

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

Wednesday, April 23, 2025, 6 p.m.
Spoon River College, Engle Conference Center, Rooms A and B
Canton Campus, Canton, Illinois

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Spoon River College was held on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 6:00 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:	John Biernbaum
	Linda Butler
	Jerry Cremer
	Dave Maguire
	Kevin Meade
	Phil Murphy
	Kent Schleich
	Esmeralda Uribe

Present: Dr. Curt Oldfield, President; Holly Norton, Vice President of Educational and Student Services; Missy Wilkinson, Dean, Student Services; Melissa Miller, Dean, Career and Workforce Education; Hannah Neuendorf, Director, Human Resources; Sarah Gray, Chief Fiscal Officer; Mike Strauman, Chief Operations and Safety Officer; Raj Siddaraju, Chief Information Officer; Sally Shields, Coordinator, Public Information; Andrea Barbknecht, Director, Canton Outreach Center; Sarah Strode, Nursing Faculty; Michael Maher, Sociology Faculty; Douglas Okey, English Faculty; and Julie Hampton, Executive Assistant to the President and Board of Trustees/Recorder.

Also Present: Bruce Maxey, BLDD; Mark Bixler, WBYS; and Logan Booth.

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 March 26, 2025 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 March 26, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.

1.7 Resolution Honoring Esmeralda Uribe, Spoon River College Student Trustee

President Oldfield read the Resolution Honoring Esmeralda Uribe.

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 Resolution Honoring Esmeralda Uribe, Spoon River College Student Trustee.

1.8 Report – Results of the April 2, 2025

President Oldfield said we have not received the official letter from the Fulton County Clerk. The canvass is nearing completion, and we will soon receive the results. Since this is an uncontested race, we will proceed.

1.9 Adjournment – Sine Die

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees adjourned Sine Die.

1.10 Seating of Newly-Elected Trustees

Mr. John Biernbaum – 2025 – 2031
Mr. Kent Schleich – 2025 – 2031

President Oldfield congratulated John Biernbaum and Kent Schleich on being re-elected to the Board. He said a Bill is ending that would require community colleges to do an Oath of Office. That may be a consideration in the future.

1.11 Seating of New Student Trustee

Logan Booth – 2025-2026

President Oldfield asked Logan Booth to come forward from the audience to be seated at the Board table. President Oldfield said Logan officially took office April 15. Logan comes to us from Pekin High School and is a Snapper athlete on our baseball team. He also works in our Marketing Department. His new student orientation was held a couple of weeks ago. We are very excited to have Logan join the Board and congratulated him on his election and welcomed him.

1.12 Appointment of Temporary Chair Pro Tempore (when applicable)

Dave Maguire made a motion to appoint Dr. Curt Oldfield as Temporary Chair Pro Tempore; Linda Butler seconded the motion, and following a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Dr. Curt Oldfield as Temporary Chair Pro Tempore.

1.13 Call to Order

1.14 Roll Call

1.15 Election of Chairperson for a Two-Year Term

President Oldfield thanked Jerry Cremer for his service as Chair for two, two-year terms. President Oldfield opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson for a two-year term.

Kent Schleich nominated Kevin Meade as Chair. John Biernbaum seconded the nomination.

Dave Maguire moved nominations be closed; Kent Schleich seconded the motion.

Following a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Kevin Meade as Chairperson for a Two-Year Term.

1.16 Election of Officers of the Board of Trustees for Two-Year Terms:

○ Vice Chairperson

Jerry Cremer nominated John Biernbaum as Vice Chair; Linda Butler seconded the nomination.

Dave Maguire moved nominations be closed; Kent Schleich seconded the motion.

Following a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved the appointment of John Biernbaum as Vice Chairperson for a Two-Year Term.

○ Secretary

Phillip Murphy nominated Linda Butler as Secretary; John Biernbaum seconded the motion.

Dave Maguire moved nominations be closed; Jerry Cremer seconded the motion.

