

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

**Wednesday, February 24, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Spoon River College was held on Wednesday, February 24, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Spoon River College Conference Center, Rooms A and B, Canton Campus, 23235 N. Co. 22, Canton, Illinois.

1.0 GENERAL FUNCTIONS

1.1 Call to Order

Mr. Schleich, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 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
 Mr. Jaylen Lyttaker

Also present: Mr. Curt Oldfield, President; Mr. Brett Stoller, Vice President; Mr. Brad O'Brien, Dean, Career and Workforce Education; Ms. Missy Wilkinson, Dean, Student Services; Ms. Holly Norton, Dean, Transfer Education; Mr. Colin Davis, Director, Foundation; and Mrs. Julie Hampton, Executive Assistant to the President/Recorder.

Also present: Mark Bixler (via Zoom), WBYS; Steve Barnum (via Zoom), The McDonough County Voice; and John Froehling (via Zoom), Fulton/Mason Democrats.

1.3 Invocation

Mr. Maguire offered 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 present would like to address the Board.

There were no requests for public comment.

1.6 Approval of Minutes

1.6.1 January 27, 2021 Closed Session Minutes Review Committee Minutes

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 January 27, 2021 Closed Session Minutes Review Committee Minutes.

1.6.2 January 27, 2021 Board Retreat Minutes

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved the January 27, 2021 Board Retreat Minutes.

1.6.3 January 27, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved the January 27, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

1.6.4 Pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act 120, Section 2.06, paragraph (c), the Board of Trustees, having approved the minutes of the closed meetings that meet the written meetings requirements of the Open Meetings Act and having determined that no less than 18 months has expired since the meetings were recorded, hereby approves the destruction of the recorded closed session recordings for the meetings as listed below:

- March 27, 2019, #1
- March 27, 2019, #2
- April 24, 2019
- May 22, 2019

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees, pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act 120, Section 2.06, paragraph (c), the Board of Trustees, having approved the minutes of the closed meetings that meet the written meetings requirements of the Open Meetings Act and having determined that no less than 18 months has expired since the meetings were recorded, hereby approves the destruction of the recorded closed session recordings for the meetings as listed below:

- March 27, 2019, #1
- March 27, 2019, #2
- April 24, 2019
- May 22, 2019

1.6.5 Pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act 120, Section 2.06, paragraph (d) (2), having reviewed the minutes of all closed meetings of the Board of Trustees that have not been previously made available for public inspection, the Board of

Trustees has determined that the following listed minutes or portions thereof no longer require confidential treatment and are available for public inspection:

April 25, 2018
May 23, 2018
April 24, 2019
May 22, 2019

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, pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act 120, Section 2.06, paragraph (d) (2), having reviewed the minutes of all closed meetings of the Board of Trustees that have not been previously made available for public inspection, the Board of Trustees has determined that the following listed minutes or portions thereof no longer require confidential treatment and are available for public inspection:

April 25, 2018
May 23, 2018
April 24, 2019
May 22, 2019

- 1.6.6 Pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act 120, Section 2.06, paragraph (d) (1), having reviewed the minutes of all closed meetings of the Board of Trustees that have not been previously been made available for public inspection, the Board of Trustees has determined that the need for confidentiality still exists and are listed in attachment 1.6.6.

Mr. Maguire said this list is reviewed every six months. We slowly release minutes as we can, and he thanked Julie Hampton for keeping this organized and timely with getting this review completed. Mr. Schleich thanked Mr. Maguire and Mrs. Butler for serving on this committee.

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees, pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act 120, Section 2.06, paragraph (d) (1), having reviewed the minutes of all closed meetings of the Board of Trustees that have not been previously been made available for public inspection, the Board of Trustees has determined that the need for confidentiality still exists and are listed in attachment 1.6.6 as well as below:

June 27, 1990	September 26, 1990	October 24, 1990
November 28, 1990	March 24, 1999	November 10, 1999
August 28, 2002	September 25, 2002	October 1, 2002
January 22, 2003	February 26, 2003	March 26, 2003
April 23, 2003	May 28, 2003	June 25, 2003
July 23, 2003	August 27, 2003	September 24, 2003
October 22, 2003	November 12, 2003 Retreat	December 17, 2003
January 28, 2004	October 27, 2004	January 26, 2005
March 23, 2005	April 20, 2005	June 22, 2005
December 14, 2005	January 25, 2006	April 26, 2006
October 25, 2006	April 25, 2007	May 29, 2007
August 22, 2007	October 10, 2007	May 28, 2008
June 25, 2008	August 26, 2009	February 24, 2010
March 24, 2010	February 22, 2012, #1	July 24, 2013

