The Board of Trustees of the Eastern Iowa Community College District (Merged Area IX) met in Regular Session on November 15, 2010, in the Ellis Vetter Room 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, Milton Shaw, Shirley Stewart, Bill Vetter. Absent: Dr. Joseph D’Souza, Mary Lou Engler, John Frampton, Bill Phelan. Chancellor Pat Keir was attending a Lumina Foundation conference in Indianapolis, Indiana, and joined the meeting by telephone.

The Board conducted a public hearing on the MCC Student Center and Campus Renovation and the Kahl Educational Center IT Server Room HVAC Improvement project. No one appeared to speak for or against the public improvement projects, and President Gallagher closed the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes from the October 18, 2010, Regular Board meeting and the November 3, 2010, Special Board meeting had been mailed to the Board members for their review. Director Vetter moved, seconded by Director Stewart, to approve the minutes as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Dr. Ellen Kabat Lensch, executive director for resource development and innovation, presented a report on the grants and contracts received in FY 2010. She noted that external funding totaled $26,246,532 for the year, and highlighted several grants and projects. Brian Ritter, program coordinator for Nahant Marsh, explained the EARTH grant activities being conducted with Davenport Schools and introduced Kim Gassaway, Davenport Schools science curriculum coordinator, and McKinley Elementary School third grade teachers Lisa Robertson and Theresa Rock. Mrs. Robertson and Mrs. Rock explained how the grant has provided professional development for teachers and enrichment for students, including curriculum materials and field trips. Dr. Jeremy Pickard, international education coordinator for the District, highlighted two global education projects: an agricultural exchange with Denmark; and an entrepreneurship curriculum project with Al Quds College in Jordan.

Dr. Karen Vickers, vice chancellor for student development and CCC president, gave an overview of the student government program at the three colleges and noted that it builds connections between students and the college and develops leadership skills. Shelly Cram-Rahlf, dean of students at MCC, recognized student government advisor John Dabeet and introduced MCC student government president Mayra Diaz, who told the board about the many student organizations at her college. Lisa Brown, dean of students at SCC, introduced Michelle Allmendinger, student government advisor at SCC, who talked about that organization’s many activities. Lisa Miller, dean of students at CCC, recognized student government advisor Mardell Mommsen and introduced CCC
student government secretary Amanda Fisher, who talked about student activities at CCC and what her involvement in student government has given her. A list of personnel items was presented for Board approval. Director Shaw moved, seconded by Director Beck, to approve the personnel list as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board was asked to approve a lease at the Kahl Building for EICCD’s Reach to Achieve program office.

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

Kirk Barkdoll, director of district facilities, presented bids received for the MCC Student Center and Campus Renovation project. The Board was asked to award the contract for the base bid and all alternates to First Construction Group of Burlington, Iowa, with the low bid of $1,423,923.

Director Vetter moved, seconded by Director Shaw, to award the contract to First Construction Group. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mr. Barkdoll presented bids received for the Kahl Educational Center IT Server Room HVAC Renovation. The Board was asked to award the contract for the base bid and alternate #2 to Ryan & Associates of Davenport, Iowa, with the low bid of $292,200.

Director Stewart moved, seconded by Director Shaw, to award the contract to Ryan & Associates. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mr. Barkdoll reviewed Swanson Construction Change Order #9, in the amount of $4,521.89 on the SCC Science Addition.

Director Vetter moved, seconded by Director Beck, to approve Swanson Construction Change Order #9. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mr. Barkdoll reviewed Sheets Design Build Change Order #2, in the amount of $572.00 on the CCC Renovation Phase I project.

Director Shaw moved, seconded by Director Beck, to approve Sheets Design Build Change Order #2. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mr. Barkdoll reviewed Centennial Contractors Change Order #2, in the amount of $5,091.00 on the Midwest Center for Safety & Rescue Training Center Classroom Foundation.
Director Beck moved, seconded by Director Vetter, to approve Centennial Contractors Change Order #2. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board was asked for final approval of a new program in restaurant management. Dr. Tom Coley, SCC president, explained that this new program is related to the culinary arts and hospitality management programs already in place at SCC.

Director Beck moved, seconded by Director Shaw, to provide final approval for the new restaurant management program. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board was asked to write off $5,862.26 in non-sufficient funds checks. Lana Dettbarn, executive director for administrative services, noted that these debts had been turned over to a collection agency.

Director Vetter moved, seconded by Director Stewart, to write off the non-sufficient funds checks. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Financial reports for the month ending October 31, 2010, were presented. It was recommended that receipt of the reports be acknowledged and the reports placed on file.

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

During Chancellor’s Comments, Chancellor Keir thanked all the presenters and told the Board she looks forward to sharing with them what she is learning at the Lumina Foundation conference.

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on December 20, 2010. The Board was asked to change the location of the meeting to the new Wilton Library and Community Center, 1215 Cypress Street, Wilton, Iowa.

Director Vetter moved, seconded by Director Shaw, to change the location of the meeting. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

President Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.