



IVCCD Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Iowa Valley Community College District

Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 4:00 PM

Ellsworth Community College, Reg Johnson Room 100,
1100 College Avenue, Iowa Falls, IA 50126

Attendance:

Members Present: Chris Brodin (Remote), Amber Danielson (Remote), Joanna Hofer, Larry Johnson, Deb Jones, Clark Lawler, and Paul Pohlson.

Also in attendance were President Dr. Anne Howsare Boyens, Board Secretary Abigail Casey, Board Treasurer Gena Garber, and other college personnel.

Call to Order:

Board President Hofer called the regular session of the Iowa Valley Community College District Board of Directors to order at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at Ellsworth Community College, Reg Johnson Room 100, 1100 College Avenue, Iowa Falls, IA 50126

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:

Board President Hofer noted Item 7.9, Closed Session for Collective Bargaining Strategy, would be moved to the end of the meeting, stating no further action would be taken prior to adjournment.

Approval of the Agenda:

Director Johnson moved approval of the agenda. Motion seconded by Director Lawler. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence and/or Visitors:

None.

Introduction of and Comments from Representatives to the Board:

ECC Faculty Representative Joerg Rochlitzer, MCC Faculty Representative Danielle Kness, IVG Faculty Representative Lucas Shepherd, and BCS Representative Melissa Mulder shared activities about their units. ECC Student Representative Tate Tentinger gave an update about activities with the ECC Student Senate.

Recognitions:

Dr. Barb Klein noted that ECC sent 13 students and four advisors to Sheridan, Wyoming, during spring break for the National PAS Conference. Four students brought home individual honors in their respective competitions and three teams were place winners in the team competitions. ECC also had Nora Ryan and Lizzy Findling hold national officer positions this past year. Students took part in agricultural and natural resource tours, networked with students from across the country, and did a little sightseeing in the Sheridan area. She gave a special thanks to Kevin Butt,

Dwayne Faidley, Honoria Balogh, and Wanda Koehrsen for putting this leadership experience together for our students.

Dr. Klein also recognized ECC Faculty Bethany Starkweather and Joerg Rochlitzer for hosting eight students on a trip to Duale Hochschule Sachsen in Breitenbrunn Germany from March 1-9. Students participated in social work and art workshops, media creations, and job shadowing students with disabilities. They also visited a wood craft museum, an old ore mine from the 16th century, a carnival event and attended a concert. It was a great opportunity for students to explore first-hand the opportunities in international social work with art and creativity.

Introduction of New Employees:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

President's Comments Regarding the Consent Agenda:

Dr. Howsare Boyens noted the graduation lists for Marshalltown Community College and Ellsworth Community College and upcoming graduation ceremonies on May 16.

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

Motion:

Director Lawler moved approval of the Consent Agenda Items: Item 5.1. - Approval of Minutes; Item 5.2 Personnel Report; Item 5.3. - Approval of Bills as Audited by the Finance Committee and Item 5.6 Approval of the ECC and MCC 2024-2025 Spring and Summer Graduation Applications. Motion seconded by Director Pohlson. Motion carried unanimously.

Strategic Presentation:

CIO Mike Mosher provided a comprehensive overview of the cybersecurity landscape at Iowa Valley Community College District. He highlighted the current state of cybersecurity, emphasizing the increase in cyberattacks targeting the education sector and the challenges faced by smaller colleges in hiring skilled professionals. He noted some key team members on the IT staff that do an excellent job of keeping IVCCD secure. Mosher also outlined the institution's major security initiatives, including penetration tests, network segmentation, encryption, and privileged access implementation. He also detailed the concept of information security, risk management, and the phases of an information security assessment. In conclusion he shared that the institution's S2 Score, recommendations for improving administrative, physical, internal, and external technical controls, and the next steps for enhancing security measures.