December 18, 2013	January 22, 2014, 6:05 p.m.	October 28, 2015
January 25, 2017	February 22, 2017	March 22, 2017
May 24, 2017	November 14, 2018	March 27, 2019, #1
March 27, 2019, #2	August 28, 2019	

1.7 Report – ICCTA Representative

Mr. Dave Maguire presented the following report:

Our last meeting of the ICCTA Board of Representative was held in a virtual format on Saturday January 30. A copy of the meeting highlights has been sent out by email to all trustee members who have an email on file with ICCTA.

Jessica Nardulli, ICCTA Legislative Counsel, has updated us on the current status of items at the State level. She reported that the Illinois General Assembly did not convene last week but a lot of legislation has been filed. Nearly 4,000 House bills and almost 700 Senate bills have been filed. Neither chamber is scheduled to convene until next month. The House and Senate committees have not been completely finalized by the caucuses, and they are still working out the operation details how legislation will be considered.

On February 17, the Governor gave his virtual State of the State and Budget Address. Governor JB Pritzker proposed for FY22 a \$41.58 billion State budget in General Revenue Funds (\$95.5 billion in All Funds). The budget relies on more than \$900 million in savings from the elimination of “corporate loopholes,” flat spending overall, increases for some programs, no income-tax increase, and a second year of skipping a recommended \$350 million boost for the school aid formula. Overall, the Governor’s budget proposal would put higher education funding in Illinois at \$2.097 billion. Funding in this proposal would include:

- \$1.158 billion for public universities
- \$249 million for community colleges and adult education
- \$28 million in additional dollars for Monetary Award Program grants (total \$479 million)
- \$35 million (flat funding) for AIM HIGH scholarships
- \$20 million in first-year funding for College Illinois!
- \$1 million in new money for the Common Application
- \$250,000 in new money for strategic planning implementation

The Illinois Board of Higher Education also expects \$8 million for community colleges and \$12 million for IBHE from supplemental federal relief funds recently passed by Congress.

ICCTA will not hold an in-person Lobby Day in Springfield this year. Instead, trustees are being asked to focus on a hybrid approach of in-district lobbying and Zoom meetings with targeted legislative leaders.

In addition, ICCTA’s new strategic plan is to be presented to the Board of Representatives meeting in March. The ICCTA Onboarding Committee is producing a series of member-only podcasts on governance. Topics will include trustee responsibilities and the Illinois Open Meetings Act. The ICCTA Public Relations Committee is developing a searchable Q&A database for the association’s website and the “Trustee Chat” resource will be accessible to ICCTA members only.

Notice has been sent out that the first round of ICCTA Award nominations will be due this Friday, February 26th.

At the ACCT national level, this month in conjunction with the Virtual National Legislative Seminar, ICCTA hosted a virtual meeting with Senator Durbin on February 3 and Senator Duckworth on February 4. President Oldfield and I were a part of both meetings. A lesson to remember is when you ask a question be prepared for the answer. My technology question ended up with getting a homework assignment to provide follow-up information to the Senator's office.

The next meeting of the Association will be an in-person state meeting scheduled for March 12-13, 2021 in Schaumburg. The meeting will include a seminar on "*The Urgency to Treat Cybersecurity as a Business Decision*".

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

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

Upcoming dates and meetings of interest:

FEBRUARY 2021

February 26	ICCTA 2021 Awards Deadline (First Awards Group) Business/Industry Partnership Award, Gandhi/King Peace Essay Scholarship, Lifelong Learning Award, Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Member Award, Outstanding FT Faculty Member Award, Pacesetter Award, & Paul Simon Student Essay Contest
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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	ICCTA 2021 Awards Deadline (Second Awards Group) Business/Industry Partnership Award, Gandhi/King Peace Essay Scholarship, Lifelong Learning Award, Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Member Award, Outstanding FT Faculty Member Award, Pacesetter Award, & Paul Simon Student Essay Contest
March 26	Illinois Community College Board meeting Via Videoconference

