

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

**Wednesday, November 20, 2024, 6 p.m.
Spoon River College, Engle Conference Center, Room A
Canton Campus, Canton, Illinois**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Spoon River College was held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 6 p.m., at the Canton Campus, Engle Conference Center, Rooms A and B, Canton, Illinois.

1.0 GENERAL FUNCTIONS

1.1 Call to Order

Jerry Cremer, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1.2 Roll Call

Members Present:

Linda Butler
Jerry Cremer
Dave Maguire
Kevin Meade
Phil Murphy
Kent Schleich
Esmeralda Uribe

Members Absent:

John Biernbaum

Present: Dr. Curt Oldfield, President; Holly Norton, Vice President of Educational and Student Services; Missy Wilkinson, Dean, Student Services; Andrea Thomson, Director, Human Resources; Sarah Gray, Mike Strauman, Chief Operations and Safety Officer; Shelli Stuart, Mathematics Faculty; Jamie Kotewa, Art Faculty; Douglas Okey, English Faculty; and Julie Hampton, Executive Assistant to the President and Board of Trustees/Recorder.

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance

Jerry Cremer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.4 Welcome of Guests

Jerry Cremer welcomed those in attendance.

1.5 Public Comment

Jerry Cremer asked if any members of the audience wished to address the Board. There were no requests or public comments.

1.6 Approval of Minutes

1.6.1 October 23, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

Following a motion by Linda Butler, seconded by Dave Maguire, and a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved the October 23, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.

1.7 Report – ICCTA Representative

Mr. Dave Maguire presented the following report:

On November 14-16, 2024 ICCTA held their regularly scheduled meetings, trustee roundtable and legal update seminar. In addition, ACCT held their Annual Leadership Congress.

The Friday afternoon seminar was a multi-subject presentation by Catherine Localllo, partner with the firm of Robbin Schwartz. She covered an Open Meeting Act (OMA) refresher and updates, Artificial Intelligence concerns and legislation, Illinois Public Community College Act (IPCCA) trustee responsibilities, and discussion of trustee conundrums. The session was held in an interactive format with multiple legal issues facing trustees being discussed.

ICCTA, in conjunction with Robbin Schwartz, will be hosting a four-hour session during the ICCTA Annual Convention in Bloomington on Friday June 6, 2025. The session will meet the Illinois mandated professional development leadership training requirement. The session is open to all ICCTA trustees at no charge and will meet the training requirements for a trustee's 1st, 3rd, and 5th years in office.

The Friday morning ICCTA trustee roundtable focused on what colleges are doing concerning Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) and if they are proposing any adjustments or rethinking of their policies. Trustees shared that there is a considerable variance between the way that colleges are dealing with the issue depending on the demographics of the populations in their area.

During the ICCTA meetings there was considerable discussion concerning the Business Enterprise Program (BEP). Executive Director Jim Reed reported on the Community College BEP Summit that was co-sponsored by ICCTA and the Illinois Council of Community College Presidents. He presented the recommendations that came out of the summit. The program continues to be a concern as colleges are trying to be in compliance with the BEP goals. It was noted during the meetings that there is little chance the program will be discontinued due to its legislative support. It was suggested that ICCTA efforts should be focused finding ways that the program can be modified or revised to enable the various colleges to be in compliance.

During the Board of Representatives meeting, the organization's 2025 Strategic Plan was presented. It covers five areas: optimize information exchange, advance trustee education, strengthen advocacy efforts, enhance member engagement & support and evaluate & improve organizational impact. Membership appears to be very pleased with the direction of leadership and the staff.

Jessica Nardulli, Legislative Counsel presented the 2025 Legislative Agenda which was adopted by the Board of Representatives. ICCTA is working closely with the President Council so there is agreement in the organizations legislative strategy.

The ICCTA three legislative initiatives are:

- Pursue community college workforce degrees
- Enhance student transfer and articulation policies
- Prepare Illinois' future workers

The ICCTA three legislative values are:

- Remain responsive to the community college district
- Receive equitable funding for college operations
- Champion equity in higher education

She reported the Governor's Office of Management and Budget published its mandated five-year budget projection on November 1 with a projected \$3.16 billion deficit in the coming fiscal year beginning July 1. It will set the stage for budget discussions when the new legislature is sworn in on January 8, 2025.