Following a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Linda Butler as Secretary for a Two-Year Term.

1.17 Appointment of College Treasurer for a Two-Year Term

President Oldfield presented this item and said typically the Board appoints the CFO, Sarah Gray.

Linda Butler made a motion to appoint Sarah Gray, CFO as College Treasurer for a two-year term; Jerry Cremer seconded the motion, and following a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Sarah Gray, CFO, as College Treasurer for a Two-Year Term.

1.18 Appointment of ICCTA Representative and Alternate ICCTA Representative

John Biernbaum moved to nominate Dave Maguire for ICCTA Rep and Kevin Meade as Alternate; Linda Butler seconded the motion, and following a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Dave Maguire as ICCTA Representative for a Two-Year Term and Kevin Meade as Alternative ICCTA Representative for a Two-Year Term.

President Oldfield said Bruce Maxey, BLDD Architects, is present this evening to review the Facilities Master Plan, and President Oldfield said the order of the agenda would be rearranged to review the report at this point in the meeting.

2.2.2 Facilities Master Plan

President Oldfield introduced Bruce Maxey who is with BLDD and has worked with SRC on a number of projects over many years. We are very pleased with their work and service, and he welcomed Bruce back to SRC.

Bruce thanked President Oldfield and he, too, appreciates the partnership with SRC since 2012. He said Mike Strauman asked for the facilities assessment, the last of which was in 2014. Bruce reviewed the assessment with the Trustees. He explained that the Main Campus (Canton), Havana, and Rushville were reviewed and given priority ratings according to the need of the job. Thirteen components were reviewed and included exterior walls, electrical, site, and HVAC. Costs were determined using today's costs and escalated for future years (3, 5, and 10). Bruce reviewed the summary of costs by priority. He said there were fairly typical findings with no surprises.

Kevin Meade asked about electrical and if the rooftop units are moved to the ground, would they be taken off the roof? Bruce said the roof areas would be repaired. President Oldfield asked if they are on VoTec also. Mike Strauman said yes, each of the buildings have the roof top units. Kevin said if they were left in place would it matter if there's PCB in the oil. Mike said the issue is that those are a point of failure already where we have roof leaks, and he has done everything he can to minimize those leaks, and how they are set right now, the leaks cannot be addressed properly. We need to either pick them up, repair the pans, and replace the units, or looking at 50 year old transformers, we will see a failure and contain PCBs and we are responsible for them. Kevin asked about abandoning in place. Mike said the issues are addressing the leaks. Mike said we even looked at possibilities of building a structure around to enclose, and there is not a good way. Jerry Cremer said it also needs to address future wear and tear. President Oldfield said the College was on electric heat some time ago, but it is safe that those are larger than the load demands. Bruce said electrical equipment has a six month to one year lead time. Dave Maguire asked if these are capital renewal eligible. President Oldfield said yes, we would add these projects as we update and have our list. He explained that Mike Strauman and Sarah Gray would have those projects and fast track the process for grant submissions. This identifies our needs and allows us to start planning. Dave said in the past we have been in a position where we had to self-fund projects. He wonders if we will be in that position again. President Oldfield said Bruce is showing that we have some projects that we may need to self-fund and budget in, and the longer-term projects we seek State funds that could involve a match for funds as well. Life Health Safety funds could be used for some projects as well. Jerry Cremer asked about projects for summer. Bruce said this summer or next could take some time but could address the exterior work. Mike said he anticipates to use this year's Life Health Safety funds for the majority of the work for the parapets. With his budget, Mike said he is working to cover some additional expense, and he said he feels pretty confident that we can take care of the most immediate

needs. He is working on planning and working with Ameren. Mike said he has also worked with Holthaus Roofing to patch leak areas, and if we know the direction, and if we anticipate to remove the units, we could be a little more aggressive with what we do to temporarily patch now and not work about access to the transformer as much as we have been in the past. We can do some things to buy us some time. Kevin asked if Ameren will be able to provide a ballpark estimate on load requirements. Mike said yes, and the meters on the units will be able to help with that. He hopes to bring that to the Board next month. The Board thanked Bruce for his report.

