The Board of Trustees of the Eastern Iowa Community College District (Merged Area IX) met in Regular Session on June 20, 2011, at the Blong Technology Center, 8500 Hillandale Road, 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, Michelle Garvin, Milton Shaw, Shirley Stewart. Absent: John Frampton, Bill Phelan.

The Board conducted a public hearing on the CCC Renovation Project Phase 2. No one appeared to speak for or against the project, and President Gallagher closed the public hearing at 7:02 p.m.

The Board was asked to approve a resolution honoring Mr. William E. Vetter, a 15-year member of the EICCD Board of Trustees who left his seat in March 2011 when he accepted a new job outside his district. President Gallagher read the following resolution:

WHEREAS William E. Vetter served with great distinction on the Eastern Iowa Community College District Board of Trustees from 1996 until 2011; and

WHEREAS the Vetter family has a long history of service to Eastern Iowa Community College District, with Bill continuing in his father’s footsteps for 15 excellent years; and

WHEREAS having been a community college student himself and a graduate of Clinton Community College, Mr. Vetter understands the colleges’ potential to change lives and serves as a strong advocate in the community for the colleges; and

WHEREAS Eastern Iowa Community College District and its students have been the beneficiaries of Mr. Vetter’s commitment, leadership and devotion to community colleges; and

WHEREAS Mr. Vetter has provided thoughtful, intelligent leadership to this Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS Bill’s colleagues on the Board of Trustees wish to honor his leadership and thank him for his service and friendship; NOW THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Eastern Iowa Community College District Board of Trustees, on behalf of all Board members and EICCD faculty, staff and students, extend their deepest appreciation to Mr. Vetter for his service, contributions and leadership and offer him their very best wishes for the future.

Director Shaw moved, seconded by Director Stewart, to adopt the resolution. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried. President Gallagher presented a framed copy of the resolution to Mr. Vetter, and Mr. Vetter thanked the Board for the honor of serving the District with them.

Minutes from the May 16, 2011, Regular Board meeting had been mailed to the Board members for their review. Director Engler moved, seconded by Director D’Souza to approve the minutes as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

In Director Phelan’s absence, no IACCT report was presented.

Board members had toured the Midwest Center for Safety & Rescue Training prior to the Board meeting, hearing a report from Gary Ronzheimer, assistant director for fire science, and participating in hands-on demonstrations of training exercises. Two staff reports were presented at the meeting. Chancellor Keir introduced Mr. Jeff Kaufmann, MCC instructor and member of the Iowa House of Representatives’ leadership. Mr. Kaufmann told the Board that he appreciated the excellent community college lobbying efforts this year and also found the Board members’ personal phone calls very helpful. He said he believes the legislature is close to agreeing on appropriations legislation and said bills could be approved by early next week, but noted that the commercial property tax issue is a sticking point. He believes the community college funds will be held steady, between $178 million and $182 million, and that they are the only educational entity that will not see a cut in state funding. Mr. Kaufmann noted that he has enjoyed working with Chancellor Keir during her tenure, in her capacities as employer and statewide community college leader, and wished her well in her retirement.

Lana Dettbarn, executive director for administrative services, reported to the Board that one of Chancellor Keir’s priorities for the past year has been to conduct a personnel classification study. Ms. Dettbarn worked with RSM McGladrey to complete this project, and she introduced Kevin Paulsen from RSM McGladrey to explain the study. Mr. Paulsen explained the scope, objectives and methodology of the study, shared a summary of the job evaluation process, and presented five recommendations for future processes to follow. Ms. Dettbarn noted that the District administration may bring some recommendations for position grade changes in the next few months, based on the study’s findings.
A list of personnel items was presented for Board approval. Director Stewart moved, seconded by Director Shaw, to approve the personnel list as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mark Kapfer, executive director of economic development, presented five Chapter 260F retraining agreements: Eagle Engineering in the amount of $25,000; The Schebler Co. in the amount of $25,000; W.G. Block Co. in the amount of $4,999; M.A. Ford Co. in the amount of $25,000; and Muscatine Learning Consortium #11 in the amount of $50,000.

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

The Board was asked to approve several contractual agreements: a lease with the City of Clinton Recreation Department for the Erickson Center Gym; renewal of the Kahl Building lease with IMPACC; a clinical agreement for the nursing program with Vera French Community Health Center and Frontier Community Support; a clinical agreement with Planned Parenthood of the Heartland for the allied health programs; renewal of the educational services agreement with Black Hawk College for cooperative programs; a memorandum of agreement with the Scott County Health Department for a public health response clinic; a memorandum of agreement with Bettendorf and Pleasant Valley Schools and the Mississippi Bend AEA for career exploration and training; a memorandum of agreement with Maquoketa Community Schools for facilities services at the CCC Maquoketa Center; a memorandum of agreement with North Scott Schools for a Career Connections intermediary position; a memorandum of agreement with North Scott Schools for CAD/ProE, welding and machining programs at the Blong Technology Center; and a Rivershare Libraries Agreement and a Reciprocal Library Services Agreement for a new regional library consortium.

