

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

**Wednesday, February 23, 2022
6:00 p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Spoon River College was held on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in Room T201, Taylor Hall, Canton Campus, 23235 N. Co. 22, Canton, Illinois.

1.0 GENERAL FUNCTIONS

1.1 Call to Order

Mr. Cremer, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

1.2 Roll Call

Members Present: Mr. John Biernbaum
 Mr. Jerry Cremer
 Mr. Dave Maguire
 Mr. Kevin Meade
 Mr. Kent Schleich
 Ms. Mary Toothaker

Member Absent: Mrs. Linda Butler
 Mr. Phillip Murphy

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; Ms. Andrea Thomson, Director, Human Resources; Mr. Colin Davis, Director, Foundation; Ms. Becky Leverette, Psychology Faculty; Mr. Todd Thompson, Diesel and Power Systems Faculty; Ms. Allyson Smith, Ag Management Faculty; Ms. Jamie Kotewa, Art Faculty; and Mrs. Julie Hampton, Executive Assistant to the President/Recorder.

Also present: David Pistorius, First Midstate; Sarah McKenna, Wipfli; John Froehling, Canton Daily Ledger; Micki Henderson; Dwight Sheets; and Renee Stuckey.

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Cremer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.4 Welcome of Guests

Mr. Cremer 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 January 26, 2022 Closed Session Minutes Review Committee Minutes

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 approved the January 26, 2022 Closed Session Minutes Review Committee Minutes.

1.6.2 January 26, 2022 Board Retreat Minutes

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved the January 26, 2022 Board Retreat Minutes.

1.6.3 January 26, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved the January 26, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

1.6.4 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 26, 2006
August 26, 2009

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 26, 2006
August 26, 2009

1.6.5 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 agenda attachment 1.65 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	October 25, 2006
April 25, 2007	May 29, 2007	August 22, 2007
October 10, 2007	May 28, 2008	June 25, 2008
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 24, 2019, #1	March 27, 2019, #2	May 26, 2021

Mr. Maguire said we now have the number down to 51, and when we started the number was 100.

Following a motion by Mr. Maguire, seconded by Mr. Schleich, 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 agenda attachment 1.65 and above.

1.7 Report – ICCTA Representative

Mr. Dave Maguire presented the following report:

Our last Board of Representatives meeting was held in conjunctions with the Community College National Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C. Due to the current access protocols for agencies and government offices, Spoon River College chose not to participate in person. We were able to attend through a Zoom meeting option in both the regular ICCTA meeting as well as a virtual forum with Senators Duckworth and Durbin. We received briefings on community college issues from First Lady Jill Biden, U.S. Education Secretary Miguel Cardona, U.S. Labor Secretary Martin Walsh, and Association of Community College Trustees president/CEO Jee Hang Lee. Materials and video have been made available through ACCT and AACC.

On the state level, Jessica Nardulli, ICCTA Legislative Counsel, has been updating us on pending legislation at the State House. Consideration of legislation continues to be a challenge. The virtual format makes tracking what is being considered at any point in time. We continue to ask colleges to assist with anything they hear about.

It is an election year, there is a short legislative calendar, and emotions are running a little high in the chambers. Both chambers of the Illinois General Assembly convened in session last week and this week. The House focused on committee hearings and passed

about 375 bills out of committee. The Senate passed about 60 bills over to the House and moved a handful of bills out of committee that had received deadline extensions.

There are several bills being moved that may impact local control of community colleges:

- House Bill 4361 (sets \$1,333/credit hour as the minimum salary for adjunct faculty);
- House Bill 4436 (allows a non-board member to serve as board secretary; permits community colleges to spend down Working Cash Funds to zero);
- House Bill 5315: (requires advance notice of course enrollments to adjunct faculty; provides free parking for adjuncts for the academic term)
- House Bill 5573: (sets a minimum salary for non-teaching staff of \$20/hour for the 2022-2023 academic year, rising to \$22 for the 2024-2025 academic year)
- Senate Bill 3856: (requires colleges to provide free course material)

Governor Pritzker's proposed Fiscal Year 2023 budget has a 5% increase in community college funding, expanded Monetary Award Program grants for short-term certificates, and \$25 million to create a Healthcare Pathway for frontline healthcare employees. ICCTA and the Illinois Council of Community College Presidents have issued a joint statement in support of the Governor's budget request. April 8th is still the scheduled adjournment date so all action on legislation is on an accelerated schedule.