1.19 Report – Board Member Comments

Phillip Murphy said he thinks the Cubs surpassed the Cardinals in the standings.

1.20 Report – ICCTA Representative

Dave Maguire presented the following report:

ICCTA continues to be focused on the dealings with actions before the State Legislature. The Illinois House returned to session this week and the Senate will return next week. The House will begin to hear committee testimony on Senate bills that are now in the House. There are also several committee hearings scheduled to consider “subject matter only” topics, including: the federal SAVE Act and other elections bills, Chicago area transit, “compassionate release” from the Illinois Department of Corrections, the impact of health insurance cost increases on school district budgets, mental health and gun violence, the impacts of tariffs on the state of Illinois, and multiple hearings to discuss appropriations requests.

Jessica Nardulli, ICCTA Legislative Counsel sent out a reminder of key 2025 session dates:

- Week of April 21 – House ONLY in session
- Week of April 28 through Adjournment – BOTH chambers in session
- May 7: ICCTA LOBBY DAY
- May 9 - Committee Deadline (House & Senate)
- May 23 - Third Reading Deadline (House & Senate)
- May 31 - Scheduled Adjournment

The current legislative update with a list of legislation we are tracking is posted on the ICCTA website. Colleges are being strongly encouraged to participate in the annual Lobby Day on May 7th. It is an important time when legislation affecting our colleges is being considered. The night of May 6th community colleges will be hosting the 3rd annual community college caucus reception at the Illinois State Museum.

In addition to the legislative concerns, the Association is working with our community college partners during April’s Community College Month. Multiple efforts have been underway throughout the state to promote awareness of community colleges and their programs.

Information has been sent out concerning the ICCTA Annual Conference and meeting Annual Meeting at the Bloomington-Normal Marriott Hotel & Conference Center June 6-7, 2025. . – On Friday, June 6, the Association will be hosting the Trustee Professional Development Training. It will encompass two sessions, 9:15 AM - 11:45 AM (1st of 2 sessions) and 1:45 PM – 4:15 PM (2nd of 2 sessions). This professional development training is required by Public Act 99-0692 and includes the following topics: open meetings law, freedom of information law, labor law, contract law, ethics, sexual violence on campus, financial oversight, audits, and fiduciary responsibilities of a trustee. Attendance at this session and the afternoon session will fulfill the requirements of the new law. There is no charge for the training sessions though there is a cost if you attend the luncheon.

The next ICCTA Board of Representatives meeting will be held in Springfield on May 6th in conjunction with Community College Lobby Day Wednesday May 7th.

1.21 Report – Student Government Representative

Logan Booth presented the following report:

The following events were hosted by student activities for the month of April : Awareness April weekly emails about Alcohol and Sexual Abuse Awareness month, Let's Taco bout Transferring, WIRC Table Visit and Clothesline Project, Graduation Cap Decorating, and free finals week snacks.

Several members of the Student Government Association attended Student Advocacy Day at the State Capitol. They received a tour of the capitol building and met with Representative Norine Hammond. To continue student advocacy at SRC, SGA hosted a Letter to Legislators event to encourage students to write letters to our representatives on issues they care about.

TRIO students visited Bradley University for an admissions presentation and a campus tour. For the afternoon, they went to the Riverfront Museum. TRIO is hosting "Amazing April" in the Canvas course where each week has a different mental health theme: music and emotions, emotional naming, and mindfulness.

The Healthcare Enthusiasts and Leaders student group and the Student Nursing Association organized a field trip to the Jump Trading Simulation & Education Center at OSF Healthcare in Peoria. The group toured the facility and took part in hands-on activities in the Anatomy Lab, STEAM Classroom, and with the Bio-Engineering Team. Jump Simulation offers immersive learning environments using advanced technology to train healthcare professionals. The visit gave SRC students valuable exposure to a variety of healthcare careers and cutting-edge innovations in the field.