APRIL 2021

April 6	Consolidated Election (including community college trustees)
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 6-27	American Association of Community College Digital Conference (AACC)
May 31	Scheduled Adjournment of the Illinois General Assembly

JUNE 2021

June 4-5	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
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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

OCTOBER 2021

- October 13-16 ACCT Annual Leadership Congress, Manchester Grand Hyatt, San Diego, CA

1.8 Report – Student Government Representative

Mr. Jaylen Lyttaker presented the following report:

The Speech and Debate Team had a two person squad compete at the recent online speech tournament, virtually hosted by the College of DuPage and SRC. Coach Andrew Kirk was pleased to see Alex Smith earn a gold medal in the largest event, Prose. This is the first gold medal won by one of our own students. With just state and nationals left, this wraps up the open competitive season for the team. Time to start planning and recruiting for next year.

HEAL (Healthcare Enthusiasts and Leaders) Association had Paula Duncan, RN with McDonough District Hospital as a guest speaker. She shared her story on her 42 year career at MDH and encouraged the students to start working in healthcare early in their education career paths to gain experience and knowledge. HEAL students also began planning activities for mental health awareness month.

Student Services provided prepackaged snacks with reminders about using college success resources offered by the Learning Resource Centers to Macomb and Canton students this week.

Canton Student Government Association in conjunction with Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center hosted a blood drive on February 18th. As a result of the event, Mississippi Valley collected nine whole blood units, two double red cell units, and one convalescent plasma unit from donors. SGA is appreciative of students and employees for the generosity in giving life-saving blood to those in need.

Macomb SGA will host a blood drive on Tuesday, March 9.

TRIO workshops topics presented this month were: personal wellness, positive mindset, and scholarships.

Student Trustee voting will be held online March 3rd and 4th. The candidate bio is available on the portal.

1.9 Report - Spoon River College Foundation

Mr. Phillip Murphy presented the following report:

- Financials: Revenues: \$36,196.06
- The SRC Foundation Board met Wednesday, February 17 at 7:30 a.m., remotely/by video.
- The Foundation acted upon the parameters of the Donald E. Bell Scholarship (which will be publicized in the next few weeks), as well as an appropriation of funds to

purchase a new backing for the donor wall before the President's Reception, because we've run out of spaces. The board also began discussion to update the Foundation's Three-Year Plan.

- Additionally, the Board voted to pay for the printing and stuffing of donor return envelopes for each copy of *The Bridge* to go with the center spread, which Colin has been working with the Marketing Department to create on behalf of the Foundation, highlighting both the work of the Foundation (especially over the previous year) and the short-term needs of students.
- Much of MidAmerica National Bank's signage was installed in the gymnasium the past couple of weeks. There are a couple touch-ups that still need to be done, but you can see what was put up in exchange for their financial gift the next time you go to the gymnasium.
- Letters from the Foundation went out in late January for all donors who made a gift in 2020, all donors who give via recurring gift online, and all employees who gave via payroll deduction in 2020. Within the next couple of weeks, we'll send student thank you letters to scholarship donors/contacts and to all people who will be honored for lifetime giving milestones at this year's President's Reception, which we're tentative planning for Thursday, June 24.
- Finally, the SRC Foundation scholarship process for the 2021-22 academic year is coming to a close soon, with applications due by March 15. Please continue to help promote this opportunity through the deadline to anyone who is considering attending SRC this fall. The Foundation awarded approximately 200 scholarships last year.
- The next meeting of the SRC Foundation will take place on March 17 at 7:30 a.m., remotely/by video.

Mr. Colin Davis presented the following report:

- One of the items on our Three-Year Plan that we've been working toward is the creation of a first-time donor program, because of the research on likelihood of first-time donors giving again. One of our stewardship initiatives from that program is to have each board member contact someone who made a first time gift in 2020 to offer them an additional thank you for making those gifts. I finally completed this project today – thanks to 232 new donors in 2020 and the need to divide those among each board member based on who they know, where they live, etc. This is a big increase over 2019, when we had 123 first-time donors, and this doesn't include "long-lapsed" donors who were brought back into the fold. They'll be making these contacts by phone or mail over the next four weeks, before our next mailing goes out in mid-late March.
- Speaking of that mailing, we're hard at work making preparations for it, and it will again feature a student who received a Foundation Emergency Hardship Grant in Spring 2020. This student needed assistance because of a childcare issue and difficult work hours, and it highlights what SRC data has shown to be a particular problem – the 25-40 year old women demographic – during this pandemic. These letters will be sent to between 7,500 and 10,000 households in mid to late March.

