

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EASTERN IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
February 21, 2022**

The Board of Trustees of the Eastern Iowa Community College District (Merged Area IX) met in Regular Session on February 21, 2022, via Zoom. President Robert Gallagher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following directors present: Kendra Beck, Jenny Boysen, Michelle Garvin, Mike Gauss, Tyla Sherwin-Cole, Debbie Tappendorf, Bill Vetter. Absent: Dr. Joseph D'Souza.

Minutes from the January 24, 2022, Regular Board meeting had been provided to the Board members for their review. Director Beck moved, seconded by Director Vetter, to approve the minutes as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The staff report focused on students who have received scholarships at Clinton, Muscatine and Scott Community Colleges. Dr. Brian Kelly, CCC President, spoke about the college's Metallica Scholars program and student recipients. Dr. Naomi DeWinter, MCC President and EICC Vice Chancellor for Student Development, spoke about federal COVID relief "CARES" funds and introduced students Jennifer Solis and Paola Castillo-Santiago, who explained how these funds enabled them to focus on their studies by relieving financial difficulties caused by the pandemic. Ann Lawler, SCC President, spoke about Iowa's Last Dollar Scholarship and introduced student Letha Knox, who talked about how this scholarship and the college's TRIO program have helped her focus on being successful in the classroom.

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

Dr. Ellen Bluth, vice chancellor for economic and workforce development, presented two Chapter 260F/WTED retraining agreements: Clysar Inc. in the amount of \$19,500; and West Liberty Foods, LLC in the amount of \$19,500.

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

Four change orders were presented for Board approval: Point Builders Change Orders #2 and #3 on the CCC CTE Building project, in the amounts of \$15,400 and \$9,200, respectively; and Ragan Mechanical Change Orders #3 and #4 on the CCC Boiler Replacement project, in the amounts of \$3,540 and \$4,420, respectively.

Director Gauss moved, seconded by Director Sherwin-Cole, to approve all four change orders. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board was asked to approve a new certificate program for Nurse Aide. While EICC has long offered the nurse aide program in both credit and non-credit formats, the college did not have a formal award for the credit program. With state approval, this will allow students who complete the program for credit to earn a credential on their official EICC transcript.

Director Beck moved, seconded by Director Sherwin-Cole, to approve the Nurse Aide certificate program. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board was asked to adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance of up to \$11,000,000 general obligation bonds later this year, related to the CTE expansion projects approved in the March 2021 bond referendum.

Director Gauss moved, seconded by Director Garvin, to adopt the resolution as stated. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the FY 2022-2023 budget estimate. They were then asked to authorize publication of the budget and to schedule a public hearing for 7:00 p.m. on March 7, 2022, at the SCC Urban Campus in Davenport. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Financial reports for the month ending January 31, 2022, were presented. It was recommended that receipt of the reports be acknowledged and the reports placed on file.

Director Vetter moved, seconded by Director Sherwin-Cole, to acknowledge receipt of the reports and to place them on file. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Copies of the bills had been provided 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 Gauss, to approve payment of the bills as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

During Trustee Comments, President Gallagher reminded all of the branding workshop scheduled for March 7, 4-6 p.m. at the SCC Urban Campus.

During Chancellor's Comments, Chancellor Doucette noted that while the Legislature is in session, they have not yet dealt with community college funding. The Board discussed what they might do individually to support the statewide community college legislative request for a \$14 million increase in state general aid and an additional \$5 million for workforce development programs.

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The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on March 7, 2022, at the SCC Urban Campus, 101 W Third Street, Davenport, Iowa. A Zoom option will be provided.

President Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Approved:

Honey H. Bedell, Board Secretary

Board President