She noted that following the November election there has been little change in the representation in the General Assembly. The number of Republicans and Democrats remain the same with the Democrats retaining their super majority. There will be some new members that ICCTA will be working with to educate them about community colleges. Representation in our area is unchanged with the exception the 99th District which covers the Rushville portion of our community college district. Kyle Moore, former Mayor of Quincy, an economic developer and small businessman, will be the new state representative in the 99th House District replacing Randy Frese.

ICCTA continues to be an active supporter of our involvement with ACCT. The national agenda will be different with the recent changes that will be brought on by the November election and Illinois' involvement with be important as changes are being proposed. I plan to follow up with several of the items from the recent ACCT Annual Leadership Congress. The committee I serve on is asking all trustees to take a few moments to complete the National Survey of Community College Trustees. This undertaking is a joint effort of ACCT and the Center for the Study of Community Colleges that will give information to help guide future decisions for community colleges and their students.

The next meeting of the ICCTA Board of Representatives will take place in conjunction with the Community College National Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C on February 10-12, 2025.

1.8 Report – Student Government Representative

Esmeralda Uribe presented the following report:

Recent Student Activities events include:

- Halloween Costume contest with both student and employee submissions
- Promote the Vote with the Student Government Association
- Donuts with the Deans
- Bowling celebration at Linn Lanes in Canton. There were around 50 people, both employees and students who attended, and they were all able to watch a current member of the Bowling team bowl his first perfect 300 game!

Canton Phi Theta Kappa members volunteered at Helping Hands during the week of October 29, with one member staying on as a regular volunteer.

PTK also helped SGA with the food drive this week, and at least 6 members have signed up to help pack holiday boxes at the Salvation Army over the Fall Break.

PTK will host a Final Exams Study Event on December 3 and 4 in the LRC. Tutors will be present throughout the event and snacks will be available.

SRC Theatre's fall production of Lauren Gunderson's *The Book of Will* by the numbers:

- 1 invitation event for an audience of local high-school students (Canton, Cuba, and Lewistown)
- 3 public performances
- 12 actors on stage, joined by 5 "cameo" appearances
- 19 production staff, and
- 243 satisfied theatre-goers over 4 performances

Our thanks to everyone who has supported SRC Theatre over the years. Look for *The Runner Stumbles* February 28-March 2, 2025!

The Student Government Association, SGA, collected non-perishable foods this month to compete against other community colleges in the state for the Feed the Need contest. SGA also hosted this food drive in conjunction with the student/staff Thanksgiving meals served yesterday in Macomb and today in Canton. The monetary donations from the meal will support the SRC food pantries, and the food collected will be delivered to local food pantries.

Alpha Gamma Tau (Ag students) and Students for Environmental Action (SEA) are hosting their annual fall bonfire this evening.

1.9 Report – Spoon River College Foundation

Linda Butler presented the following report:

- The Foundation Board met this morning.
- Deposits since September 10th - \$30,078.39.
- Report of Audit, which was accepted. It was a favorable, good audit.
- The Fellheimer Scholarship Spring award letters have gone out. We awarded \$7,500.
- The Spring Dual Credit Applications will close at the end of November. We will have the award letters sent out before Christmas break.
- Alumni Awards Dinner was November 9th. We had 88 attendees and gave out 5 awards.
- Giving Spoon Day is December 3rd. We have worked with Rescigno's to send out a "save the date" and an appeal letter. Dusty is conducting presentation visits with area service clubs, and Michelle is mapping out the social media campaign. The theme this year is Making YOUR Impact. We are highlighting through video, social media, and mailings stories of SRC instructors making a positive impact on student's lives. Then reminding the donors that they are the ones making these experiences possible and make a positive impact themselves. Dusty sent out a script for the Foundation Board and Board of Trustees to use in asking for gifts on Giving Spoon Day. The challenge for each member to get 10 donations still stands so let's make it big!
- December 7 and 8 is the Winter Blues and All That Jazz presented by the Community Chorus.
- The perfect 300 bowling game was the result of an innovative mini grant program funded by the Foundation. That is a real positive for the foundation and a great student event.

