



Iowa Valley Community College District Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2023 at 4:00 PM CDT
Ellsworth Community College, Reg Johnson Room 100, 1100 College Avenue,
Iowa Falls, IA 50126

Attendance

Present:

Members: Chris Brodin, Joanna Hofer, Larry Johnson, Deb Jones, Clark Lawler

Absent:

Members: Jackie Pippin, Paul Pohlson

Also in attendance were President Dr. Kristie Fisher, Board Secretary Amber Bolen, Board Treasurer Gena Garber, and other college personnel.

Call to Order:

Board President Johnson called the regular session of the Iowa Valley Community College District Board of Directors to order at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 in the Ellsworth Community College, Reg Johnson Room 100, 1100 College Avenue, Iowa Falls, IA 50126.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:

There were no additions/deletions to the Agenda.

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion:

Director Hofer moved approval of the agenda. Motion seconded by Director Brodin. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence and/or Visitors:

The Board received correspondence. There were no visitors.

Introduction of and Comments from Representatives to the Board:

- MCC Representative to the Board, Dr. Kness, shared information about MCC's Ray Frederick Art Gallery.
- IVG Representative to the Board, Barb Hall, shared information about students in the Gunsmith Technology and Automotive Repair Technology programs.
- BCS Representative to the Board, Morgan Frederick, shared a student success story.
- ECC Representative to the Board, Joerg Rochlitzer, shared faculty appreciation to the remodeled faculty lounge in Reg Johnson. Dr. Fisher shared this was one of the miscellaneous bond projects.

Public Comment:

There were no comments from the public.

Recognitions:

- Dr. Fisher recognized Julie Eastridge, Michele Frost, Ryan Woiwood, Craig Julfs, Allie Osmundson, and Angie Redmond for their collaboration efforts in recruiting students to IVCCD. This team of employees starting meeting two years ago and their hard work has paid off as the District is up 4.7% in enrollment after the 14-day count.
- Mike Mosher recognized David Young, Sheryl Clingerman, Nathan Bloomquist, Mandy Brown, and Travis Bloomquist for their extra efforts in helping employees and students be successful with IT to start off the Fall 2023 semester.

Introduction of New Employees:

Dr. Klein introduced the following ECC employees:

- Blake Walker, Welding Faculty
- Danielle Williams, Assistant Housing Director/Assistant Softball coach

Strategic Presentation - Strategic Agenda Outcome #2

Tracy Crippin-Haake, ECC's Director of Student Success/Registrar, and Julie Eastridge, Director of Marketing, presented on quality resources and support services to ensure student success and completion. Ms. Crippin-Haake shared information and data related to the District's work in retention and persistence. Ms. Eastridge shared project goals, progress updates and next steps related to the District's Communication+ program.

CONSENT AGENDA:

President's Comments Regarding the Consent Agenda:

- Dr. Fisher shared that IVCCD received the Intermediary Network grant again this year. The grant will continue to help provide services to students with disabilities and align school and career interests for these students.
- Dr. Fisher noted Item 5.4. is the last wave of Board Policies and Guidelines for the October 18-19 visit from the Department of Education.
- Dr. Fisher also shared Item 5.6. IVCCD's Facilities Master Plan is updated with history and Board Policies and is ready to be submitted to the Department of Education.

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

Motion:

Director Jones moved to approve the Consent Agenda Action Items: Item 5.1. - Approval of Minutes; Item 5.2. - Personnel Report; Item 5.3. Approval of Bills as Audited by the Finance Committee; Item 5.4. - Review and Approval of Board Polices; Item 5.5. - Acceptance of Gifts and Grants; Item 5.6. – Approval of IVCCD's 2023-2028 Facilities Master Plan; and Item 5.7. – Approval of Legal Counsel. Motion seconded by Director Hofer. Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

Approval of the Workspace Furniture Quote for IT Area (700 Hallway):

Mike Mosher reported that IT will be relocating over to the west side of the 700 hallway on the Marshalltown campus. This project is for the support of the furniture in the new IT area located in the 700 hallway. Dr. Fisher shared the old IT area in District Services will become storage.

Motion:

Director Brodin moved approval for the Workspace Furniture contract. Motion seconded by Director Lawler. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Health Care Modernization Recommendation:

Dr. Fisher recommended a transition from a grandfathered health care plan to an Affordable Care Act compliant plan which will allow for plan modernization. Dr. Fisher shared that the District has been working on this recommendation for the past year and this would be the first step to be able to set benchmarks for the District. Dr. Fisher noted she would be sharing more information with employees on the All-Employee Teleconference call on Thursday, September 14.

Other Comments: Director Brodin asked, if we make changes to our health insurance, the District will have more funds to increase salaries for employees? Dr. Fisher stated, that IVCCD is in the early stages of the salary compensation study and having benchmarks from our health insurance will help us be able to move forward with the salary compensation study.

Motion:

Director Lawler moved approval of the Health Care Modernization Recommendation. Motion seconded by Director Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Monthly Financial Statements:

- Ms. Garber shared details about the three-year operating budget. Ms. Gena reported IVCCD's state general aid is up compared to FY 22-23.
- Ms. Garber reported the FY24 preliminary budget is available in Item 8.1. and more details about the budget will be shared next month. The monthly financial report outs will be based off the revenue and expenses of the FY24 budget.

Board President's Report:

- President Johnson appointed Director Hofer as the delegate for the October 2023 ACCT Leadership Congress.

Board Director's Report:

- Director Hofer reported that donations are still needed for the Iowans For A Skilled Workforce.
- President Johnson shared appreciation to the President Search Selection Committee for bringing three qualified candidates to campus.

President's Report:

- Dr. Fisher encouraged Board members to check out the remodeled faculty offices in Reg Johnson.
- Dr. Fisher shared the ECC welding lab is finished and 5 students are enrolled for the fall semester.
- Dr. Fisher noted that enrollment is up 4.7% and a report will be shared at the October Board meeting to show a breakdown of enrollment.
- Dr. Fisher shared an update on bond construction projects for the 2023-2024 school year.

Board Secretary's Report:

- Ms. Bolen shared there is a document in the Director's folder with details about onboarding a new President.

Adjournment:

The Board meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.



Larry W. Johnson, Board President

Amber L Bolen

Amber Bolen, Board Secretary