REGULAR AGENDA

Action Items:

Public Hearing and Approval of FY2026 Certified Budget

The Board reviewed the publication certificates. After stating that the budget has been reviewed and was adopted at the March 12, 2025 Board meeting, Board President Hofer declared that this was an open and public hearing held pursuant to law as published for the

purpose of hearing questions or comments on the proposed FY2026 budget. There were no oral or written comments. Board President Hofer declared the public hearing closed.

Motion:

Director Brodin moved approval of the FY26 budget and filing the budget with the Controlling County Auditor of Marshall County. Motion seconded by Director Jones. On roll call vote: Ayes - Directors Johnson, Lawler, Danielson, Jones, Brodin, Pohlson, and Hofer. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing on the Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract, and Estimated Cost for the IVCCD Grinnell Campus Auto Tech Construction Project

After announcing the formal opening of the public hearing for the IVCCD Grinnell Campus Auto Tech Construction Project, 123 6th Avenue West, Grinnell, Iowa 50112 and that notice has been appropriately published, Board President Hofer requested any written or oral objections to be presented. There were none. Board President Hofer declared the public hearing closed.

Motion:

Director Johnson moved approval of the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost for the IVCCD Grinnell Campus Auto Tech Construction Project, 123 6th Avenue West, Grinnell, Iowa 50112, and setting the date for bid opening for May 1, 2025 at 1 p.m. at the Iowa Valley Community College District Administration Building Board Room, 3702 South Center Street, Marshalltown, IA 50158, and setting the date for bid approval for May 14 at 4 p.m., IVCCD Business & Community Solutions 612/614, 3700 South Center Street, Marshalltown, IA 50158. Motion was seconded by Director Jones. On roll call vote: Ayes - Directors Johnson, Lawler, Danielson, Jones, Brodin, Pohlson, and Hofer. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing on the Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract, and Estimated Cost for the IVCCD Ellsworth Wall Hall Demo Construction Project

After announcing the formal opening of the public hearing for the IVCCD Ellsworth Wall Hall Demo Construction Project, 1100 College Avenue, Iowa Falls, Iowa, 50126 and that notice has been appropriately published, Board President Hofer requested any written or oral objections to be presented. There were none. Board President Hofer declared the public hearing closed.

Motion:

Director Lawler moved approval of the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost for the IVCCD Ellsworth Wall Hall Demo Construction Project, 1100 College Avenue, Iowa Falls, Iowa, 50126 and setting the date for bid opening for May 8, 2025 at 1 p.m. at Ellsworth Community College, Gentle Student Center, Caroline Hall Board Room, 1100 College Avenue, Iowa Falls, 50126 and setting the date for bid approval for May 14 at 4 p.m., IVCCD Business & Community Solutions 612/614, 3700 South Center Street, Marshalltown, IA 50158. Motion was seconded by Director Pohlson. On roll call vote: Ayes - Directors Johnson, Lawler, Danielson, Jones, Brodin, Pohlson, and Hofer. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Accelerated Career Education Program Agreement

Vice President of Business & Community Solutions Jacque Goodman requested the approval an ACE program agreement with Alliant Energy to support the Natural Gas Technician program extension. The Accelerated Career Education (ACE) program is designed to provide businesses

with an enhanced, skilled workforce. ACE assists Iowa's community colleges to either establish or expand programs that train individuals in the occupations most needed by Iowa businesses. IVCCD could receive up to \$29,120 annually (withholding diversions) for 5 years in support of this program.

Motion:

Director Danielson moved approval of the Accelerated Career Education Program Agreement with Alliant Energy. Motion seconded by Director Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Light This Productions Proposal to Repair the MCC Student Activity Sound System

CIO Mike Mosher requested approval of the proposal between Iowa Valley Community College District and Light This Productions for the replacement of failed and outdated equipment in the Marshalltown Student Activity Center sound system. This project includes replacing the nonfunctional mixer board, subwoofer, and amplifiers, as well as upgrading the microphone system to comply with frequency regulations. The scope of work also covers professional installation, system configuration, and sound tuning to ensure optimal performance.

