

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
EASTERN IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
February 16, 2009**

The Board of Trustees of the Eastern Iowa Community College District (Merged Area IX) met in Regular Session on February 16, 2009, 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: Dr. Joseph D'Souza, Mary Lou Engler, John Frampton, Bill Phelan, Milton Shaw, Shirley Stewart, Bill Vetter. Absent: Kendra Beck.

Minutes from the January 26, 2009, Committee of the Whole and Regular Board meetings had been mailed to the Board members for their review. Director D'Souza moved, seconded by Director Shaw, to approve the minutes as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Director Frampton presented an IACCT update. He reported on the ACCT National Legislative Summit in Washington, DC, which he and Chancellor Pat Keir attended. Director Frampton said the conference was well organized and they had good conversations with legislative leaders and staff, but the outcome for community colleges in the federal stimulus legislation was not as good as it could have been. Chancellor Keir noted that the final bill includes \$386 million for education in Iowa, but it is unclear how much of that will go to community colleges.

Staff reports were presented. Julie Plummer, sustainability coordinator for EICCD, related the history of sustainability efforts at the district, reviewed the preliminary carbon footprint calculations for the district, and gave an overview of the long- and short-term team action plans. Chancellor Keir noted that the progress made in the last six months is practically a miracle, thanks to the leadership of Ms. Plummer and Robin Blount and the 55 team members who have volunteered their time to this initiative.

Dr. Nancy Kothenbeutel, executive director for continuing education and contract training, introduced Ryan Light, director of renewable energy programs. Mr. Light explained the new renewable energy systems services program, which will begin in Fall 2009 with a small wind program. He hopes to develop a residential solar program soon thereafter. Mr. Light gave the Board an overview of the renewable energy/wind energy field, and explained the skills students would learn and the job opportunities available to them after completion.

A list of personnel items was presented for Board approval. Director Phelan moved, seconded by Director Stewart, 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: APAC Customer Services, Inc. (amended) in the amount of \$290,000; Illinois Tool Works d/b/a Magnaflux/ROCOL North America in the amount of

**\$135,000; and Midland Information Resources and Midland Press Corporation and Midland Digital Color, Inc. d/b/a Transcend Software, Inc. in the amount of \$60,000.**

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

**Mr. Kapfer then presented five Chapter 260F/GIVF retraining agreements: Iowa Machinery in the amount of \$13,728; The New Ventures Initiative in the amount of \$4,999; Precision Metal Works in the amount of \$13,000; TanTara Transportation Corp. in the amount of \$4,432; and TM Logistics in the amount of \$4,999.**

**Director Phelan moved, seconded by Director D'Souza, to approve the five Chapter 260F/GIVF retraining agreements. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

**The Board was asked to approve three contractual agreements: clinical agreements for allied health programs with University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics and Unity Hospital of Fridley, Minnesota; and a radio antenna agreement with Lucas Communications for the television tower at Muscatine Community College.**

**Director D'Souza moved, seconded by Director Engler, to approve the contractual agreements. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

**Kirk Barkdoll, director of district facilities, presented Frye Builders Change Order #3 in the amount of \$7,650 on the MCC University Center Project.**

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

**Chancellor Keir asked Dr. Tom Coley, SCC president, to inform the Board about a meeting conducted recently regarding potential housing for SCC students. Dr. Coley told the Board that he had met with officials from Oxbow Development Corp, a local company that has built student apartments at four-year colleges in Kansas and is interested in doing a similar, privately owned project close to the SCC campus. There would be no commitment from the District other than to provide a letter of support and promote the housing option to students. Oxbow officials will also be meeting with CCC president Karen Vickers and officials from Ashford University about a similar project in Clinton.**

**The Board reviewed the FY2009-2010 budget estimate. They were asked to authorize publication of the budget estimate and to schedule a public hearing on the budget for 7:00 p.m. on March 9, 2009, at 306 West River Drive, Davenport, Iowa.**

**Director Frampton moved, seconded by Director Engler, to authorize publication of the budget estimate and to schedule the public hearing as requested. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

**Mr. Kapfer presented background information on the request to designate a Laboratory Technician certificate program as eligible for the Accelerated Career Education (ACE) program funding. This 16-hour certificate program is the type of short-term training that is in demand by area industries. Monsanto will be the industry partner. Funds would be used equally among the new science additions at the three colleges. Board members were asked to approve a resolution designating a laboratory technician program as ACE-eligible.**

**Director Vetter moved, seconded by Director Phelan, to approve the resolution designating Laboratory Technician as an ACE-eligible program. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

**Financial reports for the month ending January 31, 2009, were presented. It was recommended that receipt of the reports be acknowledged and the reports placed on file.**

**Director Engler 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 D'Souza, to approve payment of the bills as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

**During Trustee Comments, Director Frampton announced that he would like to step down from his role as EICCD representative to IACCT. He had spoken with Director Phelan about taking his place. Board members accepted this news with regret and expressed appreciation for Director Frampton's excellent service on their behalf.**

**Director Engler moved, seconded by Director D'Souza, to appoint Director Phelan to serve as the Board's IACCT representative, effective April 1, 2009. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

**Director D'Souza paid tribute to former long-time EICCD employee John Kiley, a community leader who died unexpectedly on February 15.**

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**During Chancellor's Comments, Chancellor Keir told the Board about the leadership retreat scheduled for Wednesday, February 18 to consider and prioritize cost-cutting options. She thanked Gary Mohr, executive director for external affairs, for sharing his political savvy in helping her prepare for the presentation she gave at the ACCT National Legislative Summit about acquiring federal earmark funding. She also thanked everyone for their continued hard work and positive attitudes in the face of this uncertain financial situation.**

**The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 2009, in the Ellis Vetter Room at 306 West River Drive, Davenport, Iowa.**

**President Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.**

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**Honey H. Bedell, Board Secretary**

**Approved:**

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**Board President**