

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EASTERN IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
September 15, 2008**

The Board of Trustees of the Eastern Iowa Community College District (Merged Area IX) met in Regular Session on September 15, 2008, in Rooms 204/206 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, Dr. Joseph D'Souza, Mary Lou Engler, John Frampton, Bill Phelan, Milton Shaw, Shirley Stewart, Bill Vetter. Absent: none.

The Regular Annual School Election took place September 9, 2008, and four board members were duly elected: Milton Shaw, for the remaining year of the term in Director District II; Robert Gallagher for a three-year term in Director District IV; Mary Lou Engler for a three-year term in Director District V; and Bill Vetter for a three-year term in Director District IX. The four directors took the oath of office and were sworn in.

Minutes from the August 18, 2008, Regular Board meeting had been mailed to the Board members for their review. Director Vetter moved, seconded by Director Frampton, to approve the minutes as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

During Audience and Communications, several members of the public were present to address the Board regarding the SCC Belmont Road entrance signage. Speakers were Helen Nemecek, Craig Nemecek, Kathleen Miller, Dennis Miller, Asad Asadi, Ann Westlund, Rand Westlund, Bill Kellenberger, Mary Kellenberger, Steve Killian, Leslye Killian, Jim Watson and Ann Fuller. All are neighbors of Scott Community College and expressed concern about the new entrance and signage. Concerns expressed included headlights shining in residential windows, size of signs, lights from the monument signs and message board, noise, speeding cars, difficulty turning left from their streets, property values, and safety issues.

No IACCT report was presented.

Dr. Bill Roba, instructor at Scott Community College, presented the staff report. He shared photographs from his recent Fulbright Fellowship experience at Drohobych State Pedagogical University in Ukraine, where he taught American literature classes in the Department of Foreign Languages. He thanked the Board, Chancellor Keir and Ellen Kabat Lensch for supporting his fellowship, and noted that it was a unique experience for a community college faculty member to serve as a visiting professor in Ukraine. Director Engler thanked him for bringing his experiences back to his SCC students.

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 one Chapter 260F/GIVF retraining agreement: H.J. Heinz Co., in the amount of \$25,000.

Director Vetter moved, seconded by Director Stewart, to approve the agreement. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board was asked to approve several contractual agreements: an agreement with Best Western Frontier Inn for manual food service at CCC; a Kahl Building lease agreement with Ronald Martin Wells, Jr. d/b/a Translations Unlimited, Inc.; renewal of the cooperative agreement with Black Hawk College; Chapter 28E agreements with North Scott Schools for high school programming at the Blong Technology Center and with Bettendorf, North Scott and Pleasant Valley Schools and the Mississippi Bend AEA for cosmetology and commercial foods classes; a memorandum of agreement with Maquoketa Schools for high school programming; and an educational affiliation agreement with Genesis Health System.

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

Chancellor Keir asked Dr. Tom Coley, president of Scott Community College, to talk about the options for the SCC Belmont entrance signage. She first noted that Board members had received copies of much of the correspondence about the signs in advance of the meeting, as well as copies of the six options to be presented. She further noted that the District believes it is important to have a lighted sign at this entrance, and that the digital message sign is an important means of communicating with students in the event of an emergency.

Dr. Coley stated that the six options for review at the Board meeting were developed taking into consideration what was heard from the concerned neighbors at an August 26, 2008, public meeting at the college, as well as the college's need for identifying, safe signage. He then reviewed the six options, stated that the administration recommends option #2, which moves the digital message sign farther from Belmont Road and provides additional landscaping to reduce the appearance of the signs. Dr. Coley then answered neighbors' and Board members' questions. Board members expressed their appreciation to the neighbors in the audience for attending the meeting to discuss the issue. Chancellor Keir then recommended that the Board approve option #6, which reduces the size and number of signs at the entrance, as well as moving the digital message sign farther from Belmont Road. Board members expressed concern that this was the most costly option at \$33,000, but hoped that it would alleviate the problem.

Director Stewart moved, seconded by Director Frampton, to approve option #6 as presented. Ayes: Beck, D’Souza, Frampton, Gallagher, Phelan, Shaw, Stewart, Vetter. Nays: Engler. Motion carried.

Kirk Barkdoll, director of district facilities, presented plans and specifications for the SCC Applied Technology AC Renovation project and asked the Board to approve these, authorize publication of notice to bidders and set a public hearing for 7:00 p.m. on October 18, 2008, at Scott Community College.

Director Beck moved, seconded by Director Shaw, to approve the plans and specifications, authorize publication of notice to bidders and schedule the public hearing as requested. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mr. Barkdoll also presented plans and specifications for the SCC Science Addition project and asked the Board to approve these, authorize publication of notice to bidders and set a public hearing for 7:00 p.m. on October 18, 2008, at Scott Community College.

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

Mr. Barkdoll presented Change Order #3 from Hawkeye Paving, in the amount of \$10,355 on the SCC Road Project, Phase I.

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

Bids had been received for the CCC Technology Center Roof Repair project. It was recommended that the contract be awarded to Beckwith Commercial Roofing, with the base bid of \$88,656.

Director Frampton moved, seconded by Director D’Souza, to award the contract to Beckwith Commercial Roofing. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Lana Dettbarn, executive director for administrative services, reviewed the bidding for the sale of \$11,000,000 school bonds, Series 2008. The interest rate for the non-taxable bonds was 3.5037 percent. The Board was asked to approve a series of motions related to the sale.

Director Stewart moved, seconded by Director Frampton, to approve the Resolution directing the sale of \$11,000,000 School Bonds, Series 2008. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Director Phelan moved, seconded by Director Beck, to approve the Resolution appointing Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. of Des Moines, Iowa, to serve as paying agent, bond registrar and transfer agent; approving the payment agent and bond registrar and transfer agent agreement; and authorizing the execution of the agreement. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Director Beck moved, seconded by Director Shaw, that the form of Tax Exemption Certificate be placed on file and approved. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Director D'Souza moved, seconded by Director Frampton, that the form of Continuing Disclosure Certificate be placed on file and approved. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Director Engler moved, seconded by Director Vetter, to approve the Resolution authorizing the issuance of school bonds, Series 2008, in the amount of \$11,000,000 and levying a tax for the payment thereof. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board conducted a second reading of proposed revisions to Board Policy No. 420 – Sick Leave, which would increase from three to four the number of days employees may use for illness of a household member.

Director Engler moved, seconded by Director D'Souza, to approve the proposed revisions to the policy. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Chancellor Keir reported that the Capitol Theatre lease agreement is still under discussion. She anticipates that she will bring a recommendation for action to the Board in January 2009.

Financial reports for the month ending August 31, 2008, were presented. It was recommended that receipt of the reports be acknowledged and the reports be placed on file.

Director Phelan moved, seconded by Director D'Souza, 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 Frampton moved, seconded by Director Shaw, to approve payment of the bills as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

During Trustee Comments, President Gallagher thanked Dr. Coley for his efforts on behalf of the signage issue and his presentation this evening.

During Chancellor's Comments, Chancellor Keir thanked Dr. Roba for his staff report. She also called Board members' attention to the brochure for the upcoming Diversity Conference, noted how proud she is of this event and invited Board members to drop in for all or part of the day.

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 P.M. on October 20, 2008. The Board was asked to change the location of that meeting to Scott Community College, 500 Belmont Road, Riverdale, Iowa.

Director Engler moved, seconded by Director Shaw, to change the location of the October 20, 2008, Regular Board meeting to Scott Community College. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

President Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 9:16 p.m.

Honey H. Bedell, Board Secretary

Approved:

(signed) Robert H. Gallagher

Board President