

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EASTERN IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
January 23, 2017**

The Board of Trustees of the Eastern Iowa Community College District (Merged Area IX) met in Regular Session on January 23, 2017, 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. Absent: Bill Phelan, Bill Vetter.

Minutes from the December 12, 2017, Regular Board meeting and the January 9, 2017, Special Board meeting had been mailed to the Board members for their review. Director Beck moved, seconded by Director Hollonbeck, to approve the minutes as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Chancellor Don Doucette introduced Kent Pilcher, president and CEO of Estes Construction, the company serving as construction manager for the SCC Urban Campus project. Mr. Pilcher gave the Board an introduction to Estes and its work, the activity to date on the project, and the process used to solicit and award bids. Interior demolition work is almost complete, and construction will begin in early February. The West building is targeted for completion in December 2017, with the East building expected to be finished by February 2018. Mr. Pilcher anticipates substantial progress by mid-summer for a hard-hat tour. Estes will be providing monthly progress reports to the Board over the course of the project.

Director Hollonbeck presented an IACCT report, noting that the IACCT board meets this Wednesday and the IACCT Student Legislative Seminar will follow immediately thereafter. Trustees are concerned about the Governor's recommended deappropriation for community colleges. Chancellor Doucette shared the two-page summary of a new economic impact study conducted on behalf of the Iowa community colleges, noting the colleges collectively have a \$5 billion annual impact in Iowa.

Chancellor Doucette introduced Dr. Ellen Kabat Lensch, vice chancellor for workforce and economic development, to provide the Board with an overview of the EON Virtual Reality Academy that started this month. Dr. Kabat Lensch shared a demonstration video of EON's VR technology and noted that the focus for EICC's program will be on teaching students to develop content for advanced manufacturing and healthcare. The first class started last Tuesday in a temporary classroom in the ATEEC building. Dr. Joan Kindle, vice chancellor for education and training, provided an overview of the curriculum for the program. The first four months are classroom study, followed by seven months of project-based, real-world applications. Now that the initial class is underway, EICC will explore ways to incorporate this curriculum into current programs as well as business and industry training. Dr. Kabat Lensch introduced Chris McNeill,

an EON instructor from Manchester, UK, who is one of six EON instructors rotating through the program. The first class includes four women and 10 men, ages 19-59, with academic experience from high school graduates to a Ph.D. A grand opening will be held April 11-12, with planning for a Phase II Interactive Digital Center underway. A second cohort of students will start in Fall 2017. Dr. Kabat Lensch thanked those who worked so hard to get this off the ground so quickly, including instructor Jim Noord, program coordinator Joshua Drake, continuing education dean Debora Goodall, EICC's IT staff, IT program work-study students, and the EICC marketing, admissions, communications staff and career navigators.

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

Dr. Kabat Lensch presented one Chapter 260E preliminary agreement, with Sears Manufacturing in the amount of \$150,000; and three Chapter 260F retraining agreements with Douglas Machine & Engineering in the amount of \$6,500, Hansaloy Corporation in the amount of \$4,999, and Muscatine Power & Water in the amount of \$19,500.

Director D'Souza moved, seconded by Director Shaw, to approve the Chapter 260E preliminary agreement. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

Financial reports for the month ending December 31, 2016, 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 D'Souza moved, seconded by Director Beck, to approve payment of the bills as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

During Chancellor's Comments, Chancellor Doucette reported he is looking at the budget to accommodate a proposed \$3 million cut in Iowa community colleges' current allocation. He noted it is a reduction EICC can handle, but it will require the college to do some things differently. The Governor's budget proposal for the next two years

presents a hardship. He noted EICC is already quite lean and there is not much to cut that will not affect students or programs. The Board will see this reflected in the proposed published budget that will be presented next month.

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on February 20, 2017, in the Ellis Vetter Board Room at 306 West River Drive, Davenport, Iowa.

The Board was asked to enter into Executive Session to discuss negotiations. This closed session was added to the agenda based on information that became available earlier in the day. Secretary Bedell noted that the revised agenda was posted on the website and sent to local media this morning.

Director Hollonbeck moved, seconded by Director D'Souza to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations with the faculty association. On roll call vote: Ayes: Beck, Clausen, D'Souza, Gallagher, Garvin, Hollonbeck, Shaw. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:08 p.m. and returned to Regular Session at 8:34 p.m.

President Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Honey H. Bedell, Board Secretary

Approved:

Board President