1.10 Report – Board Member Comments

Mr. Maguire reported that he and President Oldfield met last week as a part of the Macomb Downtown TIF. Funding will go through 2022, so the process has started about organizing a TIF District. Dave said one of the concerns is if our location is a part of one of the TIF Districts. It starts now, and they will be working on this through the summer, and implementation for voting by taxing bodies will be late this year with it then going to the legislature in 2022. It makes a difference to SRC because it could impact a future property tax issue. President Oldfield said in the TIF district you maintain the property value that

is currently there but improvements go into a TIF fund to support other improvements. We want to be a part of that decision-making process because in 23 years when the TIF expires we would benefit from having the higher property values after the improvements are made. President Oldfield said it is largely thinking in the future, and we need to consider which location will generate the most value. Dave said the downtown TIF has been very successful in Macomb. President Oldfield said once the boundary is established, the Board will need to approve it. All taxing bodies have to approve in order for it to move forward to the legislature. Mr. Meade said when they redo the TIF you recapture that? President Oldfield said that is correct, and that TIF would expire and the TIF would be redesigned for the next 23 years and establish the new floor. Kevin asked if there is a calculation. President Oldfield said he does have that but not with him this evening.

- 1.11 Location Change: Spoon River College, Regular Meeting, Board of Trustees, March 24, 2021. Change location from the Havana Center to the Canton Campus.

President Oldfield said because of the smaller room sizes at the Havana Center and limited on 50% occupancy, we need to consider a change in location for the March Board Meeting. We are safer to be at the Canton Campus, and we hope to be back in Havana next year.

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved the location change: Spoon River College, Regular Meeting, Board of Trustees, March 24, 2021. Change location from the Havana Center to the Canton Campus.

- 1.12 Board Policy Revision

- 1.12.1 POLICY TYPE: GOVERNANCE PROCESS
POLICY TITLE: MEETINGS

This revision removes the 1.3 Invocation from the agenda for regular/special board meetings and replaces it with 1.3 Pledge of Allegiance.

President Oldfield said this was a discussion item at the January Retreat. This change would remove the invocation and replace it with the Pledge of Allegiance. President Oldfield said upon Board Policy review, we addressed this item. K-12s in are district have the Pledge in place of an Invocation. Mr. Schleich said he will vote no on this issue. He said he looks at the Invocation as a time of reflection and looks forward to that as a part of the agenda. He doesn't know why we are one of the last to include an invocation and doesn't feel that reflects a particular religion. Mrs. Butler said she agrees with Kent's sentiment, and the Board could call it a Reflection. She said she will vote to remove the Invocation so the Board can do that before the Board is forced to remove it. Kent said it doesn't have to be replaced with the Pledge of Allegiance. President Oldfield said that is correct. Linda said the Board's agenda is official, and a Trustee could present a Reflection during Board Member Comments.

Following a motion by Mrs. Butler, seconded by Mr. Murphy, and a roll call vote of four yeas (Mrs. Butler, Mr. Cremer, Mr. Maguire, Mr. Murphy), three nays (Mr. Meade, Mr. Schleich, Mr. Lyttaker), and one abstention (Mr. Biernbaum), it was,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved the Board Policy Revision:
POLICY TYPE: GOVERNANCE PROCESS
POLICY TITLE: MEETINGS

This revision removes the 1.3 Invocation from the agenda for regular/special board meetings and replaces it with 1.3 Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2.1 Communications

President Oldfield thanked Trustee Schleich for the nicer weather than we have had a few weeks ago. In addition to the great weather, our softball team has been playing and was recently ranked #14 in the nation. Men's basketball, NJCAA Division II, is ranked #12 in the nation. We are thrilled to see the success of our athletes.

President Oldfield reported that Andrea Barbknecht did a lot of work with the Census Bureau during data collection, and the College received recognition for the work during this process. We appreciate Andrea's work during the process and working with Fulton County.