The next ICCTA Board of Representatives meeting will take place on Saturday morning, March 12, 2022, at the Holiday Inn and Suites in East Peoria, Illinois. In addition, a Springfield of ICCTA meeting has been scheduled for Friday, April 29 following the Thursday Evening April 28 Phi Kappa Theta Illinois Scholars Recognition Banquet.

I have also included a list of upcoming dates and meetings of interest with my report. Let me know if there are any questions.

Upcoming dates and meetings of interest:

FEBRUARY 2022

February 25 Deadline for ICCTA Awards (First Group)

MARCH 2022

March 10 Illinois Council of Community College Presidents meeting with Chief Academic Officers and [Chief Student Services Officers](#), Holiday Inn & Suites, East Peoria

March 11-12 ICCTA Board of Representatives and committee meetings, East Peoria

March 25 Deadline for ICCTA Awards (Second Group)

March 25 ICCB Meeting, Heartland Community College, Normal

March 25 ICCTA West Central Regional Trustee Meeting - Carl Sandburg College

APRIL 2022

April 8 Scheduled Adjournment of the Illinois General Assembly (Tentative)

April 28 Phi Theta Kappa Banquet, President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Springfield, IL

April 29 ICCTA Board of Representatives and committee meetings President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Springfield, IL

April 30/May 3 American Association of Community Colleges Annual Convention,
New York

MAY 2021

JUNE 2022

June 9-11 ICCTA Annual Convention, Awards Ceremony and Board of
Representatives, Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile,
Chicago, IL

June 28 Illinois Primary Elections (previously March 15)

OCTOBER 2022

October 26-29 ACCT Annual Leadership Congress, Marriott Marquis, New York,
NY

FEBRUARY 2023

February 5-8 [Community College National Legislative Summit](#), Washington, D.C.

1.8 Report – Student Government Representative

Student Trustee Mary Toothaker presented the following report:

TRIO hosted a pizza party for residents at the Villas as a recruitment initiative. TRIO held the first workshop of the semester titled “Roles & Goals.” Students received information about how to balance all their roles, and how to be successful in goal setting. Students enjoyed snacks and a gift card drawing was held.

The Ice Cream for Support Services at SRC event was held Canton and Macomb. Students received information about counseling, LRC, and TRIO services available, and they built their own sundaes from the sundae bar.

Last week students participated in tie dye parties and enjoyed free snacks while they designed their own tie dye t-shirt! This event was co-sponsored by SRC Student Retention and the Student Government Association.

The Apply Now event was held “two’s day” 2-22-22. Students enjoyed free candy and obtained the SRC Foundation scholarship applications and graduation applications. A drawing was held at 2:22 p.m. for a \$222 gift card. All students who had applied for the foundation scholarship or completed their graduation application were eligible to win.

The Speech and Debate Team competed at a virtual tournament hosted by Harper College the weekend of February 19th. Due to scheduling conflicts, the team only had two competitors available, and Jessica Boyd once again broke through to finals with her Speech to Entertain, finishing one place better than the previous tournament--this time in fourth place. The team would like to extend a thank you to Janet Young and Heather Vining for providing access to the Rushville Center for Jessica, and to Curt for coming through in the clutch to give access to Taylor Hall for the coach and other competitor. With the previous tournament canceled and the remaining tournaments for State and Regionals, the team will now shift gears to start preparing for the next season. The team thanks all of you for your continued support.

Student Trustee voting will be held March 2 and 3. The candidate bio is on the College website.

