



IVCCD Board of Directors Meeting

Iowa Valley Community College District
Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 4:00 PM
Iowa Valley Grinnell College, Room 121
123 6th Avenue, Grinnell, IA 50112

Attendance:

Members Present: Chris Brodin, Amber Danielson (remote), Joanna Hofer, Larry Johnson, Clark Lawler, Jackie Pippin, Paul Pohlson

Also in attendance: President Dr. Anne Howsare Boyens, Board Secretary Abigail Casey, Board Treasurer Amanda Bloomquist, 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, March 11, 2026, at the Iowa Valley Grinnell College, Room 121, 123 6th Avenue, Grinnell, IA 50122.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:

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

Approval of the Agenda:

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

Correspondence and/or Visitors:

None.

Introduction of and Comments from Representatives to the Board:

BCS Representative Ricarda Drummer, ECC Faculty Representative Joerg Rochlitzer, MCC Faculty Representative Danielle Kness, and IVG Faculty Representative Barb Hall shared activities about their units. IVG Student Representative Onxe Ibbotson shared remarks about student activities.

Public Comment:

None.

Recognitions:

Dr. Matt Schmit recognized Beth Johanns, IVCCD Associate Dean of Nursing, for her continued leadership and dedication in making possible a new nursing articulation agreement between Iowa Valley Community College District and Iowa State University. This agreement aligns the nursing curriculum at Marshalltown Community College and Ellsworth Community College with Iowa State’s RN-to-BSN program, allowing students to complete their IVCCD nursing degree and seamlessly transition to Iowa State when they are ready to pursue their bachelor’s degree. The program is delivered online with in-person support, enabling registered nurses to continue working while advancing their education. Iowa State’s RN-to-BSN program also boasts a 94% completion rate, significantly higher than the national average of 60%. This partnership is a strong example of how collaboration between institutions creates meaningful opportunities for students—providing a clear pathway from IVCCD to a high-quality four-year degree while allowing students to remain close to home as they prepare to care for Iowa families.

Introduction of New Employees:

Chaunce Stanton, IVCCD Director of Marketing

Strategic Presentation:

Amanda Bloomquist presented the Fiscal Year 2027 Certified Budget, including a summary of projected revenues, expenditures, and key financial assumptions. The presentation highlighted major budget priorities, changes from the prior year, and alignment with strategic goals.

CONSENT AGENDA:

President’s Comments Regarding the Consent Agenda:

Dr. Howsare Boyens thanked Grundy County REC and Maddox Indisrual Transformer for donations to Marshalltown Community College. She also noted the upcoming joint meeting with NIACC, HCC, and AEA on April 1.

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

Motion:

Director Lawler moved approval of the Consent Agenda Items: 5.1 - Approval of Minutes, 5.2 - Personnel Report, 5.3 - Approval of Bills as Audited by the Finance Committee, , 5.5 Acceptance of Gifts and Grants. Director Pippin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

Action Items:

Approval of 260F Iowa Jobs Training Agreement with Manatt's Inc. - \$19,964.00

Neysa Hartzler requested approval of the 260F Iowa Jobs Training Agreement with Manatt's Inc. in the amount of \$19,964.00 for the construction of the MCC Trades Building.

Motion:

Director Johnson moved approval of the 260F Iowa Jobs Training Agreement with Manatt's Inc. in the amount of \$19,964.00 for the construction of the MCC Trades Building. Director Pohlson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Resolution for a 260E Industrial New Jobs Training Agreement with Marshalltown Company - \$580,000

Neysa Hartzler requested approval of the Resolution for a 260E Industrial New Jobs Training Agreement with Marshalltown Company in the amount of \$580,000.

Motion:

Director Brodin moved for approval of the Resolution for a 260E Industrial New Jobs Training Agreement with Marshalltown Company in the amount of \$580,000. Director Pippin seconded. On roll call vote: Ayes – Directors Johnson, Lawler, Danielson, Pippin, Brodin, Pohlson, Hofer. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Resolution for a 260E Industrial New Jobs Training Agreement with Colewell Automation, LLC - \$210,000

Neysa Hartzler requested approval of the Resolution for a 260E Industrial New Jobs Training Agreement with Colewell Automation, LLC in the amount of \$210,000.