1.10 Report – Board Member Comments

Kent Schleich said the Alumni Awards Dinner was very well done, and there were several employees who made great presentations. It was very well done and well received. Kent said it was also nice to see the softball girls in attendance. Last year when we had the basketball player, it would have been nice to have had that basketball team there. Phillip Murphy said a couple were there. Kent suggested that it would be nice in the future to encourage players to attend and support the winners.

There were no additional comments from the Board Members.

1.11 Board Policy Revisions

1.11.1 POLICY TYPE: GOVERNANCE PROCESS

POLICY TITLE: ANNUAL BOARD PLANNING CYCLE

This policy revision updates the Annual Board Planning Cycle with the removal of Prevailing Wage from June; the removal of Tenure Recommendation from January; the addition of Tenure Recommendation to February and September.

President Oldfield said this is more of a clean-up item and is in Board Policy to have a schedule of when items are presented to the Board. Julie works on this to reflect the

timeliness of presentation of items for the Board's consideration. Prevailing Wage is no longer a requirement and is removed from the Planning Cycle. This Planning Cycle will now be up to date. The addition of the September tenure represents spring hires for faculty.

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

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

POLICY TYPE: GOVERNANCE PROCESS

POLICY TITLE: ANNUAL BOARD PLANNING CYCLE

1.11.2 POLICY TYPE: GOVERNANCE PROCESS

POLICY TITLE: TITLE IX

This policy revision reflects the latest updates to Title IX.

President Oldfield presented this item and explained that Federal regulations have changed around Title IX. He asked Andrea to share an overview of what those changes are. The US Department of Education requires the Board of Trustees to adopt this.

Andrea Thomson reported that the U.S. Department of Education issued final Title IX regulations governing sex discrimination complaints involving educational institutions in April this year. The new regulations clarify terms, expand the geographical scope of Title IX, amend the investigation process, and include sexual orientation, gender identity, and pregnancy lactation issues within Title IX's protections. We have worked with College counsel to update our Title IX policy and train our Title IX team members. We will provide training on the new regulations to all employees, students, and board members in January. Julie has provided you with the policy updated by Robbins and Schwartz's attorneys, which we recommend you adopt as board policy.

President Oldfield said Andrea and Missy have been working on this revision with Robbins Schwartz. Kent Schleich said he reviewed and asked if the changes were highlighted. Andrea said it was a complete policy rewrite. It is a brand new policy. Kent asked how to evaluate that to say yes or no. President Oldfield said we don't have an option. If the Board doesn't adopt, we are no longer able to offer federal financial aid. Kent asked how many changes were included. Missy said it was a complete revision of the entire policy. Missy said she will send Julie the summaries and have those posted in SharePoint for the Board. Kent said he appreciated the work. Linda Butler asked how long it will be before the Board is presented with another revision. President Oldfield said that is already on our radar. It will probably change again under the Trump administration.

Following a motion by Linda Butler, seconded by Esme Uribe, and a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was,

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

POLICY TYPE: GOVERNANCE PROCESS

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2.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2.1 Communications

Phillip Murphy asked if ACCT is a part of the Department of Education. President Oldfield said no. We do receive some federal grants, such as TRIO, that are through the Department of Education. Adult Education comes through the Federal government to the State. Phillip said

there could be some changes, too. President Oldfield said if the Department of Ed is eliminated, Federal financial aid would shift to the Treasury Department. The harder part is more of the curriculum enhancements with K-12.

President Oldfield thanked Douglas Okey for his guidance and leadership of the *Book of Will* production. All did a fantastic job of presenting this play. It was really well done, and the crowd was very interactive with the cast. He thanked Douglas and his cast and crew for representing SRC well.

President Oldfield thanked those who attended the Alumni dinner. It was nice to see the different eras of SRC represented that evening. It is also very nice to see how the College has impacted lives over the years. It is a great event, and he hopes all put the event on calendars and can attend next year.

