The Board of Trustees of the Eastern Iowa Community College District (Merged Area IX) met in Regular session on October 16, 2006, in the Student Life Center at Scott Community College, 500 Belmont Road, Bettendorf, Iowa. President Robert Gallagher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following trustees present: Kendra Beck, Mary Lou Engler, John Frampton, Shirley Stewart and Bill Vetter. Absent: Dr. Joseph D’Souza, Richard Haiston and Bill Phelan.

The Board conducted a public hearing on the Blong Technology Center Outside Storage Renovation Project. No one appeared to speak for or against the project, and President Gallagher closed the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Minutes from the September 18, 2006, Regular Board meeting had been mailed to the Board members for their review. Director Stewart moved, seconded by Director Vetter, to approve the minutes as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board then conducted its annual Organizational meeting. Secretary Bedell announced that the official canvass of votes for the annual Regular School election was not yet available from the County Auditor’s office, but that Directors Stewart, Haiston, Frampton and Beck were elected in Districts I, II, VI and VII, respectively. Certificates of election will be presented upon receipt from the County Auditor.

The Board was asked to approve a resolution naming Directors Stewart, Haiston, Frampton and Beck as newly elected directors in District I, II, VI and VII, respectively.

Director Engler moved, seconded by Director Vetter, to approve said resolution. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Secretary Bedell administered the oath of office to Directors Stewart, Frampton and Beck.

President Gallagher then turned the meeting over to Secretary Bedell for the election of officers for the 2006-2007 year. Director Vetter nominated Robert Gallagher to serve as president; Director Stewart seconded the nomination. Director Frampton nominated Mary Lou Engler as vice president; Director Beck seconded the nomination. Director Frampton then moved, seconded by Director Beck, to cast a unanimous ballot electing Robert Gallagher as president and Mary Lou Engler as vice president. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Secretary Bedell administered the oath of office to President Gallagher and Vice President Engler. President Gallagher then resumed the chair.
Chancellor Patricia Keir recommended that the Board reappoint Honey Bedell as Secretary and Lana Dettbarn as Treasurer.

Director Engler moved, seconded by Director Beck, that Honey Bedell and Lana Dettbarn be reappointed as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

President Gallagher then administered the oath of office to Secretary Bedell and Treasurer Dettbarn.

Director Engler moved, seconded by Director Frampton, that the Board to continue to schedule its regular meetings at 7:00 p.m. on the third Monday of each month in the Ellis Vetter Room at 306 West River Drive, Davenport, Iowa. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Organizational meeting was adjourned and the Board resumed the Regular meeting.

Director Frampton presented a report on Iowa Association of Community College Trustees activities. He had attended the October 6 IACCT Board meeting where potential state aid figures were discussed and noted that the outlook is positive this year. An orientation for new trustees will be conducted soon and he will provide more information. Jean Torgeson, the IACCT Board chair and a trustee at North Iowa Area Community College, has been appointed to the national ACCT board.

Chancellor Keir introduced Dr. Tom Coley, president of Scott Community College, for the staff reports. Dr. Coley introduced Dr. Teresa paper, dean of SCC, who gave a brief overview of the new SCC student newspaper and introduced the advisors and two students involved in the paper. Dr. Coley then introduced Steve Switzer of River Bend Transit, who provided the Board with a report on the collaborative effort between SCC and River Bend to provide evening transportation to SCC students who live in west Davenport. Dr. Coley then invited the Board to the college at noon on Wednesday for the annual United Way Chili Cookoff.

A list of personnel items was presented for Board approval. Director Frampton 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 two Chapter 260E preliminary agreements: Guardian Industries in the amount of $230,000; and Center Leaf Partners in the amount of $985,000. It was noted that Center Leaf Partners is a
newly formed company that will provide support to Ashford University in Clinton. Following questions from Chancellor Keir and the Board, Mr. Kapfer noted that this is a preliminary agreement and the Board will make a final decision on this and all other Chapter 260E agreements in April.

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

Chancellor Keir presented two contractual agreements for Board approval: renewal of the Chapter 28E contract with Davenport Schools for an alternative high school program; and renewal of the Kahl Building lease for Eastern Iowa Job Training.

Director Frampton moved, seconded by Director Engler, to approve both contracts. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Kirk Barkdoll, director of facilities, presented the bid report for the Blong Technology Center Outdoor Storage Renovation project. He recommended that the Board accept the low bid of $27,200 from Fry Builders.

Director Frampton moved, seconded by Director Beck, to award the bid to Fry Builders. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mr. Barkdoll then presented change orders on two other projects: Air Control, Inc. Change Orders #7 in the amount of $495 and #8 in the amount of $525 on the CCC HVAC Renovation project; and Johnson Contracting Change Orders #7 in the amount of $730, #8 in the amount of $2,683, #9 in the amount of $683 and #10 in the amount of $21,006.

Director Frampton moved, seconded by Director Stewart, to approve these change orders. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board began the process of reviewing all of its Board policies. Secretary Bedell outlined the process, which takes place every three years and takes approximately six months to complete. She reviewed the suggested revisions to Series 100 and Series 200, representing the Board’s First Reading of these policies. No action was requested.

Financial reports for the month ending September 30, 2006, were presented. It was recommended that receipt of the reports be acknowledged and the reports be placed on file.
Director Vetter moved, seconded by Director Frampton, to acknowledge receipt of the financial reports and to place the reports 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 Frampton moved, seconded by Director Beck, to approve payment of the bills as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

During Trustee Comments, President Gallagher noted that the ACCT conference in Orlando had been a good one and Director Stewart thanked the Board and college for the opportunity to attend. Director Engler noted that she has heard many positive comments in her community about the college and enjoys her interactions with students. She thanked the faculty and staff for the good work they do.

During Chancellor’s Comments, Chancellor Keir thanked SCC for the excellent dinner prepared by Chef Brad Scott and the culinary arts students. She noted that she is impressed with the transit project presented in the staff report and thanked Dr. Coley for investigating it. She announced that for the next ACCT conference, which is the National Legislative Summit in Washington, DC, in February, she would like to have a student from each of the three colleges attend with the Board. She also reminded the Board about the retreat scheduled for October 30.

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on November 20, 2006, in the Ellis Vetter Room at 306 West River Drive, Davenport, Iowa.

President Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.