The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Spoon River College was held on Wednesday, January 27, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. in the Spoon River College Conference Center, Rooms A and B, Canton Campus, Canton, Illinois.

1.0 GENERAL FUNCTIONS

1.1 Call to Order

Mr. Kent Schleich, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

1.2 Roll Call

Members Present: Mr. John Biernbaum  
Mrs. Linda Butler  
Mr. Jerry Cremer  
Mr. Dave Maguire  
Mr. Kevin Meade  
Mr. Phillip Murphy  
Mr. Kent Schleich

Member Absent: Mr. Jaylen Lyttaker

Also present were Mr. Curt Oldfield, President; Mr. Brett Stoller, Vice President; Ms. Holly Norton, Dean, Transfer Education; Mr. Brad O’Brien, Dean, Career and Workforce Education; Ms. Missy Wilkinson, Dean, Student Services; Mr. Colin Davis, Director, Foundation; Ms. Bridgett Loftus, Chemistry Faculty (via Zoom); and Ms. Julie Hampton, Executive Assistant to the President/Recorder.

Also present: Mr. David Pistorius, First MidState; Mr. Mark Bixler, WBYS (via Zoom).

President Oldfield noted that the meeting was being recorded via Zoom. He also noted that we did not have anyone attending by phone.

1.3 Invocation

Mr. Cremer gave the invocation.

1.4 Welcome of Guests

Mr. Schleich welcomed the guests who were in attendance.

1.5 Public Comment

There were no requests for Public Comment.

1.6 Approval of Minutes
1.6.1 December 16, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Following a motion by Mrs. Butler, seconded by Mr. Cremer, and a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved the December 16, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

1.7 Report – ICCTA Representative

Mr. Dave Maguire presented the following report:

ICCTA has been busy dealing with legislative issues since our last Board meeting. There have been four Legislative Updates outlining the pending changes sent out by Jessica Nardulli our Legislative Counsel the last being this past Monday. Copies are available on the ICCTA website.

The Legislature convened in Lame Duck Session on January 8th passing 23 pieces of legislation prior to the Inauguration of the new Legislature on January 13th. The primary objectives were to consider the legislative agenda of the Black Caucus and the eventual selection of the House Speaker. Much of the legislation addressed three of the four agenda pillars of the Black Caucus’s.

The legislation includes an omnibus education bill focused on improving access to quality early-through-post-secondary education for Black and Brown students; four economic equity bills that addressed more requirements to the state procurement process to promote contracts with Black-owned businesses, conviction records in hiring and employment actions, housing information on criminal history, racial disparities among various industries, and predatory lending; and a criminal justice reform bill eliminating cash bail while prohibiting chokeholds and requiring additional police records and body cameras.

The 101st General Assembly adjourned before considering the healthcare omnibus bill. Other bills approved by the General Assembly included a trial-lawyer-backed measure adding prejudgment interest to personal injury cases, expanding the Chicago Teachers Union’s collective bargaining issues, and amending the hospital transformation program.

The legislation, for the most part is waiting review and action by the Governor. There is concern about the ramifications of how different sections of the new legislation will affect community colleges. There should be more information available in the next couple of weeks.

The House eventually chose Representative Emanuel “Chris” Welch (D-Hillside) as Speaker. He replaces long standing Speaker Michael Madigan who had served in the position for over 38 years. The results of the change is still taking shape, ranging from the selection of leadership positions, committee assignments and the rules of how Speaker Welch will run his chamber.

As of January 13, all previous legislation is “dead,” and all bills will be introduced as new legislation. The schedule for the 102nd General Assembly is unclear at this moment. There is discussion about not coming back into session until February 10th for one day at which time the House will need to adopt its operating rules. The Governor’s combined State of the State/Budget Address is scheduled for February 17.

Social issues have taken precedent in the legislature so far this year. The pending budget shortfall, the budget for next year and handling of the Covid-19 Pandemic remain the most pressing issues facing the Governor and the Legislature.
Earlier this month the ICCTA Awards Brochure was sent out to all of the colleges. Of note, the awards presentation picture from our college is one of those featured on the brochure. The deadline for the first group of the 13 different awards is February 26, 2021.