President Oldfield shared that we have made a hire for our Marketing position. Vickie Parry will start on Monday, November 25. This position was previously held by Sherri Rader. Vickie comes to us with teaching experience here at SRC and also worked for OSF, and American Red Cross. She bring with her some great experience, and we look forward to her starting here at SRC.

President Oldfield reported that last week he was at the AACC Commission on Student Success. He reviewed the events from the conference. He also attended the ICCCP meeting at the end of the week, and it was a good meeting with legislative and aspirational goals for the presidents to start to consider. One aspirational goal is consideration for the Governor to consider making ICCB a stand alone entity. The Presidents are working towards that effort, and community colleges would be under ICCB and not IBHE. Dave Maguire said we were there at one time, years ago, and it did not come through.

President Oldfield said on Friday afternoon he attended the third meeting of the community college adequacy inequity and funding committee. The recommendations will be made to the ICCB which will make decisions on what to move forward. The list of recommendations will be presented on achieving fiscal adequacy. Sarah Gray has also been serving on the subcommittees. The next scheduled meeting is in January.

2.2 Business and Finance Report

2.2.1 Authorize the following payments for the month of November:

| Item | Amount |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Payroll | \$915,050.23 |
| Accounts Payable (excluding travel) | 441,801.23 |
| Accounts Payable Travel Expenses | 35,071.31 |
| Accounts Payable BOT Travel Expenses | 644.31 |
| Electronic Payments (Health/Life Insurance) | 379,144.89 |
| Student Refunds – Accounts Payable | 3,013.00 |
| Student Refunds – Nelnet (electronic) | <u>130,175.62</u> |
| TOTAL: | <u>\$ 1,904,900.59</u> |

Following a motion by Kent Schleich, seconded by Linda Butler, and a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees authorized the following payments for the month of November 2024:

| Item | Amount |
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| Payroll | \$915,050.23 |
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- 2.2.2 Approve the proposal from Environmental Control Solutions Incorporated, (ECSI) Peoria, IL for the installation of HVAC controls. This is a single source bid to integrate controls for the VOTECH HVAC system into existing Canton Campus automation system for the amount to not exceed \$37,600. Funds are available in the VOTECH renovation fund.

President Oldfield presented this item and said this is the final piece of the VoTec HVAC. This will allow for remote control and brings all of the buildings under the same remote access. Mike Strauman said this will wrap up the VoTec project. President Oldfield said we need the same system so it can be tied into the existing system.

Following a motion by Dave Maguire, seconded by Linda Butler, and a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved the proposal from Environmental Control Solutions Incorporated, (ECSI) Peoria, IL for the installation of HVAC controls. This is a single source bid to integrate controls for the VOTECH HVAC system into existing Canton Campus automation system for the amount to not exceed \$37,600. Funds are available in the VOTECH renovation fund.

- 2.2.3 Adopt the PHS (Protection, Health, Safety) Project Resolution in the amount of \$160,000 for the replacement of several entry doors, upgrade of existing hardware, and install a door access control system. Funds will be available in 2024 from the upcoming PHS tax levy.

President Oldfield presented this item and said this is the first step in preparation for the Board to establish the tax levy. This amount is one of the two amounts and two items that will be covered by PHS funds.. Mike Strauman said this item is focusing on exterior doors and actual hardware. It will also add extra protection for interior doors as well. Mike said the next item, 2.2.4, is for fire protection. We have a failing panel in Macomb, and we can't purchase replacement parts for existing panels. Our current system is not set up with notifications or zones. The new system will upgrade everything and include notifications and zoning and provide a better overall function. President Oldfield said this establishes the first step and will be worked in the final levy which the Board will consider in December. Dave Maguire said Macomb Campus is Johnson Street or East Jackson. Mike said actually the failing controller is at Johnson Street currently, so we will need to update that. We will be moving one of our boards that currently works and utilize that and keep us functioning. The current MOC panel would then be updated and support the renovation side. This will be new panels in Havana and Rushville as well. Johnson Street will receive the newest panel from the MPB and every other place will receive new. Linda Butler asked if this can be accessed remotely. Mike said yes, we have had several full alarms at the MPB, and there were delays in notification. This upgrade would provide immediate notifications by zones where the specific detector is. Dave said the technology is incredible. Kent Schleich asked if the systems in Havana and Rushville are old enough that we can't receive parts for those. Mike said he would typically expect a

longer life span, but there is a chip issue with these that make them obsolete. Kent asked about any return by having to upgrade early. Mike said they are offering extended monitoring cost reduction, and he negotiated a discount for our early upgrade. These new panels should take us through another 15 to 20 years. Kent asked how old the ones in Canton are. President Oldfield said probably the mid-1990s was the last update in Canton.

