

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EASTERN IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
March 10, 2008**

The Board of Trustees of the Eastern Iowa Community College District (Merged Area IX) met in Regular Session on March 10, 2008, in the Ellis Vetter Room at 306 West River Drive, Davenport, Iowa. President Robert Gallagher called the meeting to order with the following directors present: Kendra Beck, Dr. Joseph D'Souza*, Mary Lou Engler, John Frampton, Bill Phelan, Milton Shaw, Shirley Stewart, Bill Vetter. Absent: none.

The Board conducted a public hearing on the 2008-2009 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 18, 2008, Regular Board meeting had been mailed to the Board members for their review. Director Frampton moved, seconded by Director Vetter, to approve the minutes as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

*Director D'Souza arrived at 7:03 p.m.

Director Frampton presented an IACCT update. He announced that former IACCT executive director Gene Gardner is working as a consultant to the Iowa Department of Administrative Services. He also announced that updated cost estimates on the IACCT building in Des Moines are expected soon. In the meantime, trustees at Southwestern Community College have decided to delay approval of their share of the costs.

Two staff reports were presented. Dr. Karen Vickers, CCC president and vice chancellor for student services, introduced faculty and staff responsible for assisting the colleges' Student Government organizations, including deans of students Kris Hingstrum, Gail Spies and Lisa Brown, and government advisors Mardell Mommsen, John Dabeet and Kari Hanson. She then introduced the presidents of each of the college's Student Government organizations: John Anderson, who spoke about the MCC group; Donna Sweet, who shared activities of the SCC group; and Angie Andresen, who shared a PowerPoint presentation about the CCC organization.

Dr. Ellen Kabat Lensch, executive director of resource development and innovation, gave the Board background on EICCD's involvement with Nahant Marsh, a 263-acre wetlands on the west edge of Davenport. EICCD has recently entered into a partnership with the City of Davenport and other organizations to provide educational programs at the marsh. Brian Ritter, the EICCD employee responsible for the programming, shared many of the exciting things happening at Nahant Marsh. Dawn Anderson Rascher, the science coordinator for the Davenport Community School District, expressed how appreciative the schools are for EICCD's involvement in making the marsh more accessible, and especially praised Mr. Ritter for the work he has done in making the marsh activities relevant to the science curriculum being used by teachers in the

classroom. It was suggested that the Board conduct one of its meetings at the marsh during the warmer summer months.

A list of personnel items was presented for Board approval. Director Phelan moved, seconded by Director Beck, 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: Carver Pump Company in the amount of \$70,000; Nestle Purina Petcare Company in the amount of \$95,000; and Per Mar Security and Research Corporation in the amount of \$180,000.

Director D'Souza moved, seconded by Director Vetter, to approve the Chapter 260E preliminary agreements.

Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kapfer then presented two Chapter 260F/GIVF retraining agreements: Liberty Pattern Company in the amount of \$4,999; and StarrMatica Learning Systems in the amount of \$4,999.

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

The Board was asked to approve several contractual agreements: an amendment to the Kahl Building lease agreement with H&R Block Eastern Enterprises, Inc; an addendum to the lease agreement with Dr. Mark Intlekofer for low@Work office space in Maquoketa; renewal of the communications tower agreement with Pleasant Valley Schools; an articulation agreement between the honors programs at SCC and University of Iowa; and a Chapter 28E contract with North Scott Schools for high school programming.

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

Kirk Barkdoll, director of district facilities, presented two projects requiring Board action: Scott Community College Road Project Phase I and Scott Community College Road Project Phase IIIA. The Board was asked to approve plans and specifications for each, authorize publication of notice to bidders and schedule a public hearing for 7:00 p.m. on April 21, 2008, at 1951 Manufacturing Drive in Clinton, Iowa.

Director Frampton moved, seconded by Director Phelan, to approve the plans and specifications, authorize publication of notice to bidders and schedule the public hearing as suggested for both projects. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kapfer asked the Board to designate the District's pre-engineering program as being eligible for ACE funding from the State of Iowa. The District has tentative agreements with four partner companies, which will provide the opportunity for \$366,000 in ACE funds.

Director Shaw moved, seconded by Director Engler, to designate pre-engineering as an ACE-eligible program. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board was asked to adopt the FY 2008-2009 budget.

Director Vetter moved, seconded by Director Shaw, to adopt the FY 2008-2009 budget. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Financial reports for the month ending February 29, 2008, were presented. It was recommended that receipt of the reports be acknowledged and the reports placed on file.

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

During Trustee Comments, Director Frampton asked if any action had been requested of Board members regarding the bill in the state legislature on school board elections. Chancellor Keir replied nothing was needed now. Director Engler thanked staff for making two-sided copies. Director Phelan asked for an update on the intercom security systems being installed on campus; Mr. Barkdoll replied that installations are almost complete at MCC and CCC, and that will finish the project.

During Chancellor's Comments, Chancellor Keir announced that the Higher Learning Commission has reaffirmed the District's accreditation. She read excerpts from the HLC's letter, in which they cited EICCD as a "model of excellence" for the Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP). She thanked Dr. Kabat Lensch and Mr. Ritter for

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their efforts with Nahant Marsh. She also thanked Gary Mohr and Nancy Kothenbeutel for their assistance in facilitating U.S. Senator Tom Harkin’s visit to the Blong Technology Center earlier in the afternoon.

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on April 21, 2008, at the Graphic Arts Technology Center, 1951 Manufacturing Drive, Clinton, Iowa.

There being no unscheduled business, President Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Honey H. Bedell, Board Secretary

Approved:

Board President