The Board of Trustees of the Eastern Iowa Community College District (Merged Area IX) met in Regular Session on November 17, 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 CCC Science Addition and MCC Science Addition projects. No one appeared to speak for or against the public improvement projects, and President Gallagher closed the public hearing at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes from the October 20, 2008 Regular Board meeting had been mailed to the Board members for their review. Director Frampton moved, seconded by Director Shaw, to approve the minutes as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Director Frampton presented the IACCT update. He is serving a two-year term as the Iowa state coordinator for ACCT and was pleased to nominate trustee Jan Lund of Iowa Lakes Community College to serve on the ACCT Nominating Committee. He noted that trustee Jean Torgenson of North Iowa Area Community College is also serving in a national ACCT post, so Iowa is well represented. ACCT has asked each state coordinator to report back to the organization with requests for services from members, and Director Frampton asked his fellow trustees to share their thoughts with him regarding how ACCT can be of service.

Staff reports were presented. Pat Cawiezell, assistant to the SCC president, reported on the District-wide procedures that have been developed to address an active shooter situation at any of our sites. Several sites have conducted drills and are addressing issues identified during those exercises. Dr. Jeff Armstrong, executive director for resource development and innovation, presented the annual grants and contracts report, noting that $15,614,469 in external funding was brought into the District, approximately $600,000 more than last year. He gave a brief summary of several grants received and an overview of several grants that are in the process of being developed. Dr. Armstrong also serves as director of international education for EICCD and was pleased to introduce three guests from Gori University in the Republic of Georgia who are visiting EICCD. Zaza Tsotniashvili, rector of Gori University, gave the Board an overview of the higher education system in his country.

Chancellor Keir briefly discussed the District’s network upgrade plan. The project is much needed and funds are available for the work. The decision has been made to postpone the Voice Over Internet Protocol upgrade to a future time.
A list of personnel items was presented for Board approval. Director Shaw moved, seconded by Director Phelan, to approve the personnel list as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mark Kapfer, executive director of economic development, presented a Chapter 260E preliminary agreement, with Monsanto Company in the amount of $160,000; and six Chapter 260F/GIVF retraining agreements: Bowe Machine Company in the amount of $14,400; Clausen Companies in the amount of $25,000; Muscatine Learning Consortium #9 in the amount of $97,500; PB Leiner USA Corp. in the amount of $25,000; Quad City Dryer Works, LLC in the amount of $4,999; and Schwegler Business Group LLC in the amount of $4,999.

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

The Board was asked to approve one contractual agreement: an academic transfer partnership agreement with Western Illinois University. Dr. Joe Rives, administrator of the WIU-Quad Cities campus, told the Board how pleased he is to develop this partnership with EICCD and hoped it was the first of several opportunities to work together.

Director Vetter moved, seconded by Director Frampton, to approve the contractual agreements. Ayes: Beck, D’Souza, Engler, Frampton, Gallagher, Phelan, Stewart, Vetter. Abstention: Shaw (WIU adjunct faculty member). Nays: none. Motion carried.

Kirk Barkdoll, director of district facilities, reported that bids had been received for the CCC Science Addition project. The low bid was from Precision Builders in the amount of $2,231,089, and it was recommended that the contract be awarded to this contractor.

Director Phelan moved, seconded by Director Frampton, to award the contract for the CCC Science Addition project to Precision Builders. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Bids had also been received for the MCC Science Addition project. The low bid was from Frye Builders in the amount of $2,035,000, and it was recommended that the contract be awarded to this contractor.

Director Stewart moved, seconded by Director Shaw, to award the contract for the MCC Science Addition to Frye Builders. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.
Mr. Barkdoll then presented Frye Builders Change Order #3 for the MCC University Center project, a deduct in the amount of $10,000.

Director Beck moved, seconded by Director Shaw, to approve Frye Builders Change Order #3. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

A list of insufficient funds checks totaling $2,946.62 was presented and the Board was asked to write off this amount. Board treasurer Lana Dettbarn noted that these items are two years old and had been turned over for collection.

Director Vetter moved, seconded by Director Engler, to write off the $2,946.62 in insufficient funds checks. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Chancellor Keir presented for first reading a proposed revision to Board Policy No. 507 – Residency Status. The change would offer in-state tuition, fees and admission to active duty military personnel, their spouses and dependent children who are stationed within a 50-mile radius of an EICCD college.

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

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

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on December 15, 2008, at Muscatine Community College, 152 Colorado Street, Muscatine, Iowa.

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

The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:16 p.m. and returned to Regular Session at 8:59 p.m.
During Trustee Comments, Director Frampton asked about the Iowa luncheon at the ACCT National Legislative Summit. After discussion, the Board agreed they would like to try meeting with legislators in small groups rather than as a state delegation. Director Frampton also asked that EICCD nominate individuals for the IACCT annual awards.

During Chancellor’s Comments, Chancellor Keir noted that she had recently attended the AACC Board meeting and that fiscal jeopardy was the topic of interest to all. She announced that the EICCD Cabinet and other senior leaders would be meeting on Wednesday, November 19, to discuss the District’s approach to potential budget challenges. Chancellor Keir also told the Board that the District has been approached by a public safety agency about locating a building at the Midwest Center for Safety and Rescue Training. Board members expressed concern about allowing other entities to build on the property at this time.

Director Frampton moved, seconded by Director Shaw, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

Approved:

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Honey H. Bedell, Board Secretary

Board President