Following a motion by Linda Butler, seconded by Dave Maguire, and a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees adopted the PHS (Protection, Health, Safety) Project Resolution in the amount of \$160,000 for the replacement of several entry doors, upgrade of existing hardware, and install a door access control system. Funds will be available in 2024 from the upcoming PHS tax levy.

- 2.2.4 Adopt the PHS (Protection, Health, Safety) Project Resolution in the amount of \$115,000 for maintaining campus safety and the functionality of the fire protection systems on the Canton Campus, Macomb Campuses, and Havana and Rushville campuses. Funds will be available in 2024 from the upcoming PHS tax levy.

Following a motion by Dave Maguire, seconded by Phillip Murphy, and a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees adopted the PHS (Protection, Health, Safety) Project Resolution in the amount of \$115,000 for maintaining campus safety and the functionality of the fire protection systems on the Canton Campus, Macomb Campuses, and Havana and Rushville campuses. Funds will be available in 2024 from the upcoming PHS tax levy.

2.3 Institutional Planning

- Assessment Report – Shelli Stuart presented the following report:

This report presents assessment information regarding General Education Competencies and co-curricular activities at Spoon River College, outlining our current status, key areas of strength, and opportunities for improvement as part of our continuous effort to enhance academic quality and student success.

General Education Competencies

We have completed a three-year cycle of assessment of our GECs and are beginning a new cycle this semester. Data was collected through our Canvas Learning Management system for four of the six GECs, with the remaining two GECs to be assessed this academic year. This data has been disaggregated in many ways including ethnicity, gender, and age and has been further categorized by academic divisions.

As an institution, our data indicates our students are reaching our goal of at least 80% of students meeting or exceeding standards (see table 1). Achievement by gender has remained consistent with no noticeable gaps between males and females (see table 2). We see fluctuation when we look at the results by ethnicity (see table 3), but feel these discrepancies are due to small sample sizes.

Institution-wide Percent Meets/Exceeds GECs¹

| | | | |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Equity FA22 | Creativity SP23 | Decision-making FA23 | Collaboration SP24 |
| 85% | 84% | 80% | 81% |

Gender Comparison Percent Meets/Exceeds ²

| Gender | Equity FA22 | Creativity SP23 | Decision-making FA23 | Collaboration SP24 |
|--------|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Female | 87% | 86% | 80% | 81% |
| Male | 80% | 79% | 80% | 82% |

Ethnicity Comparison Percent Meets/Exceeds ³

| Ethnicity | Equity FA22 | Creativity SP23 | Decision-making FA23 | Collaboration SP24 |
|-----------|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| AM | 56% | 80% | 83% | 100% |
| AS | 67% | 50% | 30% | 86% |
| BL | 82% | 68% | 81% | 79% |
| HI | 83% | 68% | 78% | 78% |
| UN | 77% | 90% | 70% | 92% |
| WH | 86% | 86% | 81% | 81% |

One area needing improvement is seen in the Natural Science and Mathematics division (see table 4). Through discussion, this division is aware of the issue and is working to improve these gaps.

Natural Science and Mathematics Percent Meets/Exceeds ⁴

| Equity FA22 | Creativity SP23 | Decision-making FA23 | Collaboration SP24 |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 78% | 79% | 64% | 59% |

Continuation

Currently, our focus is on enhancing accountability within our assessment practices. Our primary goals include increasing participation among part-time instructors and refining the quality of our assessments to ensure alignment with our General Education Competencies.

Recent improvements to our Canvas platform simplify reporting processes, allowing instructors to submit assessment data more efficiently. By analyzing data by division, we are identifying tailored strategies to increase part-time instructor engagement in assessment practices.