1.9 Report - Spoon River College Foundation

Mr. Colin Davis presented the following report:

- Financials: Revenues: \$66,071.43
- The SRC Foundation Board met Wednesday, February 16 at 7:30 a.m., remotely with a few members present in person.
- The Foundation approved appropriating funds for the purchase and installation of a new sign on the east side of the Havana Center. President Oldfield and Sherri Rader worked with a company to design suitable options and present quotes to the Foundation Board to help bring Trustee Butler's suggestion from the December Board of Trustees meeting to reality.
- The Board also accepted with regret the resignation of Carole Thoele, whose family is making a professional move to Georgia. She is working with the plant manager at Pella in Macomb (where she serves as HR Director) to hopefully find a suitable replacement to fill her term.
- President Oldfield gave board members an update on the accreditation process, and members of the Foundation Board are likely to meet with members of the HLC peer committee in the morning on March 8.
- The Annual Campaign:
 - The year-end 2021 appeal, which has now officially passed the year-end 2020 appeal in dollars raised (it was about \$5000 short as of the January BOT retreat).
 - The Spring Appeal, which is in the works and aiming to go out by mid-March.
 - The Acknowledgment Program, including the 2021 First-Time Donor Contacts, which are now underway.
 - The E-Mail List (which had an above-industry-average 36% open rate in February).
 - The upcoming spread in *The Bridge*.
 - And the Foundation's new ability to accept gifts of certain cryptocurrency, thanks to a partnership with every.org. The Board will look to officially codify gifts of cryptocurrency in its Policies and Procedures later this year.
- And scholarships, including the Stan Cook "Give Hope" Scholarship, the Spring 2022 Fellheimer Scholarships, the establishment of The Long Family Scholarship, and the need to promote the Graham Scholarship and general scholarship applications before their upcoming deadlines in March.
- The next meeting of the SRC Foundation is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 16, via video conference.

1.10 Report – Board Member Comments

Mr. Maguire reported that he and President Oldfield attended the City of Macomb TIF meeting. While everything is preliminary, they are moving forward with the ideal target date of May or June. Dave has a preliminary map that was distributed at the meeting. It is the northeast quadrant of the City of Macomb, and it is designed so that there would be enough revenue generated to do some economic work within. The issue on TIFs is that they do not need legislative approval; the taxing bodies consider approval. This is a property tax TIF. President Oldfield said the advantage for us is that we continue to collect the tax and the property eventually comes on to the tax rolls. Land would have to be annexed, and that has been researched with no opposition. There is good potential for Macomb if this goes through. President Oldfield said the area follows University Drive east out of town to the railroad tracks. Dave said he and President Oldfield have been representing on the TIF committee and this would come to the Board for consideration. Mr. Meade asked if this adds to the current TIF. President Oldfield said some is currently in the TIF and some is new. Dave said the downtown district TIF expired last year but has

revenue that will come out this year. That is the last of that district. President Oldfield said this is a brand new proposal.

1.11 Board Policy Revision

1.11.1 POLICY TYPE: GOVERNANCE PROCESS
POLICY TITLE: ANNUAL PLANNING CYCLE

This revision adds “Closed Session Minutes Review Committee meets to review Closed Session Meeting Minutes” and “Review Board Budget” to January and July. It removes “Closed Session Minutes” from January and July and “Closed Session Review Committee reviews Closed Session Minutes for approval, release, and unreleased discussion at the January and July board Retreats in preparation for action at the January and July Regular Board Meetings” from June and December.

This revision also adds “Closed Session Minutes Review Committee recommendations for Closed Session minutes to remain closed and/or to be released” and “Closed Session Tape Destruction” to February and August. It removes “Review Board Budget” from February.

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved Board Policy Revision:

POLICY TYPE: GOVERNANCE PROCESS
POLICY TITLE: ANNUAL PLANNING CYCLE

1.11.2 POLICY TYPE: EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS
POLICY TITLE: BOARD TRAVEL

7TH Bullet: Remove second and third sentences (*A maximum of \$30 (including tip) per day will be allowed for meals. When traveling to large metropolitan cities (i.e. Chicago, St. Louis, etc.) the maximum meal allowance is \$50 (including tip)*) so the policy would then read:

- The College will reimburse Trustees traveling on College business for meals. Only SRC Trustee meal expenses are eligible for reimbursement.

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved Board Policy Revision:

POLICY TYPE: GOVERNANCE PROCESS
POLICY TITLE: ANNUAL PLANNING CYCLE

2.0 PRESIDENT’S REPORT

2.1 Communications

President Oldfield thanked everyone for attending the Board Meeting. He invited the Trustees and audience to venture over to the Basketball games tonight following the Board Meeting. Tonight is Sophomore Night for the players.