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

Dr. Jeff Armstrong, vice chancellor for facilities, presented bids received for the CCC Renovation Phase 2 project. He recommended that the Board award the contract for the job to TriCon Construction with the low bid of $434,100 for the base bid and alternate #1.

Director Shaw moved, seconded by Director D’Souza, to award the contract to TriCon Construction. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board was asked to approve the following increases in tuition and fees: a $10 per credit hour increase in tuition, raising the amount from $118 to $128 per credit hour; a $4 per credit hour increase in online classes conducted via the Iowa Community
College Online Consortium, raising that amount from $146 to $150 per credit hour; a $25 test proctoring fee for non-EICCD students who take proctored tests in our testing centers; a $10 increase in the welding class fee from $20 to $30 a credit hour; a $15 orientation fee for Adult Basic Education students; and a $125 per semester fee for nursing students for the ATI retention program.

Director Beck moved, seconded by Director Engler, to approve the recommended increases in tuition and fees. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board was asked to approve a resolution designating area banks to serve as depositories of EICCD funds.

Director D'Souza moved, seconded by Director Stewart, to approve the depository resolution. Ayes: D'Souza, Engler, Gallagher, Garvin, Shaw, Stewart. Nays: none. Abstention: Beck.

Secretary Bedell called Board members’ attention to the School Election Calendar in their packets. Four-year terms for Director Districts III, IV, V, VII and IX will be on the ballot this fall. Election papers are now available and should be submitted to Secretary Bedell by 5 p.m. on Thursday, August 4, 2011.

Financial reports for the month ending May 31, 2011, 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 Shaw moved, seconded by Director D’Souza, to approve payment of the bills as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board was asked to approve a resolution honoring Chancellor Patricia A. Keir, who is retiring at the end of the month. President Gallagher directed Secretary Bedell to read the following resolution:

WHEREAS Dr. Patricia A. Keir joined Eastern Iowa Community College District as Chancellor in July 2004 and has provided seven years of exemplary leadership here, as well as enjoying an
illustrious career serving community colleges in Illinois, Michigan and California; and

WHEREAS Dr. Keir’s leadership has been appreciated locally, where she has served on numerous boards, including the Girl Scouts and the Scott County Family Y; at the state level, where her talents have served the Iowa Association of Community College Presidents and several state task forces and where she was recognized as the Iowa Association of Community College Trustees Outstanding CEO in 2009; and nationally, where she has served ACCT, the ACE Council of Fellows and participated in the first ever White House Summit on Community Colleges; and

WHEREAS Dr. Keir was instrumental in developing a facilities plan for EICCD, achieving voter approval of a $33 million bond referendum to support it, and overseeing the largest construction and renovation initiative in the District’s history; and

WHEREAS Dr. Keir, as a charter signatory of the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment, led EICCD to national recognition as a leader in the sustainability movement; and

WHEREAS her deep personal commitment to community college students exhibits itself daily in both her personal and professional lives, nowhere more prominently than in the Reach to Achieve student success initiative she launched; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Trustees of the Eastern Iowa Community College District expresses its great respect and appreciation for Dr. Pat Keir, recognizes her for her leadership of the District and her commitment to its students, and thanks her for her career-long service to the community college movement and, in particular, to EICCD. We wish her great success and enjoyment in her new endeavors.

Director Engler moved, seconded by Director D’Souza, to approve the resolution. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried. President Gallagher presented a framed copy of the resolution to Chancellor Keir, and Chancellor Keir thanked the Board for seven wonderful years at EICCD.

During Trustee Comments, Director Engler thanked Chancellor Keir for her leadership and for making it a pleasure to serve on the Board. She also thanked Dr. Nancy
Kothenbeutel and her staff for the pre-meeting program. President Gallagher expressed the Board’s appreciation for the dinner and demonstrations, and recognized Dr. Kothenbeutel and her staff for “making Wacky Waters into something we can be proud of.”

During Chancellor’s Comments, Chancellor Keir expressed her appreciation and respect for the Board and their commitment and dedication to the community college. She thanked the Cabinet members and recognized them as seasoned veterans, noting that the new chancellor will be fortunate to have this group of leaders in place.

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on July 18, 2011, in the Ellis Vetter Room at the District Office, 306 West River Drive, Davenport, Iowa.

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

The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. and returned to Regular Session at 8:17 p.m.

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

President Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Approved:

Honey H. Bedell, Board Secretary

Board President