President Oldfield said that next week is National TRIO week, and we have a wonderful TRIO program that we are very proud of. There will be of celebrations to highlight the positive impact of our TRIO program and students. President Oldfield said he is very happy that we have that program and have received continued funding. The addition of Canton will only increase our success rates. It is a great opportunity to celebrate the success!

President Oldfield shared that Trustee Murphy eluded to in the Foundation report to see if the Board is willing to attend the President's Reception on June 24, the day after the June 23 Regular Board Meeting. If the Trustees could please check availability, then Colin will follow with arrangements for that event. The hope is to gather in person, and Colin and Lori Murphy will work on those arrangements.

2.2 Business and Finance Report

2.2.1 Authorize the following payments for the month of February 2021:

February Payroll	\$ 455,491.76
Accounts Payable (excluding Travel):	200,361.31
Accounts Payable Travel Expenses	8,629.62
Accounts Payable BOT Travel Expenses	- 0 -
Electronic Payments (Health/Life Insurance)	150,562.29
Student Refunds – Accounts Payable	- 0 -
Student Refunds – Nelnet (electronic)	<u>35,786.51</u>

TOTAL: \$ 850,831.49

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

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

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TOTAL:	\$ 850,831.49

2.2.2 In-district tuition and fees effective fall 2021 semester.

President Oldfield presented the tuition items. Our in-district rate is currently \$170 for tuition and fees. Brett provided some options during the January Retreat. President Oldfield said the Governor’s proposed budget of zero is reflected in Brett’s proposed budget. Property taxes were established at the December Board Meeting. The only other source of revenue for SRC is tuition. Brett said at the Retreat, Mr. Biernbaum asked for Brett’s suggestion. Brett said he is estimating we will be down 3% in credit hours and that puts us down \$278,000. He suggested a \$4 increase in in-district tuition and double for out-of-district tuition for an \$8 increase. That won’t cover the shortfall, and we will have to look at other places in the budget to cover the shortfall. President Oldfield said Brett has included what we know for the surrounding colleges for their last year tuition rates. We are hearing that most downstate colleges will have some sort of an increase. President Oldfield said we are primarily talking about in-district and in-state. We also have out-of-state, online, dual credit, as well as the Commercial Driver Training program. President Oldfield said the proposal is a \$4 increase in in-district tuition; an \$8 increase in out-of-district tuition; an \$8 increase in out-of-state tuition; a \$4 increase in online tuition; a \$0 increase in dual credit tuition; and increase CDT tuition to \$3,995 (currently at \$3,820) – all for the Fall 2021 semester. Mr. Biernbaum thanked Brett for the information he provided in the memo.

Mr. Murphy said for a full time student, \$4 would only be about \$120. President Oldfield said yes, \$120 for a year. Mr. Murphy said we did freeze tuition last year. President Oldfield said that was very timely especially with the pandemic. He feels we may see an increase in Pell, which will help offset the tuition increase for quite a few of our students. Mr. Cremer said he would like to see this proposal today instead of a much larger increase down the line. Mr. Murphy said this will be the smallest increase we have had in five years. President Oldfield said a \$4 tuition increase would take tuition and fees to \$174 dollars. Mr. Schleich said Carl Sandburg College is \$170 right now. President Oldfield said yes.

Following a motion by Mr. Biernbaum for a \$4 increase in in-district tuition and fees effective fall 2021 semester; Mr. Cremer seconded, and following a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved a \$4 increase in in-district tuition and fees effective fall 2021 semester.

2.2.3 Out-of-district tuition and fees effective fall 2021 semester.

Mr. Schleich said an \$8 increase is the recommendation.

Following a motion by Mrs. Butler for an \$8 increase in out-of-district tuition and fees effective fall 2021 semester; Mr. Biernbaum seconded, and following a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved an \$8 increase in out-of-district tuition and fees effective fall 2021 semester.

2.2.4 Out-of-state tuition and fees effective fall 2021 semester.

Mr. Schleich said the recommendation is \$8. President Oldfield said this is out of state and also international students, and the total is \$397.

Following a motion by Mr. Cremer for an \$8 increase in out-of-state tuition and fees effective fall 2021 semester; Mrs. Butler seconded, and following a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved an \$8 increase in out-of-state tuition and fees effective fall 2021 semester.

2.2.5 On-line tuition and fees effective fall 2021 semester.

Mr. Schleich said the recommendation is a \$4 increase. President Oldfield said the total is \$200.

