

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SPOON RIVER COLLEGE

Wednesday, July 22, 2020
4:30 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Spoon River College was held on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. at the Macomb Outreach Center, Rooms B and C, 2500 East Jackson, Macomb, Illinois.

1.0 GENERAL FUNCTIONS

1.1 Call to Order

Mr. Kent Schleich, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

1.2 Roll Call

Members Present:

- Mr. John Biernbaum
- Mrs. Linda Butler
- Mr. Jerry Cremer
- Mr. Dave Maguire
- Mr. Kevin Meade
- Mr. Phil Murphy
- Mr. Kent Schleich
- Mr. Jaylen Lyttaker

Also present were Mr. Curt Oldfield, President; Mr. Brett Stoller, Vice President; Ms. Missy Wilkinson, Dean, Student Services; Mr. Brad O'Brien, Dean, Career and Workforce Education; Ms. Holly Norton, Dean, Transfer Education; Ms. Andrea Thomson, Director, Human Resources; Mr. Colin Davis, Director, Foundation; Ms. Bridget Loftus, Chemistry Faculty; and Ms. Julie Hampton, Executive Assistant to the President/Recorder.

Bridgett Loftus

Also present: Mr. Rich Eggers, WIUM; and Spencer Foust.

1.3 Invocation

Mr. Meade gave the invocation.

1.4 Welcome of Guests

Mr. Schleich welcomed the guests who were in attendance.

1.5 Public Comment

Mr. Schleich asked if anyone from the audience would like to address the Board. There were no requests from the audience.

1.6 Approval of Minutes

1.6.1 June 24, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved the June 24, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

1.7 Report – ICCTA Representative

Mr. Dave Maguire provided the following report:

Since our last meeting, there has not been and statewide meetings of the Trustee Association. We continue remain in contact through electronic communication. The State Legislature is out of session until the November Veto session.

There continues to be numerous concerns raised by the colleges due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and how they are affecting college program offerings and operations. There are discussions at the state level as additional funds are being made available and the possibility of additional funds later in the year. The Association has been in contact with other state associations concerning additional changing rules and a possible second stimulus package. Labor Day appears to be the target date for passage of this second pandemic relief package.

At Noon on Friday August 7th the Association will be hosting an online Zoom Trustee Talk. This will be an opportunity for trustees to share information about selected topics.

The ICCTA Executive Committee retreat has been scheduled for the second weekend of August hosted by Heartland Community College. This will be the first in person meeting of the association’s leadership and will be an opportunity to establish plans for the coming year.

We still have on schedule a regular ICCTA meeting, tentatively planned for September 11-12, 2020 but location and time is still being determined. There is still discussion about how the annual awards will be handled and if a 50th Anniversary Celebration will be included as part of the meeting.

A list of dates and meetings of interest with what we know to be the current status are submitted with my report.

Are there any questions? There were no questions for Mr. Maguire.

Upcoming dates and meetings of interest:

AUGUST 2020

August 4	Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting via videoconference
August 14-15	ICCTA Executive Committee planning session - Heartland Community College, Normal, IL

SEPTEMBER 2020

September 10-11	Illinois Council of Community College Presidents meeting, location TBD
September 11	Illinois Community College Board meeting, Harry L. Crisp II Community College Center, Springfield
September 11-12	ICCTA 50 th Anniversary Banquet, Board of Representatives and committee meetings, location TBD
September 15	Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
September 30	Association of Community College Trustees Leadership Congress Hyatt Regency Chicago

OCTOBER 2020

October 1-3 Association of Community College Trustees Leadership Congress
Hyatt Regency Chicago

NOVEMBER 2020

November 3 Election Day
November 12-13 Illinois Council of Community College Presidents meeting, location TBD
Illinois Council of Community College Administrators / Illinois
Community College Faculty Association conference, I Hotel Conference
Center, Champaign
November 13-14 ICCTA Board of Representatives and committee meetings, location TBD
November 17-19 Illinois General Assembly Vet Session, State Capitol

DECEMBER 2020

December 1-3 Illinois General Assembly Vet Session, State Capitol
December 4 Illinois Community College Board meeting, Harry L. Crisp II Community
College Center, Springfield
December 8 Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting, Malcolm X College, Chicago

FEBRUARY 2021

February 7-10 Community College National Legislative Summit, Washington, D.C.

