The Board of Trustees of the Eastern Iowa Community College District (Merged Area IX) met in Regular Session on September 15, 2014, in the Student Life Center at Scott Community College, 500 Belmont Road, Bettendorf, 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, Michelle Garvin, Denise Hollonbeck, Bill Phelan, Milton Shaw. Absent: Kim Clausen and Mary Lou Engler.

Minutes from the August 18, 2014, Regular Board meeting 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 Phelan presented an IACCT update. He has been appointed to the Financial Oversight Committee, which he has found very informative; they reviewed IACCT’s clean audit report at their most recent meeting. He asked Chancellor Doucette to share information about the new entrepreneurial programs with the Pappajohn Center, University of Iowa’s Venture School and the Apollo Group’s Innovation Accelerator program, which will be piloted at EICC in the coming year, and Chancellor Doucette provided a brief overview. IACCT’s monthly webinar leadership series, Wednesday Leadership Club, will feature a program on Iowa’s cost of living this Wednesday at noon. He distributed a flier with IACCT’s legislative priorities and noted the group’s Board President and Vice President conference at the end of October. He reported that Lisa Bartusek of the Iowa Association of School Boards had attended the IACCT Board’s last meeting and asked for more input into concurrent enrollment discussions. The Board also received an update on legislative activities and a copy of the Educational Outcomes Report.

Staff reports focused on developmental math, Phi Theta Kappa and the SEED program. Dr. Teresa Paper, SCC president, introduced the district-wide Developmental Math Task Force. Instructors Sipra Eko, Shirley Turnis, Jill Broderson, Suzanne Gainer and Sherry Horan talked about the process of researching and developing an effective developmental math program, which has resulted in the introduction of Math Emporium at all three colleges. Pilot classes began last year, and almost 1000 students are enrolled this fall. The success rate for students in the emporium are 20% higher than in previous developmental math classes, and the withdrawal rate is 13% lower. Chancellor Doucette recognized the faculty and thanked them for the willingness to try something new, describing their work as truly transformational for our students.

Dr. Paper then introduced Amanda Peterlin, past Phi Theta Kappa chapter president, and Amanda Amhoff, current chapter president. The students explained what PTK is and does, noting that SCC’s chapter is one of very few to have achieved 5 Star Status
three years in a row. They explained how that status is achieved and noted they are trying to earn it again.

Finally, Dr. Paper introduced Susan Hess, assistant to the dean of students, who proudly announced that although the SEED program is ending, SCC was selected by Georgetown University to host one final year cohort of students for one year. The 18 young women from Guatemala, Mexico and Nicaragua introduced themselves to the Board.

A list of personnel items was presented for Board approval. Director Shaw moved, seconded by Director D’Souza, to approve the personnel list as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mark Kapfer, executive director of economic development, presented two Chapter 260F/WTED retraining agreements: Bee Line Company in the amount of $4,500; and Vizient LLC in the amount of $20,000.

Director Hollonbeck moved, seconded by Director Beck, to approve the Chapter 260F/WTED agreements. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board was asked to approve several contractual agreements: clinical agreements with University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics for nursing and Trinity Medical Center for EMS; a second amendment to the sublease agreement with Iowa Workforce Development for the Davenport Iow@Work office; renewal of the lease with Clinton Schools for use of Yourd Gymnasium; an easement agreement with MidAmerican Energy at the SCC Belmont campus; a business process review agreement with CampusWorks; renewal of the public access television agreement with Muscatine Power & Water; and an articulation agreement with Maquoketa High School.

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

The Board conducted a second reading on a proposed new policy, Board Policy 784 – Naming of College Facilities. This was a second reading and the Board was asked to adopt the new policy.

Director D’Souza moved, seconded by Director Hollonbeck, to adopt Board Policy 784 – Naming of College Facilities. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Financial reports for the month ending August 31, 2014, 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 Shaw, 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.

During Trustee Comments, President Gallagher thanked Dr. Paper and her staff for hosting the Board meeting and for the tour of Math Emporium labs and dinner.

During Chancellor’s Comments, Chancellor Doucette called the Board members’ attention to the packet of documents in front of them as background information for the upcoming Board retreat. He reported that a group of staff are working with Restoration St. Louis and architects to develop specifications for the proposed downtown Davenport campus. He is also working with a group of staff and consultant Ray German on the feasibility study for the capital campaign.

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on October 20, 2014, in the Ellis Vetter Board Room at 306 West River Drive, Davenport, Iowa.

President Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.