President Oldfield said Julie has been working on the details of the HLC team members for the dinner with the Board of Trustees on Monday, March 7 at 5:30-6 p.m. Details will

be provided to the Board and the dinner is scheduled at The Bistro 101 in Canton. The feedback and additional requests from the HLC team is for assessment, student learning outcomes, co-curricular assessments, and strategic planning. The theme around planning and evaluation and using data to make decisions are the topics. Dinner details will be provided to the Trustees, and we will do a public meeting announcement for this dinner.

Carl Sandburg College is hosting the West Central Trustees Meeting for March 25. Please check schedules and let Julie know if you can attend. The schedule is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on March 25. This is a nice opportunity to meet and share ideas.

* Eagle Scout Presentation – President Oldfield introduced Dwight Sheets, a senior at Lewistown High School who is also a student at SRC. He is a welding student through the dual credit program and he has just completed his Eagle Scout requirements. His project was to work in our Arboretum.

Dwight said he is with Troop 124 in Canton, and Renee Stuckey is with him and is his coach and project manager for his project. Renee said she has been with Dwight since he joined Cub Scouts. Dwight transferred to Canton when the group disbanded in Lewistown. Renee has been with him since day one, and she is very proud of his accomplishments. Dwight said he met with President Oldfield a couple of years ago at the start of COVID and started talking about the Arboretum project, which was delayed because of the pandemic. The project was finally completed this last summer and fall, and trails were cleared in the Arboretum. Renee said she met with Dwight along the way to meet requirements during his project and to completion. He started his project, gathered tools, water, gloves, and conducted a project analysis. Meetings were held throughout, and the end result was cleared trails and signs to the pond and theater. President Oldfield said Dwight provided a map that showed Carriage Lane that was cleared as well as the steps and theater and paths back to Lake Walter. Mr. Bash’s class had mowed some of the areas as well. President Oldfield said that former Trustee Gayle Blodgett had started funds through the Foundation. President Oldfield thanked Dwight for his service to the communities and the College and asked his future plans. Dwight said he will attend SRC and pursue a law enforcement career. President Oldfield said Dwight is also a first responder for the Lewistown Fire Department. Congratulations, Dwight! President Oldfield asked about Eagle Scouts. Renee said the top 2%. Mr. Biernbaum said he sure appreciates Dwight’s efforts as a former scout master in Macomb. He congratulated Dwight on his accomplishments. Dwight thanked the College for the funds to support his project.

2.2 Business and Finance Report

2.2.1 Authorize the following payments for the month of February 2022:

February Payroll	\$466,942.97
Accounts Payable (excluding Travel):	230,767.96
Accounts Payable Travel Expenses	8,884.82
Accounts Payable BOT Travel Expenses	- 0 -
Electronic Payments (Health/Life Insurance)	137,736.19
Student Refunds – Accounts Payable	100.00
Student Refunds – Nelnet (electronic)	<u>13,634.90</u>
TOTAL:	\$858,066.84

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 authorized the following payments for the month of February 2022:

February Payroll	\$466,942.97
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- 2.2.2 Resolution authorizing and providing for an Installment Purchase Agreement for the purpose of paying the cost of purchasing real or personal property, or both, in and for the District and for the issue of General Obligation Debt Certificates (Limited Tax), Series 2022, of the District for the purpose of altering, repairing and equipping District facilities and improving the sites thereof and authorizing the sale of said Certificates to the purchaser thereof.