Motion:

Director Lawler moved approval of the Light This Productions Proposal to Repair the MCC Student Activity Sound System in the amount of \$39,316.23. Motion seconded by Director Pohlson. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Datavizion Quote to Purchase a Nutanix Storage Solution

Mosher requested approval of the quote between Iowa Valley Community College District and Datavizion for the purchase of a Nutanix storage cluster. This solution will replace the District's end-of-life HP storage system while also expanding storage capacity for the Marketing department and Broadcasting/Digital Media program. The quote includes a single-node Nutanix cluster with 40 TB of storage, professional services for installation and configuration, and a five-year licensing and support package.

Motion:

Director Johnson moved approval of the DataVizion Quote to Purchase a Nutanix Storage Solution in the amount of \$72,374.64. Motion seconded by Director Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Master Agreement for Concurrent Enrollment

Iowa Valley Grinnell Dean Ashtyn Beek requested approval of the Master Agreement for Concurrent Enrollment and the Summer College Credit Program. The agreements will provide concurrent enrollment for 2025-2026 to the following school districts: AGWSR Community School District, BCLUW Community School District, BGM Community School District, East Marshall Community School District, GMG Community School District, Grinnell-Newburg Community School District, Iowa Falls-Alden Community School District, Marshalltown Community School District, Montezuma Community School District, Eldora-New Providence Community School District, South Tama Community School District, West Marshall Community School District, Choice Charter, Meskwaki Settlement School, and HLV Community School.

Motion:

Director Pohlson moved approval of the Master Agreement for Concurrent Enrollment. Motion seconded by Director Danielson. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Marshalltown Girls Softball Association Lease Agreement

Dr. Matt Schmit requested approval of the 2025-2026 lease agreement with the Marshalltown Girls Softball Association for use of the softball fields and support facilities at Marshalltown Community College, diamonds 2,3,4, sandlot diamond south of the MCC softball field and Diamond 1 (MCC softball field), and support facilities.

Motion:

Director Pohlson moved approval of the Marshalltown Girls Softball Association Lease Agreement. Motion seconded by Director Lawler. Motion carried unanimously.

Monthly Financial Statements

Ms. Garber provided the February monthly financial statements including revenue over expense and the investment report. She noted that as the Certified Budget is filed, work continues on the Operating Budget under a new budget process schedule, with plans to post by July 1.

Board President's Report

Board President Hofer asked for items for the May Board Retreat. Director Johnson said he would like to hear a Legislative Update. Hofer then shared an announcement she saw about Dr. Howsare Boyens being recognized with the Phi Theta Kappa Paragon Award for New Presidents at a recent conference in Kansas City, Mo.

Board Director's Reports

None.

President's Report

Dr. Howsare Boyens recognized the IVCCD Nursing program pass rates for its Associate Degree and Practical Nursing programs — both were well above the state and national averages. The District's 39 PTK students were also recognized. She asked Directors to get in touch with legislators to advocate for a \$12 million increase in funding for community colleges. A Strategic Plan Strategy Team Kick-off is scheduled for April 17.

Board Secretary's Report

Ms. Casey said the Board's Self-Evaluation surveys were emailed to each board member. She asked for RSVP's for the Summer Trustee Conference in Iowa Central Community College and noted registration is open for the ACCT Leadership Congress will be held in New Orleans, Oct. 22-25. She asked anyone interested in attending contact her by next month to make arrangements.

Closed Session for Collective Bargaining Strategy:

Director Lawler moved at 5:44 p.m. to enter into Closed Session under the provisions of Chapter 20.17 of the Code of Iowa for a Collective Bargaining Strategy session. Motion seconded by

Director Pohlson. On roll call vote: Ayes - Directors Johnson, Lawler, Jones, Brodin, Pohson, and Hofer. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment of Closed Session:

Director Lawler moved adjournment of the Closed Session at 6:22 p.m. to return to the regular meeting. Motion seconded by Director Danielson. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board entered Open Session at 6:23 p.m.

Adjournment

The Board meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.



Joanna Hofer, Board President



Abigail Casey, Board Secretary