Phi Theta Kappa had 37 new members participate in the Induction Ceremony on April 3. Throughout March, PTK collected donations for birthday cake boxes and were able to donate 54 boxes to local food pantries including the SRC food pantry. PTK is partnering with Missy Wilkinson, Melissa Miller, and HEAL to sponsor a stem cell donor registration drive on April 29 and 30, in honor of Brad O'Brien. This event is open to the public. Potential donors will swab their cheeks to see if their stem cells are a match for Brad or other patients in the registry.

1.22 Report – Spoon River College Foundation

Dusty Berg was absent, so Linda Butler presented the following report:

- Deposits since March 19th - \$20,609.96
- The meeting this month was cancelled because we did not have a quorum.
- There are five board members leaving us in May.
- The Scholarship Committee met on March 31st to make the award determinations. We offered \$118,000 in scholarships. The award letters have been sent. Students have until April 24th to accept them. Once we receive the acceptance letters, we will get everything set up to present at the various high school awards ceremonies at the end of the school year.
- The President's Reception was held on April 17th. We had nearly 90 guests in attendance.
- Golf Outing is scheduled for August 8th. Michelle sent out 500 letters requesting sponsorships. We've already received some sponsorship money.
- The Foundation's strategic plan expires this year. We will be having our retreat on May 13th from 1 pm to 3:30 pm at the Macomb Outreach Center. Ahead of the meeting (hopefully by the end of April), I would like to meet with the Executive Committee and Foundation Staff to discuss priorities and potential goals leading into the retreat. This should help focus us for the retreat,

and help us use your time wisely. We will also be conducting our May board meeting that day. Voting items only.

- This is the second year we have received a \$10,000 donation for the Pay It Forward award. The anonymous donor wants two \$5,000 gifts for graduating students to help them pay any student loan debt accrued while attending SRC. These students need to have a 3.0GPA or above. The Financial Aid Department provided us with a list of students that fit these parameters, and we sent them a letter inviting them to apply along with the application. The students are required to submit an essay with their application explaining how they plan to pay this gift forward after graduation. The two recipients will be surprised at Commencement with the award.

- 1.23 Regular Board Meeting Schedule. The proposed Regular Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule is as follows: meetings are scheduled for the fourth Wednesday at 6 p.m., except for the following: the November meeting because of the Thanksgiving recess, and the December meeting (at 5 p.m.) in order to accommodate the holiday schedule.

President Oldfield said as a part of the reorganization meeting, the Board considers the meeting schedule.

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved the Regular Board Meeting Schedule. The proposed Regular Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule is as follows: meetings are scheduled for the fourth Wednesday at 6 p.m., except for the following: the November meeting because of the Thanksgiving recess, and the December meeting (at 5 p.m.) in order to accommodate the holiday schedule.

2.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2.1 Communications

President Oldfield thanked all who attended the PTK Induction and the Foundation President's Reception. He said he appreciates the Board's participation. He also thanked Becca Werland and Shelli Stuart for their leadership with our PTK students. It is great to provide those out of class opportunities. We had about 90 in attendance for the President's Reception. The Foundation is working to provide the gifts to those who were not able to attend. He reminded the Trustees that Commencement is the 8th of May. If you are planning to attend, if you didn't already, please let Julie know as soon as possible. Missy reported today that we have over 175 students for Commencement, which is one of the largest we have had in some time. Trustee Butler reported on the Pay It Forward scholarship which will be announced at Commencement. President Oldfield said he recently attended two conferences in Nashville, – HERDI was one which was a great opportunity to see some of the new work that is being done. He met a WIU alum who has a start-up company in Atlanta, and her company addresses the transcript process from high school to higher education. Great story for us of a local grad who has launched a business and is looking forward to coming back. President Oldfield said he will share her contact information with JB. The second conference was the AACC Conference, and he was on a panel for the Commission for Student Success. It reviewed recommendations and trends for AACC to consider. It was a great opportunity to hear from other community colleges who are doing great things and borrow great ideas while also being reassured that our work is great as well. President Oldfield said he appreciates the opportunity for the professional development.

