

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EASTERN IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
December 17, 2012**

The Board of Trustees of the Eastern Iowa Community College District (Merged Area IX) met in Regular Session on December 17, 2012, in the Music Room at Muscatine Community College, 152 Colorado Street, Muscatine, Iowa. President Robert Gallagher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following directors present: Kendra Beck, Mary Lou Engler, Denise Hollonbeck, Bill Phelan, Milton Shaw. Absent: Dr. Joseph D'Souza, Michelle Garvin.

With the resignation of Brian Angwin, Director District VI, on November 1, the Board needed to appoint a new director to complete the remainder of his term. President Gallagher told the Board members that he and Chancellor Don Doucette had met with Kim Clausen of Camanche, and he recommended to the Board that she be appointed to complete Director Angwin's term in District VI.

Director Phelan moved, seconded by Director Shaw, to appoint Ms. Clausen to serve as Director from District VI. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried. The Board welcomed Ms. Clausen; she took the oath of office and joined the Board for the remainder of the meeting.

Minutes from the November 19, 2012, Regular Board meeting had been mailed to the Board members for their review. Director Beck moved, seconded by Director Phelan, to approve the minutes as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Director Phelan had forwarded information about IACCT activities to Board members prior to the meeting. He commented on the recent joint meeting between the IACCT and IACCP organizations, and encouraged a strong delegation from EICCD to attend the IACCT Student Legislative Seminar in Des Moines next month.

MCC faculty members David Lane and Jan Phillips presented the first staff report. Mr. Lane, who directs the drama program, talked about MCC's fine arts department "trying to do big things with a small department." He described the classes, productions and extracurricular activities available to students and emphasized the collaborative efforts between the drama and music programs, which include variety shows and alternating years' productions of a madrigal feast and a major musical. Ms. Phillips, who directs the music program, described the musical opportunities available to students, including collaborations with the community on performance groups such as the community orchestra and the Muscatine Civic Chorale. While noting that there are space constraints that put some limits on what types of shows they can produce, Mr. Lane and Ms. Phillips shared photographs and video of some of their recent productions. Students Alexis Green and Thomas Allen also shared some of their music and drama experiences with the Board.

Jeff Kaufmann, MCC faculty member, recently retired state representative and newly elected Cedar County supervisor, presented the second report. Mr. Kaufmann thanked the Board and the administration for making it possible for him to serve in the state legislature, adding that he hoped that experience had been beneficial to the college and students, as well as to his personal growth. He noted that community colleges continue to enjoy strong support from both parties and in both houses because of their bipartisan, focused appeal. He suggested that future efforts be focused on building strong support among minority parties in both houses to match the support among the majority.

A list of personnel items was presented for Board approval, as was a list of performance adjustments for administrative and professional staff. Director Shaw moved, seconded by Director Hollonbeck to approve the personnel list and performance adjustments as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mark Kapfer, executive director of economic development, presented three Chapter 260F retraining agreements: Aerospace Control Products, Inc. in the amount of \$4,999; DeWitt Consortium #6 in the amount of \$50,000; and Sandry Fire Supply, LLC in the amount of \$4,999.

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

The Board was asked to approve an agreement with McGladrey LLP for supplementary CIO advisory services.

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

The Board was asked to adopt a resolution authorizing Chancellor Don Doucette and Gary Mohr, executive director for external affairs, to represent the District's interests to state government.

Director Engler moved, seconded by Director Shaw, to adopt the resolution as stated. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Financial reports for the month ending November 30, 2012, were presented. It was recommended that receipt of the reports be acknowledged and the reports placed on file.

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

During Trustee Comments, President Gallagher thanked MCC President Bob Allbee and the MCC staff for a nice dinner, excellent entertainment and clement weather. Director Phelan commented that as the representative of the Muscatine area and a graduate of MCC, he has seen MCC grow over the years, noted it is well-loved in the community as “our college,” and expressed his appreciation to the administration and faculty for the outstanding work they do.

During Chancellor’s Comments, Chancellor Doucette noted that the District has been reaching out to community members via a series of open forums to ask for their input about the colleges and the future of our communities. He would like to share this feedback with the Board and with the members of the four foundation boards at a joint meeting, likely to be scheduled the afternoon of February 18, prior to the Board meeting that evening. He said this feedback will serve as a major input initially for the next strategic plan and then for a future capital campaign.

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on January 28, 2013, in the Ellis Vetter Room at 306 West River Drive, Davenport, Iowa. This will be one week later than the usual Board meeting date due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

The Board was asked to enter into Executive Session to discuss a potential real estate negotiation. Director Beck moved, seconded by Director Hollonbeck, to enter into Executive Session. On roll call vote: Ayes: Beck, Clausen, Engler, Gallagher, Hollonbeck, Phelan, Shaw. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:03 p.m. and returned to Regular Session at 8:37 p.m.

President Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Honey H. Bedell, Board Secretary

Approved:

Board President