President Oldfield said David Pistorius is here from First Midstate. He thanked David for attending the Board Meeting and said he has been providing us great leadership. David said this is the first step in the process, and Heartland Bank and Trust is the purchaser. The cost is 3 ¼%, and they require at least two months of interest. The Debt Certificate is immediately callable. The intent is to close on the Debt Certificate on March 23 and place the funds in a CD. We plan to close that day. The clock starts on that day for interest. At the March meeting, the Trustees will begin the process for the funding bonds and conduct a public hearing. Notice will be published for that hearing. The Board will also adopt a Resolution of Intent and will be published as soon as possible after the March meeting. The petition period will be the month of April. He and Brett have talked about the timing of the closing and Board Meeting dates. The Bond Resolution adoption is the final step, and typically when that is done, we don't close for another three weeks. David Pistorius offered a suggestion to save the College some funds would be to consider holding a special meeting the first week of May, possibly, Wednesday, May 4 to adopt the Bond Resolution. Three weeks after that would be the end of the 60 day period with the bank and closing could also occur. President Oldfield asked if Board members could attend virtually. David said as long as the State allows, that would be ok. Mr. Maguire said he would be comfortable with a voting majority being physically present at that meeting. President Oldfield said anytime the first week of May would be ok. David said yes. Mr. Cremer asked if the Board could move the April meeting. President Oldfield said we can look at the calendar. Brett said the April Board Meeting could be moved to the first week of May. President Oldfield said Trustee Murphy asked him to ask about the bond schedule in terms of the property tax levy and would that be available. David said he has given that to Brett, and we are looking at an interest rate of 3.75%. We used 4% on the schedule. Interest rates are rising, and we wanted a cushion on that. David said we are looking at about 3 cents.

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees adopted the Resolution authorizing and providing for an Installment Purchase Agreement for the purpose of paying the cost of purchasing real or personal property, or both, in and for the District and for the issue of General Obligation Debt Certificates (Limited Tax), Series 2022, of the District for the purpose of altering, repairing and equipping District facilities and improving the sites thereof and authorizing the sale of said Certificates to the purchaser thereof.

2.2.3 Accept the General Audit report as prepared by Wipfli, LLP, for FY21.

President Oldfield recognized Sarah Gray and Sarah McKenna. He said Wipfli is the auditors who conducted the audit. Sarah McKenna is here to provide the overview of the report.

Sarah McKenna thanked the Board. Normally the audit is presented in October, and the main reasons for the delay is the COVID funding guidance from the Department of Education which came out in December. We were also waiting on ICCB and guidance, and they had a system glitch last summer, and they were unable to provide information for the audit. It was finally completed after huge delays. We are hopeful that next year things will go much more smoothly. Sarah McKenna said she hopes to have the next audit presentation in October. She is a senior manager at Wipfli who oversees the audit. She reviewed the following:

Sarah said there are 5 audit unmodified, clean opinions with no reportable findings.

Page 1 is the financial statement opinion, and it is clean and unmodified. In that section there are other areas of discussion with assurances. One is the supplemental financial section and they provided a clean unmodified opinion. The other is the supplemental financial information section, and they do not provide any assurances.

Pages 4 – 11 – Sarah said this is a nice summary comparison. Basic financial statements begin on page 12 with the Statement of Net Position. Sarah reviewed those statements. The net position increased from \$7 million to \$8.5 million. The increase is reviewed on page 13 in Changes in Net Position. Last year SRC had \$1.1 million in net income in 2020, so that increase is reflected. She said that increase reflects a decrease in spending.

The Foundation information is included in the audit and is required to be reported with the College. Page 16 focuses on the total net assets of \$5.6 million for the Foundation. Page 17 shows the net income of \$1.2 million for the Foundation attributed to a really good investment income year.

Footnotes start on page 19. These provide additional schedules and narrative supports for the basic financial statements. Page 26 note 2 on cash and investments – the College did have some deposits that were uncollateralized at the end of the year. There was some exposure as of June 30, 2021, and that has since been rectified with the bank. That means if the bank were to fail or close, the deposits would be covered.

Page 28 note 4 Debt – because of the level of activity in 2021, Sarah said there were three bonds issued that totaled \$17.3 million, and between the refunding and

payments, there were decreases of \$12.8 million in bonds liability. Bonds due for this year total \$2.2 million. At the bottom of page 32 there is a disclosure on the College's legal debt margin, which is \$6.3 million. Page 33 is the start of the Pension plan footnote, note 5. SRC participates in the SURS State Pension Plan, and this footnote is specific to SRC. Overall the pension liability lies at the State level. Page 34 under the Employer Share – the cost \$45.2 million is attributable to the college.

Page 37 starts the OPEB Plan. The College participates in the College insurance program, and this OPEB Plan is partially funded by the state. About 50% of the liability is on the SRC books and the rest is on the State books. Page 38 is the overall liability as it relates to SRC is about \$10 million – 50% of which shows on the College's Statement of Net Position. In FY21, the college had to contribute \$30,000 to that plan. Sarah said the liability portion for SRC has decreased and is attributable to good income investments.

