

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EASTERN IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
May 11, 2020**

The Board of Trustees of the Eastern Iowa Community College District (Merged Area IX) met in Regular Session on May 11, 2020, via Zoom. President Robert Gallagher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following directors present: Kendra Beck, Dr. Joseph D'Souza, Lori Freudenberg, Michelle Garvin, Jim Hayes, Denise Hollonbeck, Milton Shaw, Bill Vetter. Absent: None.

Minutes from the April 20, 2020, Regular Board meeting had been mailed to the Board members for their review. Director Hayes moved, seconded by Director D'Souza, to approve the minutes as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Director Hollonbeck presented the IACCT report. She noted that at the IACCT Board's last meeting, the Board approved insurance coverage, received thanks from the Iowa Department of Education for the outstanding job community colleges have done addressing the coronavirus challenge, spoke with community college lobbyists about the excellent position the colleges are in to support rebuilding the economy, hired a consultant to assist in developing the next strategic plan, and scheduled a retreat for July 22 in place of the now-cancelled IACCT Annual Conference.

Chancellor Don Doucette led the staff report outlining the college's response to the COVID-19 epidemic. Members of the Emergency Preparedness Team spoke about moving all instruction online in the space of a few days, finding new ways to provide student services remotely and even expanding those services, new approaches to Continuing Education, maintaining essential business operations and facilities, providing needed technology for new ways of teaching, learning and working, maintaining communication with students and reaching out to potential students including a new marketing campaign for fall, and plans for gradual reopening of the campuses.

A list of personnel items was presented for Board approval. Director Vetter 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 economic and workforce development, presented two Chapter 260F/WTED retraining agreements: UFP Technologies Inc. in the amount of \$1,622; and Uniparts Olsen Inc. in the amount of \$6,240.

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

The Board was asked to approve early redemption of outstanding Industrial New Jobs Training bonds for series 2012-1 and direct notice be given to bond holders.

Director D'Souza moved, seconded by Director Shaw, to approve the early redemption of bonds as stated and direct notice be given to bond holders. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board was asked to approve a tuition increase of \$7 per credit hour, from \$168 to \$175 per credit hour for instate students and from \$235 to \$242 for out-of-state students; to approve setting the tuition for online courses and for adjacent Illinois county residents at the rate to be set by the Iowa Community College Online Consortium (estimated to be \$195); and to increase the welding course fee from \$100 to \$105 per credit hour.

Director Hollonbeck moved, seconded by Director D'Souza, to approve the recommended tuition increases and welding course fee. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Financial reports for the month ending April 30, 2020, were presented. It was recommended that receipt of the reports be acknowledged and the reports placed on file.

Director Vetter 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 Hayes, to approve payment of the bills as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

During Trustee Comments, several Board members expressed their appreciation for the staff report and for the outstanding work done by faculty and staff to address the challenges posed by the coronavirus pandemic.

During Chancellor's Comments, Chancellor Doucette remarked that his goal at the beginning of the pandemic response was to emerge on the other side as a stronger institution and expressed his belief that EICC is on track to meet that goal. He said he continues to be optimistic about the future, including for fall enrollment and state support and continues to plan for both optimistic and less optimistic scenarios to ensure the college is ready to meet all challenges.

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The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on June 15, 2020. Depending on conditions at that time, it will be held in person in the Ellis Vetter Room at 101 West Third Street, Davenport, Iowa, or via Zoom.

President Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Approved:

Honey H. Bedell, Board Secretary

Board President