Phillip Murphy asked about the WIU grad and if she is an SRC grad. President Oldfield said she took at class at the SRC Macomb Campus and graduated from WIU.

2.2 Business and Finance Report

2.2.1 Authorize the following payments for the month of April, 2025:

Item	Amount
Payroll	\$652,174.26
Accounts Payable (excluding travel)	361,248.06
Accounts Payable Travel Expenses	28,804.75
Accounts Payable BOT Travel Expenses	528.44
Electronic Payments (Health/Life Insurance)	430,180.79
Student Refunds – Accounts Payable	-0-
Student Refunds – Nelnet (electronic)	<u>45,376.48</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,518,312.78

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees authorized the following payments for the month of April, 2025:

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- 2.2.2 Approve a one-year contract with D & S Private Detective, Inc., Bartonville, Illinois, to provide security services to the Canton and Macomb campuses, effective May 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. Funds for this contract are available in the Tort Fund.

President Oldfield presented this item and said this is the fourth contract we are proposing to the Board. D & S does great work and insures staffing for our needs. The effective date of this contract gets this in line with other contracts that run with the fiscal year. This would be effective May 1 through June 30 – a 13th month contract this one time. The slight increase is due to staffing costs. They have done a very effective job for us, and the funds are paid from the Tort Fund. Dave Maguire asked if they qualify for BEP because it is a woman-owned business. Mike Strauman said they have submitted all of the paperwork for that process. Mike Elam recommended them, and we are very pleased.

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved a one-year contract with D & S Private Detective, Inc., Bartonville, Illinois, to provide security services to the Canton and Macomb campuses, effective May 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. Funds for this contract are available in the Tort Fund.

2.3 Institutional Planning

- Canton Outreach Update – Melissa Miller and Andrea Barbknecht

Andrea Barbknecht presented the following report:

Summer 2024

- Used ICCB Workforce grant to:
 - Offer online technology classes at a discount, served 38 online students in 4 different classes (Intro to Word, Intro to Excel, Intro to PowerPoint, Excel, Level 2)
 - Offer an Employability Skills Workshop with 4 topics and 2 students
- Offered 3 class meetings of Music of the 1960's with 47 attendees
- Summer Youth Critters with 7 families attending, also offered a Clay class and an Olympics class
- Safe@Home
- Did a wine tour of Spoon River Junction (Canton), Hidden Hills (Knoxville) and Old Dog Eatery, Winery & Distillery (Canton) with 13 attending
- Offered a Computer Basics class
- Brought in an Elmwood area author to talk about his book – 6 attendees
- Canton facility rentals last summer included an IDOC hiring event

Fall 2024

- Community Leadership Academy – 7 Graduates
- Used ICCB Grant funds to offer
 - Technology classes at a discount (Intro to Excel, Excel, Level 2, Intro to Word, Computer Basics) serving 29 students
 - Leadership Bootcamp with 4 topics – served 9 students
- Internal partnerships with Certified Medical Assistant Bootcamp – 13 students & HazMat training through CDL - 1
- NEW – The Ultimate Major League Baseball Stadium Tour – 35 attendees, including 3 virtual (held at MidAmerica National Bank)
- Another session of Music of the 1960's with 10 attendees
- NEW – offered a Healthcare Heroes bus trip to the Peoria Simulation lab
- Lifelong Learning Conference – Oct. 18 with 76 attendees
- NEW – Two Holiday Wine bus tours to Spoon River Junction (Canton), Hill Prairie (Oakford) and West of Wise (Petersburg) with 39 students
- Canton facility rentals in the fall included:
 - MidAmerica National Bank employee and shareholder event
 - IDOC hiring event
 - WeeMaTuk/TOTH event