The Assessment Committee is committed to providing continuing education regarding what instructors assess. This will create more uniformity across our courses regarding student expectations as they relate to our GECs.

Co-Curricular Assessment

Significant progress has been made in co-curricular assessment through improved data collection. The Assessment Committee has developed a co-curricular survey targeting both advisors and students participating in co-curricular activities. The survey, aligned with our GECs, will shed light on which competencies students engage with through co-curricular activities outside the classroom. Additionally, it will reveal any gaps in the opportunities advisors intend to provide and students' perceived experiences. Data will be collected throughout the 2024-2025 academic year, providing a foundation for future analysis to inform and improve co-curricular offerings.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the progress we have made in both GEC and co-curricular assessment underscores Spoon River College's commitment to fostering academic excellence and supporting student success. Our recent achievements in data collection, particularly through the enhanced use of our Canvas Learning Management System, have allowed us to obtain detailed,

disaggregated insights that inform our understanding of student outcomes across different demographics. While our data indicate that the majority of students are meeting or exceeding our established standards, we have also identified specific areas for improvement, notably in the Natural Science and Mathematics division, where targeted efforts are underway to address identified gaps.

Looking ahead, the Assessment Committee is focused on increasing accountability, especially by engaging part-time instructors more actively in assessment practices and ensuring that assessments align consistently with our GECs. The recent improvements in Canvas reporting processes are expected to streamline data submissions and make participation more accessible across all instructional roles. Additionally, our commitment to increase professional development for instructors aims to establish greater uniformity in course expectations and support a cohesive learning experience for students.

In co-curricular assessment, the introduction of our targeted survey will provide invaluable insights into how students engage with our GECs outside of the classroom and highlight any discrepancies between advisor intentions and student perceptions. Collecting this data throughout the 2024-2025 academic year will enable us to enhance our co-curricular offerings and better support our students' holistic development.

We appreciate the support of the Board of Trustees in advancing these assessment practices. We are confident that Spoon River College will further its mission of promoting student achievement and strengthening the quality of education we provide.

Linda Butler asked if these reports are for internal use only and available for review or do they have to be submitted somewhere else. Shelli said we assess the students and that data comes through Canvas and allows for an institution-wide review. Individually, as instructors, each are writing a reflection based on reports and what happens in classrooms. Division meetings include discussions as well. Those aren't readily available to everyone. In observations, Holly does review with instructors. Collectively that data is shared at the end of every semester. President Oldfield said Shelli will oftentimes present each year at the faculty kick off on what we learned from the previous year. And, as part of our HLC accreditation, assessment is a part of the review. Linda said we don't have to file with the State. President Oldfield said correct. Kent Schleich asked what data is a part of the input. Shelli said faculty have a rubric, and the GEC this semester is communication and each look at how students communicate in courses. Some include assignments while others do individual review. Each student is given a 0, 1, 2, or 3 for standards. Students are performing somehow somehow, and how students communicate is reviewed and if students are meeting expectations. Each semester has a focus, and this semester is communication. Kent asked if this is a State or Federal mandate. President Oldfield said this is a part of our accreditation through the Higher Learning Commission. HLC is not seeking perfection; they are seeking improvement.

President Oldfield thanked Shelli for her time and leadership.

3.0 ADDITIONAL ITEMS

President Oldfield said in SharePoint, there is a memo from Sarah Gray about the proposed tax levy and asked the Trustees to review. Action will be presented in December for the levy.

President Oldfield said that Jerry Cremer has volunteered to make a reservation at The Sports Corner in Macomb for a dinner following the December Board meeting for a dinner. He asked Trustees to let Jerry know about attendance.

- 4.0 CLOSED SESSION. In accordance with the Illinois Meetings Act, Section 2 (c), the Board of trustees will adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of 1). The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; or 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; 5) the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired; 6) the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body.

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

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

Following a motion by Dave Maguire, seconded by Linda Butler, and unanimous approval, the Regular Meeting of the Spoon River College Board of Trustees, November 20, 2024, adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Jerry Cremer, Chair

Date

Linda Butler, Secretary