbeutel to continue exploring this opportunity.

Rich Horst, director of development, was asked to give a status report on the Capitol Theatre. Chancellor Keir noted that she has authorized hiring a consultant to investigate the costs of two options, either mothballing the theatre or updating it to code specifications. Mr. Horst noted that such costs should also include replacing the roof and some exterior work needed on the stage house, two projects that will need to be undertaken in the next three to five years. He said that the theatre group is still working on obtaining financing in hopes of making the original project idea work. Chancellor Keir stated that she would like to have a recommendation ready by the end of March for what the District should do with the building.

A list of personnel items was presented for Board approval. Director Frampton moved, seconded by Director Shaw, to approve the personnel list as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mark Kapfer, executive director of economic development, presented three Chapter 260E preliminary agreements: Husco International, Inc. in the amount of \$155,000; Nestle Purina Petcare Company in the amount of \$110,000; and Production Tool Company, LLC in the amount of \$180,000.

Director Beck moved, seconded by Director Engler, to approve the Chapter 260E preliminary agreements. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kapfer then presented five Chapter 260F/GIVF retraining agreements: Kraft Foods, Inc. in the amount of \$25,000; Quad City Times in the amount of \$7,776; Sears Manufacturing Company in the amount of \$25,000; SMS Millcraft LLC in the amount of \$25,000; and StarrMatica Learning Systems LLC in the amount of \$4,999.

Director Frampton moved, seconded by Director Shaw, to approve the Chapter 260F/GIVF retraining agreements. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board was asked to approve several contractual agreements: clinical agreements with Select Specialty Hospital – Quad Cities, Inc. for nursing, Genesis Health System for surgical technology and Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society for health information technology; renewal of the Freight House parking lot lease agreement; and a communication radio antenna agreement with KUNI Radio (University of Northern Iowa).

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Director Shaw moved, seconded by Director Beck to approve the contractual agreements. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Kirk Barkdoll, director of district facilities, presented several change orders for Board approval.

The Board was asked to approve Swanson Construction Change Order #3 in the amount of \$3,192.56 and Change Order #4 in the amount of \$10,829.82 on the SCC Culinary Arts Building project.

Director Stewart moved, seconded by Director Phelan, to approve Swanson Construction Change Orders #3 and #4. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mr. Barkdoll presented Todd Hackett Construction Change Order #5 in the amount of \$81,023.84 on the SCC Applied Technologies Addition/Renovation project.

Director Beck moved, seconded by Director Shaw, to approve Todd Hackett Construction Change Order #5. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mr. Barkdoll presented Frye Builders Change Order #7 in the amount of \$8,870.90 on the MCC Science Addition project.

Director Frampton moved, seconded by Director Phelan, to approve Frye Builders Change Order #7. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mr. Barkdoll presented Centennial Contractors Change Order #1 in the amount of \$17,994.20 on the Midwest Center for Safety & Rescue Training Classroom Foundations project.

Director Phelan moved, seconded by Director Stewart, to approve Centennial Contractors Change Order #1. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mr. Barkdoll then presented plans and specifications on the SCC Roadway Phase 4 project and asked the Board to schedule a public hearing on the project for 7:00 p.m. on April 19, 2010, at Clinton Community College. He noted that because this project is being funded by federal dollars, the bidding process is being handled by the Iowa Department of Transportation.

Director Frampton moved, seconded by Director Shaw, to approve the plans and specifications and to schedule the public hearing as recommended. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mr. Barkdoll informed the Board that an RFP for construction administration services on this project has been released and a recommendation for that contract will be brought to the Board at a future meeting.

The Board was asked to adopt the published budget for FY 2010-2011.

Director Shaw moved, seconded by Director Engler, to adopt the FY 2010-2011 published budget. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Lana Dettbarn presented an RFP for audit services and asked for Board approval to distribute it. She noted that the proposals would be due April 15, interviews would be conducted May 1-15, and a recommendation would be made to the Board at the May 17 meeting.

Director Beck moved, seconded by Director Engler, to approve distribution of the RFP for audit services. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

President Gallagher appointed Directors Beck, Frampton and Vetter to serve on the subcommittee to review the audit proposals received.

Financial reports for the month ending February 28, 2010, were presented. It was recommended that receipt of the reports be acknowledged and the reports placed on file.

Director Engler moved, seconded by Director Stewart, to acknowledge receipt of the reports and to place them on file. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Copies of the bills had been mailed to the Board members for their review. Board members were asked to approve payment of the bills as submitted.

Director Shaw moved, seconded by Director Beck, to approve payment of the bills as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

During Trustee Comments, Director Frampton reminded the Board about the upcoming IACCT conference in July and encouraged everyone to attend.

During Chancellor's Comments, Chancellor Keir asked Gary Mohr, executive director for external affairs, to give an update on the state funding situation. He noted that the appropriations language released by the joint subcommittee on education appropriations calls for \$158 million in state general aid for community colleges. No decisions will be made until the Revenue Estimating Committee meets later this week

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and the legislature has a better idea of how much savings will be garnered from the state government reorganization initiative.

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on April 19, 2010, at Clinton Community College, 1000 Lincoln Boulevard, Clinton, Iowa.

The Board was asked to enter into Executive Session to discuss negotiations. Director Engler moved, seconded by Director Beck to enter into Executive Session. On roll call vote: Ayes: Beck, Engler, Frampton, Gallagher, Phelan, Shaw, Stewart. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:01 p.m. and returned to Regular Session at 9:30 p.m.

President Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Approved:

Honey H. Bedell, Board Secretary

Board President