Spring 2025

- Used ICCB Workforce Grant to provide
 - Reduced price Microsoft Teams training to 24 students at Mason District Hospital
 - Discounted online technology trainings in Computer Basics, Intro to Word, Intro to Excel, Excel, Level 2 with 18 registered so far
 - Offered a Small Business Essentials workshop with topics including employment law, HR issues, customer service, and local resources available
- NEW – 70 from the 70's music class – 2 classes serving 21 students
- Internal partnerships with CCMA Bootcamp with 11 attendees & HazMat with 4 students
- The Ultimate Major League Baseball Stadium tour – 10 attendees
- Lifelong Learning Institute April 11th with 85 attendees
- NEW Food and Wine Pairings class with Spoon River Junction Winery and Bistro 101 – Filled the class with 24, one student who had recently moved here commented that Outreach classes were her “conduit to community.”

- NEW Meal in a Mug class on April 24th with 10 registered so far
- Job Fair May 2nd with 26 employers registered so far
- Canton facility rentals this spring included:
 - Canton Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner
 - IDOC Hiring event
 - FFA Speech Contest
 - National Wildlife Turkey Federation dinner
 - Kiwanis All-Star Basketball game
 - Republican Lincoln Day dinner
 - United Way Power of the Purse Dinner/Auction
 - Gardener's Big Day event
 - Fulton-Mason Crisis Service Dinner/Auction
 - Mid-Illini Student Council event
 - CHS Commencement

Plans for Summer 2025

- College for Kids returning to the former format of a week of classes all morning the week of June 2-5. So far have presenters on Taylor Swift, Animals, Science, Art, Weather and Money.
- Planning summer classes in Intro to Canva, two more installments of 70 the 1970's, Personal Security and Safety, Banned Books, and something floral
- For the Canton Bicentennial Celebration, SRC is participating through
 - Partnering with the Canton Area Heritage Center for Historic bus tours on June 21, 22, 25, 28 & 29
 - History of SRC class on Saturday, June 28th at 4 pm including campus tours

President Oldfield thanked Andrea for all that she does for our communities. The workforce grant has provided a lot of opportunities.

- High School Data Report – Missy Wilkinson and Jo Branson

President Oldfield said this is the annual presentation on the high school data, and Missy is presenting tonight. Missy said Jo Branson completed the presentation, and she is out of the office this week.

Missy thanked the Board for the opportunity to present the high school capture for 2024 graduates. she reviewed the target market and total population for district high schools. She explained that we will have an increase in seniors who are graduating this year. Missy reviewed the 2024 high school graduates attending SRC and said our goal is 33%. We are trending ahead with a 3% increase over last year. In 2024, we met or exceeded our goal for two high schools: Canton and Spoon River Valley. She presented the goals by high school. Missy also reviewed the following enrollment initiatives:

- Dual Credit Senior Initiative
- College Visit Days
- High School On-Site Registration
- Modern Marketing Strategies
- Target Based Outreach

Missy reported that Canton High School has told our counselors that this is the largest group of seniors enrolling at SRC. Kevin Meade asked if we know why. Missy said nothing specific was offered. Dave Maguire commented on home schooling being a number that you cannot track. Missy said correct. She said she could look up our number of home schooling students who are enrolled here. Dave asked if they come to the community college? Missy said we see a decent number who start here and some even with dual credit for science or math. Phillip

Murphy said it is a great opportunity for socialization, too. President Oldfield said we have heard that that we are appealing to them because of our size as well as individual and personalized attention as their first step. Missy said many get involved in club and organizations and thrive. Missy said we are also working with Macomb High School students and raising awareness about our new location.

President Oldfield thanked Missy for the report.

3.0 ADDITIONAL ITEMS

President Oldfield said 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; 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.

Kevin Meade said there was not a call for Closed Session.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

Following a motion by John Biernbaum, seconded by Linda Butler, and unanimous approval, the Regular Meeting of the Spoon River College Board of Trustees, April 23, 2025, adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Kevin Meade, Chair

Date

Linda Butler, Secretary