Motion:

Director Pippin moved for approval of the Resolution for a 260E Industrial New Jobs Training Agreement with Colewell Automation, LLC in the amount of \$210,000. Director Pohlson seconded. On roll call vote: Ayes – Directors Johnson, Lawler, Danielson, Pippin, Brodin, Pohlson, Hofer. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Substantial Completion - IVCCD ECC Wall Hall Demolition

Dr. Barb Klein requested approval of the completion of the IVCCD ECC Wall Hall Demolition project to establish the date of acceptance of its substantial completion on November 21, 2025, with Zinser Companies.

Motion:

Director Lawler moved for approval of the completion of the IVCCD ECC Wall Hall Demolition project. Director Brodin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of ECC Dittmer Gymnasium Locker Room Renovation Proposal with Shive-Hattery - \$36,000

Dr. Barb Klein requested approval of the ECC Dittmer Gymnasium Locker Room Renovation Proposal with Shive-Hattery in the amount of \$36,000.

Motion:

Director Johnson moved for approval of the completion of the ECC Dittmer Gymnasium Locker Room Renovation Proposal with Shive-Hattery. Director Pippin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Substantial Completion - IVG Autotech

Dr. Matt Schmit requested the approval of the completion of the IVCCD IVG Autotech project to establish the date of acceptance of its substantial completion on November 12, 2025, with Hildreth Construction services.

Motion:

Director Lawler moved for approval of the completion of the IVCCD IVG Autotech project. Pohlson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval to Set Date for Public Hearing and Filing of FY27 Certified Budget

Treasurer Bloomquist requested approval for filing of the certified budget estimate for fiscal year 2027 and establishing the date for the public hearing on April 8, 2026, at 4:00PM at Ellsworth Community College, Reg Johnson Room 100, 1100 College Avenue, Iowa Falls, Iowa.

Motion:

Director Pohlson moved for approval for filing of the certified budget estimate for fiscal year 2027 and establishing the date for the public hearing on April 8, 2026, at 4:00PM at Ellsworth Community College, Reg Johnson Room 100, 1100 College Avenue, Iowa Falls, Iowa. Director Johnson seconded. On roll call vote: Ayes – Directors Johnson, Lawler, Danielson, Pippin, Brodin, Pohlson, Hofer. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 Academic and Holiday Calendars

Ashtyn Beek requested approval of the revised 2026-2027 Academic Calendar and the 2027-2028 Academic Calendar and Holiday Calendar.

Motion:

Director Pippin moved to approval the revised 2026-2027 Academic Calendar and the 2027-2028 Academic Calendar and Holiday Calendar. Director Pohlson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Information Items:

Monthly Financial Statements:

Treasurer Amanda Bloomquist reported on the January 2026 narrative summary, statement of revenue over expenses, and investment report.

Board President’s Report:

Board President Hofer shared the Proposed Integration plan from Community Colleges for Iowa to combine the Trustee Conference and the Annual Convention. She asked for feedback from the board as to how she would vote at the May IACCT meeting. The board agreed she should vote no on the proposal.

Board Directors’ Reports:

None.

President’s Report:

Dr. Howsare Boyens shared that administration is busy working on hiring faculty and staff due to upcoming retirements. She noted a successful Day on the Hill and advocacy for the 260 programs. She also discussed the House approval of the Bachelor's pilot program for community colleges.

Board Secretary’s Report:

Secretary Casey requested to finalize Board member participation at the MCC and ECC graduations. Directors Pohlson, Pippin, and Hofer agreed to participate at the MCC graduation. Directors Johnson, Lawler, and Hofer agreed to participate at the ECC graduation.

The Board took a short recess.

Closed Session for Collective Bargaining Strategy Session:

Director Johnson moved to enter Closed Session at 5:20 p.m. under Iowa Code 20.17. Director Brodin seconded. On roll call vote: Ayes – Directors Johnson, Lawler, Danielson, Pippin, Brodin, Pohlson, Hofer. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Johnson moved to exit the Closed Session at 5:55 PM. Director Lawler seconded. The Board returned to Open Session at 5:55 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.



Joanna Hofer, Board President



Abigail Casey, Board Secretary