Following a motion by Mrs. Butler for a \$4 increase in on-line tuition and fees effective fall 2021 semester; Mr. Cremer seconded, and following a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved a \$4 increase in on-line tuition and fees effective fall 2021 semester.

2.2.6 Dual credit tuition and fees effective fall 2021 semester.

Mr. Schleich said the recommendation is a \$0 increase – no change. President Oldfield said the total is \$80.

Following a motion by Mr. Maguire for a \$0 increase (no change) in dual credit tuition and fees effective fall 2021 semester; Mr. Lyttaker seconded, and following a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved a \$0 increase (no change) in dual credit tuition and fees effective fall 2021 semester.

2.2.7 Commercial Driver Training tuition and fees effective fall 2021 semester.

President Oldfield said the proposal is to increase Commercial Driver Training tuition and fees to \$3,995 for the class.

Following a motion by Mr. Cremer to increase Commercial Driver Training tuition and fees to \$3,995 effective fall 2021 semester; Mr. Meade seconded, and following a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved to increase Commercial Driver Training tuition and fees to \$3,995 effective fall 2021 semester.

Mr. Schleich thanked the Board but said no one likes to increase tuition but sometimes it's just what has to be done. Mr. Murphy said it was much better than the \$10 increase a few years ago.

2.2.8 Selection of First Midstate Inc. as Underwriter/Placement Agent and Chapman and Cutler LLP as Bond/Disclosure Counsel to the Underwriter/Placement Agent with respect to the District's Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds.

President Oldfield said we are asking the Board to consider the hiring of First Midstate and Chapman and Cutler. After the last board meeting, Brett met with David Pistorius at First Midstate who found a refinance option for two bonds that will result in an over \$800,000 savings. The rate is 1.28%. The payoff time is the same but the savings would come from the lower interest rate. This authorizes First Midstate and Chapman and Cutler to start this process. Brett said this will all be done in March. Mrs. Butler said that conversation Brett had with David was probably one of the best! Brett said absolutely!

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved the selection of First Midstate Inc. as Underwriter/Placement Agent and Chapman and Cutler LLP as Bond/Disclosure Counsel to the Underwriter/Placement Agent with respect to the District's Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds.

2.3 Institutional Planning

- Employee Satisfaction Survey Results

President Oldfield said the results of the Employee Satisfaction Survey have been posted in SharePoint. He explained that we have completed this survey for 7 years, and this year we were a little off cycle. The survey is usually completed in the fall with the results in early spring. We waited to do the survey until the start of this semester. Andrea Thomson works with Lucas Buchen our Coordinator, Institutional Research who pulled together the results. President Oldfield summarized the results by category. Mr. Schleich asked about the continual down trend regarding cleanliness. President Oldfield said part of that is because we do have comments from Macomb where we are trying to delay some investments in the building because of the potential move. It may be time to make those improvements as we continue to pursue Macomb East. Brett agreed and said there is only so much we can do with the Johnson facility considering its age, etc. President Oldfield said we will continue to work on areas and make improvements to recover some lost ground. President Oldfield said this is available for the Trustees to review in SharePoint. These results will be released to employees tomorrow, and we view this as an opportunity to improve. Mrs. Butler said when she read the comment about the phone lines in Macomb, she knew it was a Frontier issue. President Oldfield said Raj has already been working to address the issues and has some options available. Mr. Murphy said there has also been a lot of construction over the last few years. President Oldfield said that certainly has been a challenge for our Maintenance Department. We are done with those projects so the focus can be on the facilities and the grounds. Brett said we hear that a lot because we have spent so much on Canton and employee come here and see the improvements. They feel we aren't taking care of Macomb but we will see a huge change for the better when we are in Macomb East.

3.0 ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Mrs. Butler said the Annual TIF reports are in SharePoint. President Oldfield thanked Linda for reminding the Trustees that those are there. President Oldfield said you can review the different communities and their TIF reports. As those come in, we will add those.

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; 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.

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

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

Following a motion by Mr. Maguire, seconded by Mr. Lyttaker, and unanimous approval, the Regular Meeting of the Spoon River College Board of Trustees, February 24, 2021 adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Date

Mr. Kent Schleich, Chair

Mr. Phillip Murphy, Secretary