The next meeting of the Association will be held by videoconference on Saturday morning January 30, 2021. An in-person state meeting has been scheduled for March 12-13, 2021 in Schaumburg. The National Legislative Seminar schedule for February in Washington, DC has been moved to a videoconference platform.

Included with the report are additional upcoming dates and meeting of interest.

**Upcoming dates and meetings of interest:**

**JANUARY 2021**
- January 28: Virtual Illinois Council of Community College Presidents meeting
- Virtual Joint meeting with Chief Academic Officers and Chief Student Services Officers (1:00 pm to 3:00 pm)
- January 30: ICCTA Board of Representatives Videoconference Meeting

**FEBRUARY 2021**
- February 7-10: Virtual Community College National Legislative Summit, Washington, D.C.
- On-Line Conference and Meetings
- February 17: Governor’s combined State of the State/Budget Address

**MARCH 2021**
- TBD: Illinois Council of Community College Presidents meeting, Videoconference
- March 12-13: ICCTA Board of Representatives and committee meetings, Hyatt Regency Schaumburg Hotel, Schaumburg
- March 26: Illinois Community College Board meeting, Waubonsee Community College, Sugar Grove

**APRIL 2021**
- April 6: Consolidated Election (including community college trustees)
- April 14: Phi Theta Kappa All-Illinois banquet, President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Springfield
- April 11-14: American Association of Community College (AACC) virtual convention
- TBD: ICCTA Virtual Lobby Day Events

**MAY 2021**
- TBD: ICCTA Virtual Lobby Day Events
- May 4: ICCTA Board of Representatives meeting Via Zoom videoconference
- May 31: Scheduled Adjournment of the Illinois General Assembly

**JUNE 2021**
- June 3 – 5: ICCTA Annual Convention and Board of Representatives Meeting
- Marriott Bloomington-Normal Hotel & Conference Center, Normal
- June 4: ICCB Meeting, Marriott Bloomington-Normal Hotel & Conference Center

**AUGUST 2021**
- TBD: ICCTA Executive Committee Retreat

**SEPTEMBER 2021**
- September 10-11: ICCTA Board of Representatives and committee meetings, Wyndham Springfield City Center, Springfield
- September 17: ICCB Meeting, East St. Louis Higher Education Center, East St. Louis
There were no questions for Mr. Maguire.

1.8 Report – Student Government Representative

Mr. Jaylen Lyttaker was absent, so President Oldfield presented the following report:

Students enjoyed FREE grab ‘n go snacks during the first week of the spring semester.

The speech team virtually competed in the most recent synchronous online speech tournament on Saturday, January 23rd, hosted by the College of DuPage and Oakton Community College. Only two Snappers were able to compete, and despite this being the biggest tournament yet, with teams from California, Wyoming, and Long Island virtually taking part, Jessica Boyd was once again able to bring home a bronze medal with her Speech to Entertain on doomscrolling. The team will compete next on February 13th in a tournament virtually hosted by us and Harper College.

TRIO kicked off workshops for the spring semester. Workshops topics included: Debt Payoff-Snowball Method and Test Taking Tips.

A number of TRIO students received the TRIO Scholarship for spring semester, totaling $5,000 in scholarship awards.

Student Government is having an informational google meet on January 29. An invitation was sent to all currently enrolled students via their student email account. It was also advertised in class visits, on flyers, and on social media.

At the beginning of the spring semester, HEAL students dispersed stay healthy informational cards with hand sanitizer packets as a gift to students. The group will meet on February 8 to hear from a McDonough District Hospital Director about the career of nursing and nursing administration.

1.9 Spoon River College Foundation

Mr. Phillip Murphy said there would not be a report since Colin had provided an update and report at the Retreat.

1.10 Report - Board Member Comments

There were no additional comments from Board members.

1.11 Regular Board Meeting Schedule. The proposed Regular Board of Trustees Meeting schedule is included in attachment 1.11 and is as follows: meetings are scheduled for the fourth Wednesday at 6 p.m., except for the following: the November meeting because of the Thanksgiving recess; and the December meeting in order to accommodate the holiday schedule.