Mr. Maguire said he doesn't agree with the SURS liability having to be put on our books. Sarah said they were hopeful when the standard came out that the State would carry it all at the State level. That new standard was implemented in 2018. There have been no changes.

Page 42 is Note 8. Sarah said there will be a new accounting standard – GASB87 on leases. SRC has leases on buses, and that will change how those are reflected. SRC doesn't have a lot of leases, so that should be a smooth implementation.

Sarah said on Page 43 starts Note 9 which are the Foundation footnotes. The partner on the job thought best practices, and it is auditor judgment. A lot of other colleges are including some significant notes on the Foundation in their College Audit, so that footnote was added. It makes the report a little more of a one stop shop report.

Page 48, Note 10 – there are a lot of new GASBs coming out. 87 is new, and the other one is 96 which is on subscription based IT. Those subscriptions will now be treated as assets and SRC will need to have a right to use. That will be effective for SRC's FY23, so we have some time to work through that.

The fund financial statements start on page 67 and that is how Sarah Gray maintains the books on a day to day basis. The Ed and O & M funds make up the Operating Funds. The percentage of the fund balance is 84%, which is healthy. Page 78 is the opinion on the Adult Education program. It is clean and unmodified. Page 85 is the third opinion on Enrollment Data, and that was one of the delays from ICCB. That is clean and unmodified. Page 89 starts the Federal Compliance section. The Governmental Auditing Standards opinion/report is found there without any findings. Page 91 is the Uniform Guidance Opinion and is on specific programs. This year they tested COVID funding and Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund. Both were clean and unmodified.

Sarah said on page 93 is the Federal Expenditures. Page 96 is where you would have findings, if there were any. There were not.

Mr. Schleich asked how many banks we have funds deposited in. Sarah Gray said most college funds are at MidAmerica and but there are also funds with Wells Fargo. Kent asked if they are collateralized. Sarah McKenna said they are under the FDIC for \$250,000. There is another \$250,000 for CDs and savings accounts as well. Kent asked if the accounting industry is considering crypto currency.

Sarah McKenna said they have staff to address crypto currency people at Wipfli. It is becoming a hot topic and more popular, and they have people to address that.

President Oldfield thanked Brett Stoller, Sarah Gray, and their staff for pulling the audit together. He also thanked Sarah McKenna and staff at Wipfli for conducting a smooth audit process. Many things were out of their control due to State and Federal issues. He thanked everyone and thanked the Board for their patience as well.

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved acceptance of the General Audit report as prepared by Wipfli, LLP, for FY21.

2.2.4 In-district tuition and fees effective fall 2022 semester.

President Oldfield presented this item. He said Brett reviewed options at the January Retreat and also work that he has done trying to forecast the needs. Brett projected tuition options and reviewed that with the Trustees. President Oldfield reviewed assumptions that were also considered. The Governor proposed a 5% increase, and that means \$50,000 for SRC. That isn't going to go very far for us. President Oldfield said that 5% would take us back to about the funding level we received in 2001. We are about 20 years behind in what we need from the State of Illinois.

President Oldfield reviewed current tuition costs – in district, out of district, out of state, online, and dual credit. He also reviewed tuition rates for Carl Sandburg College, John Wood Community College with SRC. President Oldfield then reviewed various options of tuition changes. He shared his recommendation to the Board and stated that he would propose a \$9 increase level. And in addition, the CDT program would also need an increase as well.

Mr. Biernbaum said everything is up and he doesn't see how you can stay even. President Oldfield said \$9 would keep us in line with cost of living. He is interested in hearing the Trustees thoughts on the online tuition consideration.

Mr. Biernbaum said the Board reviewed this at the Retreat, he respects the work that has been done since then and as someone who has gone through reductions on campus, the less you have to reduce, the better. He would rather do the increases for out of district and who knows what the online game is. President Oldfield said he thinks COVID has changed the desires for online options. Our competition has become more global for adult students. Mr. Schleich said we have tried to hold the line, and he never recalls seeing such a large shortfall. Kent said he is in favor of \$10 increase but would support \$9 increase, but we have to continue to cut and make things work. JB said expense reduction is crucial, and if we don't do something this year it only gets worse for next year. Mr. Cremer said the competitions are in the same boat, too. JB said absolutely. Mr. Maguire said John Wood and Black Hawk have both held their tuition and are at a point where they have to do something. President Oldfield said we are all facing the same expenditures for minimum wage increases and expectations to keep up with cost of living. Brett referenced Kent's comment about so much in the red and said on his CFO call last week, this year and this next year are the worst ones as far as revenue.