JUNE 2021

June 3 – 5 ICCTA Annual Convention and Board of Representatives Meeting
Marriott Bloomington-Normal Hotel & Conference Center, Normal, IL

1.8 Report – Student Government Representative

Mr. Jaylen Lyttaker provided the following report:

187 students were named to the President’s Honor Roll in recognition of their academic achievement during the spring 2020 semester for completing 12 credit hours or more of college-level classes during the semester and earning a grade point average of 3.6-4.0.

136 students were named to the Dean’s Honor Roll for the spring 2020 semester for completing 12 credit hour or more of college-level classes and earning a grade point average of 3.0-3.59.

Students are completing the last week of the summer session.

1.9 Report - Spoon River College Foundation

Mr. Phillip Murphy provided the following report:

The Golf Outing is scheduled for September 15 at Wee-Ma-Tuk. The new sign that is scheduled for installation at the Canton/Cuba Blacktop and County Highway 22 is on target for September.

1.10 Report – Board Member Comments

Mr. Maguire said last Friday he and President Oldfield attended an online meeting with Senator Tracy and Representative Hammond. The question was asked about immunity and hold harmless. The answer was it was discussed but there wasn’t certainty if it would move ahead legislatively. President Oldfield said he heard from both of them the anxiety about seeing how things will turn out with the November election and also the veto session. There will be a lot of decisions made in a very short period of time.

2.0 PRESIDENT’S REPORT

2.1 Communications

President Oldfield reported that Governor Pritzker released his Governor’s Emergency Release Funds (GEER) and SRC’s portion is \$202,127. Those funds were from the Federal Government granted to governors of each states, and governors appropriated to higher education institutions. Those funds will be used to offset expenses to help students during the fall semester with COVID related expenses. We will primarily use the funds to enhance technology for our students to have easier access. We will also do the appropriate reporting to ICCB. We just received our contract for those funds. Mr. Murphy asked if there is a plan if we don’t use it all. President Oldfield said we will use it all. The guidelines from the Governor are a little more strict than what the Feds had. These are institutional funds to offset additional expenses that we wouldn’t necessarily incur because of COVID.

Jessica Ruff has joined our Trio office in Student Support Services. She started July 7 and will be serving as the office assistant in Macomb. Just today, Jake Carter has been hired as the assistant baseball coach and will start August 10. Jessica is a classified staff member, and Jake is a Professional Support staff member.

2.2 Business and Finance Report

2.2.1 Authorize the following payments for the month of July 2020:

Payroll	\$ 443,243.13
Accounts Payable (excluding travel)	832,438.56
Accounts Payable Travel Expenses	3,958.46
Accounts Payable BOT Travel Expenses	160.08
Electronic Payments (Health/Life Insurance)	153,770.02
Student Refunds – Accounts Payable	- 0 -
Student Refunds – Nelnet (electronic)	<u>92,540.45</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,526,110.70

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 authorized the following payments for the month of July 2020:

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2.2.2 Approve the network infrastructure, hardware, equipment, and device upgrade in the amount of \$297,694 (including installation at all five locations at SRC), with Sentinel Technologies, Downers Grove, Illinois (with offices in both Peoria and Springfield). Funds for this upgrade are available from the Technology Bond.

President Oldfield presented this item for the Board's consideration. President Oldfield said this will replace equipment that is about 12 years old and is important for our technology infrastructure. Raj and his staff did a lot of work on this project, and Sentinel was the low bidder for this upgrade. President Oldfield said Raj is comfortable with the recommendation. This will give us upgrades for the infrastructure and also increase our security. Mr. Maguire asked about the timeline for the installation. Mr. Stoller said it will start soon and take a couple of months.

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved the network infrastructure, hardware, equipment, and device upgrade in the amount of \$297,694 (including installation at all five locations at SRC), with Sentinel Technologies, Downers Grove, Illinois (with offices in both Peoria and Springfield). Funds for this upgrade are available from the Technology Bond.

2.3 Institutional Planning

President Oldfield said there were no additional reporting items for the Trustees.

3.0 ADDITIONAL ITEMS

President Oldfield said there were no additional items for the Board's consideration.

4.0 CLOSED SESSION. In accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the Board of Trustees will adjourn to Closed Session for paragraph 1). The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity; 2). Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; and 21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06.

Mr. Schleich said there was not a call for Closed Session.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

Following a motion by Mrs. Butler, seconded by Mr. Biernbaum, and unanimous approval, the Regular Meeting of the Spoon River College Board of Trustees, July 22, 2020 adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Date

Mr. Kent Schleich, Chair

Mr. Phillip Murphy, Secretary