Following a motion by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mrs. Butler, and a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved Regular Board Meeting Schedule. The proposed Regular Board of Trustees Meeting schedule is as follows: meetings are scheduled for the fourth Wednesday at 6 p.m., except for the following: the November meeting because of the Thanksgiving recess; and the December meeting in order to accommodate the holiday schedule.
2.1 Communications

President Oldfield thanked the Trustees for the work today during the Retreat. He said he appreciates their time today. He shared that Christine Cash has been hired for the position of Advisor, Disability Services/Probation. She replaces Andrea White, who is now a Student Success Coach. Christine comes to us from Methodist College and lives in Yates City. She starts in the next few weeks.

President Oldfield shared information about the Higher Education Relief Funds. SRC will receive $1.5 million, and of that about $300,000 will get distributed to students with the remainder used for institutional funds for expenses to offset COVID expenses.

President Oldfield said Trustee Maguire mentioned the virtual National Legislative Summit, and President Oldfield asked Trustees to let Julie know soon if any are interested in being registered for the Summit. It is a virtual event this year.

President Oldfield reported that he met our new State Representative, Mr. Mark Luft, who is taking Mike Unes’s position. Mike Unes retired this last session. Mr. Luft is currently the Mayor of Pekin and will also maintain that position. We will be extending an invitation to him to come to campus and learn more about SRC.

2.2 Business and Finance Report

2.2.1 Authorize the following payments for the month and January 2021:

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Following a motion by Mr. Maguire, seconded by Mr. Biernbaum, and a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees authorized the following payments for the month and January 2021:

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2.2.2 Adopt a Resolution providing for the issue of General Obligation Community College Bonds, Series 2021, of the District, for the purpose of paying claims against the District,
providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

President Oldfield said this item was removed from consideration.

2.2.3 Adopt a Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed $4,875,000 General Obligation Community College Bonds, Series 2021, of the District, for the purpose of paying claims against the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

President Oldfield presented this item for the Board's consideration. Brett said this will set the parameters for the public offering. Brett said he will have a ratings call tomorrow, and we hope to have the bonds sold next week. This action authorizes the signatures of the Board Chair and the Treasurer or Secretary for secondary signatures. David Pistorius said by adopting the parameters this allows us to keep moving in the marketplace and not have another meeting. Mr. Schleich asked if the parameters have to be stated in any way. David Pistorius said it is stated in the paperwork with the maximum amounts along with the total issue amount of $4,875,000.

Following a motion by Mrs. Butler, seconded by Mr. Cremer, and a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees adopted a Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed $4,875,000 General Obligation Community College Bonds, Series 2021, of the District, for the purpose of paying claims against the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

2.3 Institutional Planning

2.3.1 Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Illinois Valley Community College, Lincoln Land Community College, and Illinois Central College for the Illinois Manufacturing Grant through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO).

President Oldfield presented this item to the Board. This MOU outlines the responsibilities of the four colleges involved and the agreement to share the resources. The grant is due January 31, and ICCB has been leading the writing of the grant. This has been a great opportunity to collaborate and are hopeful that it is funded. It is only able to be utilized for capital, buildings, and equipment.

Following a motion by Mr. Cremer, seconded by Mrs. Butler, and a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved the Memorandum of Understanding with Illinois Valley Community College, Lincoln Land Community College, and Illinois Central College for the Illinois Manufacturing Grant through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO).

3.0 ADDITIONAL ITEMS

There were no additional items for the Board’s consideration.

4.0 CLOSED SESSION. In accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act, Section 2 (c), the Board of Trustees will adjourn to Closed Session for the purposes of paragraph 1) the appointment, employment,
compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

Mr. Schleich stated that there was not a call for Closed Session.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

Following a motion by Mr. Biernbaum, seconded by Mrs. Butler, and unanimous approval, the Regular Meeting of the Spoon River College Board of Trustees, January 27, 2021 adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

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Mr. Kent Schleich, Chair

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Date

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Mr. Phillip Murphy, Secretary