

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
EASTERN IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
November 16, 2015**

The Board of Trustees of the Eastern Iowa Community College District (Merged Area IX) met in Regular Session on November 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, Kim Clausen, Dr. Joseph D'Souza, Michelle Garvin, Denise Hollonbeck, Milton Shaw, Bill Vetter. Absent: Bill Phelan.

Minutes from the October 19, 2015, Regular Board meeting had been mailed to the Board members for their review. Director Shaw moved, seconded by Director Hollonbeck, to approve the minutes as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Andrea Rumler from Winkel Parker Foster, CPAs presented the FY2015 audit reports. She noted that there were no findings and the reports issue a clean opinion for EICC. She also noted that EICC staff, through Chief Financial Officer Suteesh Tandon, were extremely helpful in providing all needed information and the audit went very smoothly.

Director Vetter moved, seconded by Director D'Souza, to accept the audit report and place it on file. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

In Director Phelan's absence, Director Hollonbeck noted for the IACCT report that all Board members are invited to the annual IACCT holiday event on December 3 in Des Moines.

Dr. Ellen Kabat Lensch, vice chancellor for workforce and economic development, presented the annual report on grants and contracts. EICC brought in \$7,577,886 in federal, state and other outside agency grants in FY2015. This total is 12 percent lower than in previous years because of the completion of several grant projects and the discontinuation of two international programs. She reviewed several grant applications in progress, many related to STEM initiatives. Jim Schneider, manager of the TRIO grant program, noted that the TRIO Student Success program has been active at SCC since 1984 and was just awarded another five-year grant. The program serves students who are first-generation, low socioeconomic status and/or have disabilities, with the goal of helping them increase academic success. Mr. Schneider introduced staff members Ben Huntington, TRIO success coach/program facilitator, and Kristen Stradt-Johnson, program assistant. TRIO students Cassandra Cruz, Miluska Kendall, Kelsey Pewe and Symone Holmes shared their experiences and how they have benefitted from the program. Chancellor Doucette commented that this type of intense support is something we need to find a way to fund at all of our campuses.

**Dr. Naomi DeWinter, MCC president, and Dr. Jeremy Pickard, international education coordinator, talked about several international programs. Dr. DeWinter provided an overview of the historical and current Muscatine community partnerships with China, and Dr. Pickard spoke about the growing partnerships with colleges in Hebei Province, including plans for faculty exchanges, short-term student exchanges, 2+1 programs and recruiting international students.**

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

**Dr. Ellen Kabat Lensch, vice chancellor for workforce and economic development, presented six Chapter 260F/WTED retraining agreements: Air Control, Inc. in the amount of \$25,000; Data Dimensions, LLC in the amount of \$40,000; IT Consortium in the amount of \$20,000; Kraft Heinz in the amount of \$25,000; Shared IT Inc. in the amount of \$19,200; and UFP Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$16,000.**

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

**The Board was asked to approve renewal of the consulting agreement with McGladrey LLP for supplemental CIO advisory services.**

**Director Hollonbeck moved, seconded by Director Clausen, to approve the contractual agreements. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

**The Board was asked to approve Change Order #2 from All-American Concrete on the MCC Driveway project, a credit in the amount of \$28,065.60.**

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

**The Board was asked to write off \$3,584.00 in nonsufficient funds checks for FY15. Collection had been attempted on all.**

**Director Beck moved, seconded by Director Vetter, to write off the NSF checks. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

**Resolutions to extend the current plant fund and instructional equipment levies were presented. The 20-1/4 cent plant fund levy would be extended an additional 10 years, from 2021 to 2031; and the 6 cent instructional equipment levy would be extended an additional 10 years, from 2017 to 2027.**

**Director Vetter moved, seconded by Director Hollonbeck, to adopt the resolution extending the Plant Fund Levy for an additional ten years. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

**Director Clausen moved, seconded by Director Shaw, to adopt the resolution extending the Instructional Equipment Fund Levy for an additional 10 years. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

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

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

**There were no additional comments from the Trustees or the Chancellor.**

**The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on December 21, 2015, at Muscatine Community College. The Board was asked to change the date of this meeting to December 14, 2015.**

**Director Beck moved, seconded by Director Shaw, to change the meeting date to December 14, 2015. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

**President Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.**

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**Honey H. Bedell, Board Secretary**

**Approved:**

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**Board President**