The Board of Trustees of the Eastern Iowa Community College District (Merged Area IX) met in Regular Session on February 16, 2015, 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*, Dr. Joseph D’Souza, Michelle Garvin*, Denise Hollonbeck, Milton Shaw. Absent: Kim Clausen, Mary Lou Engler, Bill Phelan. *Attended via phone.

Minutes from the January 26, 2015, Regular Board meeting had been mailed to the Board members for their review. Director Shaw moved, seconded by Director D’Souza, to approve the minutes as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Director Hollonbeck reported on the IACCT activities at the end of January, including the board meeting and the annual Student Legislative Seminar. She also reported on the events surrounding the ACCT National Legislative Summit last week, which she and Director Engler attended on behalf of EICC.

Under Completion of the Agenda, the Board was asked to add an additional Contractual Agreement under Item 9: Galesburg Cottage Hospital Clinical Agreement for Sonography (revised).

Dr. Ellen Kabat Lensch, executive director for resource development and innovation, introduced the staff report on EICC’s expanding summer camp program. Karen Farley, associate director for marketing and chair of the summer camp planning committee, gave an overview of the goals, planning process and promotional efforts. Ben Huntington, admissions officer at MCC, talked about the College Connections camp held at all three colleges last summer and the connections established with middle school students. Heather Ballou, education coordinator at ATEEC, described the curriculum development process used to create each of the 23 camps scheduled for this summer. Jan Dolan, Career Navigator at the Blong Technology Center, explained how the camps help students explore many career options. Chancellor Doucette noted that this summer camp initiative is part of the EICC Strategic Priorities and one of several long-range strategies designed to reach out to middle school students and their families to develop relationships with the community college.

A list of personnel items was presented for Board approval. Director Hollonbeck 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 one Chapter 260E preliminary agreement: Data Dimensions Corp. in the amount of $70,000.
Director D’Souza moved, seconded by Director Shaw, to approve the Chapter 260E preliminary agreement.  Ayes: all.  Nays: none.  Motion carried.

Mr. Kapfer presented four Chapter 260F/WTED retraining agreements: Equistar Chemicals LLP in the amount of $36,540; Interstate Power and Light Company in the amount of $16,000; LeClaire Manufacturing in the amount of $4,999; and SSAB Iowa Inc. in the amount of $50,000.

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

The Board was asked to approve several contractual agreements: Braren Mulder German Associates, Inc. for professional services related to the capital campaign; McGladrey LLP for supplemental network administration services; a clinical agreement for phlebotomy with Mercy Medical Center; and revised clinical agreements for sonography with OSF St. Joseph Medical Center and Galesburg Cottage Hospital.

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

The Board was asked to authorize publication of the FY2015-2015 Budget Estimate.

Director D’Souza moved, seconded by Director Hollonbeck, to authorize publication of the budget estimate.  Ayes: all.  Nays: none.  Motion carried.

The Board was also asked to schedule a public hearing on the budget estimate for 7:00 p.m. on March 9, 2015, in the Ellis Vetter Board Room at 306 West River Drive, Davenport, Iowa.

Director D’Souza moved, seconded by Director Shaw, to schedule the public hearing as recommended.  Ayes: all.  Nays: none.  Motion carried.

Chancellor Doucette asked the Board to adopt the following resolution: RESOLVED, that beginning with the FY2016 academic year, the tuition rate for Eastern Iowa Community College students who are residents of Carroll, Henry, Mercer, Rock Island and Whiteside counties in Illinois will be the same as the tuition rate for online courses.

Director Shaw moved, seconded by Director Hollonbeck, to adopt the resolution as stated.  Ayes: all.  Nays: none.  Motion carried.
The Board was presented with EICC’s updated Facility Master Plan and was asked to adopt it. Chancellor Doucette noted that the plan is a good description of the projects needed and planned, but additional work and prioritization is still necessary.

Director Hollonbeck moved, seconded by Director Shaw, to adopt the EICC Facility Master Plan. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board began its periodic review of Board policy with a first reading of revisions to Series 100 – Educational Philosophy and Series 200 – Board of Trustees Policy Function. Secretary Bedell reviewed the proposed changes. The Board asked for additional consideration of Board Policy 205 on committees; a revised version will be considered next month.

Financial reports for the month ending January 31, 2015, were presented. It was recommended that receipt of the reports be acknowledged and the reports placed on file.

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

During Trustee Comments, President Gallagher thanked Directors Hollonbeck and Engler for representing EICC at the ACCT National Legislative Summit.

During Chancellor’s Comments, Chancellor Doucette asked Gary Mohr, executive director of external affairs, to provide an update on the Iowa legislative session. Chancellor Doucette noted that EICC has in place good emergency response plans, a recent training exercise helped reinforce those plans, and additional training needs are being identified. He shared the good news that completion (graduation) rates for the 2011 cohort are up 20 percent and that the Higher Learning Commission recently notified EICC that they have granted full accreditation with no report for the maximum period of seven years. He also reported that the new EICCD Downtown Campus Foundation met to formally organize earlier today; its purpose is to support the downtown project.

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on March 9, 2015, in the Ellis Vetter Room at 306 West River Drive, Davenport, Iowa.
President Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Approved:

Honey H. Bedell, Board Secretary

Board President