Following a motion by Mr. Biernbaum for a \$9 increase in in-district tuition, seconded by Mr. Schleich, and a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved a \$9 increase in in-district tuition and fees effective fall 2022 semester.

2.2.5 Out-of-district tuition and fees effective fall 2022 semester.

President Oldfield proposed an \$18 increase for out of district, in-state tuition.

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved an \$18 increase in out-of-district tuition and fees effective fall 2022 semester.

2.2.6 Out-of-state tuition and fees effective fall 2022 semester.

President Oldfield proposed an \$18 increase for out of state tuition. He said this would also cover international students.

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved an \$18 increase in out-of-state tuition and fees effective fall 2022 semester.

2.2.7 On-line tuition and fees effective fall 2022 semester.

President Oldfield said the proposal is a \$5 increase which would take it to \$205. Mr. Maguire asked if President Oldfield is comfortable considering the competition. President Oldfield said yes, and we may dribble out a few to local districts but the majority of the time they will come to us and meet with an advisor, etc. President Oldfield said he doesn't think we will lose many due to a \$5 increase.

Following a motion by Mr. Meade, seconded by Mr. Biernbaum, and a roll call vote of five yeas and one nay (Ms. Toothaker) approval, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved a \$5 increase in On-line tuition and fees effective fall 2022 semester.

2.2.8 Dual credit tuition and fees effective fall 2022 semester.

President Oldfield said this is for students taking courses at high school. He recommended a \$0 increase and for the rate to remain at \$80.

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved a \$0 increase in Dual credit tuition and fees effective fall 2022 semester.

2.2.9 Commercial Driver Training tuition and fees effective fall 2022 semester.

President Oldfield said this is currently at \$3,995, and the proposal is to move to \$4,300. He said we may be seeing an increase in enrollment due to new Federal laws that require classes from federally approved sites to complete the CDL. Now you are required to take the class, so we are expecting more enrollments. Trustee Maguire mentioned that College Presidents are pushing the Governor for more short term MAP grants. Our costs are going up due to higher diesel fuel costs, etc. Ms. Toothaker asked if this gets a lot of traffic anyway. President Oldfield said there is a lot of interest but a big obstacle is the drug test. There will be more interest due to the new requirements. Mr. Cremer asked where we are with 18 year olds. PO said they can't go over state lines yet, but the Feds are proposing to drop that.

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved \$4,300 for Commercial Driver Training tuition and fees effective fall 2022 semester.

2.3 Institutional Planning

2.3.1 Tenure recommendation – Jamie Kotewa, Art Faculty – effective August 18, 2022.

President Oldfield said it is his pleasure to be able to recommend the granting of tenure to Jamie Kotewa, Art instructor, who teaches in Canton and Macomb and has done an exceptional job of teaching. Holly and the Peer Committee have a very nice recommendation for her. The Peer Committee is assigned to each new faculty member and stays with the instructor and offers teaching advice and guidance. They spend a lot of time together, and the Peer Committee had glowing remarks about Jamie. We are very fortunate to have her and enjoy seeing her students outside as well as the displays of work in Engle Hall. She does a fantastic job, and it is a pleasure to work with Jamie. She is a great representative of the College and SRC.

Jamie thanked President Oldfield and the Board of Trustees.

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved the tenure recommendation - Jamie Kotewa, Art Faculty – effective August 18, 2022.

3.0 ADDITIONAL ITEMS

There were no additional items for the Board.

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. Cremer said there was not a call for Closed Session.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

Following a motion by Mr. Biernbaum, seconded by Ms. Toothaker, and unanimous approval, the Regular Meeting of the Spoon River College Board of Trustees, February 23, 2022 adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Mr. Jerry Cremer, Chair

Date

Mr. Phillip Murphy, Secretary