



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

April 8, 2024

The regular Board of Trustees meeting for Indian Hills Community College was held on April 8, 2024, in the Perkins Conference Room on the Main Campus, Indian Hills Community College, Ottumwa, Iowa. Board President Mr. Richard J. Gaumer called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

**Members present:** Mr. Richard J. Gaumer, Mr. Kevin Crall, Ms. Beth Danowsky, and Ms. Lori Yates.

**Zoom/Phone:** Ms. Christine Estle, Mr. Jerry Kirkpatrick, Ms. Katie Nichols, and Mr. Alan Wilson.

**Members absent:** Mr. Riley Sheetz.

**Approval of Agenda**

It was moved by Ms. Yates and seconded by Ms. Danowsky to approve the board agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the March 11, 2024, Regular Board meeting were reviewed.

**Motion**

It was moved by Mr. Crall and seconded by Ms. Danowsky to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2024, Regular Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**Public Hearing to Adopt the FY25 Budget Estimate and Certify College Taxes**

Mr. Gaumer asked for a motion to open the public hearing to adopt the FY25 Budget Estimate and Certify College Taxes.

**Motion**

It was moved by Ms. Yates and seconded by Mr. Kirkpatrick to open the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gaumer asked Ms. Harvey if she had received any written objections or protests on the FY25 Certified Budget Estimate and College Taxes. She stated "no." Mr. Gaumer asked if there were any oral objections or comments. There were no comments or discussion, so he asked for a motion and second to close the public hearing.

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**Motion**

It was moved by Ms. Danowsky and seconded by Mr. Kirkpatrick to close the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Taren Ferguson, Chief Financial Officer, stated that the board will vote on the FY25 Certified Budget Estimate and College Taxes. As presented in March total levy rates of \$1.26138 and a total spending authority of \$86.51 million.

All affidavits and paperwork have been received from our 10-county areas. If this proposed budget is approved, all paperwork will be filed with all County Auditors.

Mr. Gaumer asked for approval of the FY25 Certified Budget Estimate and College Taxes.

**Motion**

It was moved by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Kirkpatrick to approve the FY25 Certified Budget Estimate and College Taxes.

A roll call vote was taken:

Richard J. Gaumer	Yes
Beth Danowsky	Yes
Alan Wilson	Yes
Katie Nichols	Yes
Christine Estle	Yes
Lori Yates	Yes
Jerry Kirkpatrick	Yes
Kevin Crall	Yes

Members absent: Mr. Riley Sheetz.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Monthly Claims**

Board member Ms. Nichols reviewed bills for the month of March on behalf of the board and reported that all questions were answered by appropriate staff members.

**Motion**

It was moved by Ms. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Yates to approve the monthly claims for the month of March. The motion carried unanimously.

**Financial Report**

Ms. Taren Ferguson, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Financial Report. **Revenues** were higher by \$1,296,452. Tuition & Fees are up \$432,396 from the previous year due to an increase in course fees (\$119,170.00) from Aviation Pilot training. Course Fees have been changed to align with the market. There is also an increase in resident (\$225,688.00) and non-resident tuition (\$138,500.00). State Support was higher by \$356,305 due to State General Aid. Other income was up \$463,242 due to earning higher interest compared to last year at this time (\$201,488.00), more reimbursements from the Construction Technology program in Chariton, Iowa, they are building two houses this year (\$37,100.00) and receiving higher administrative fees on grants (\$25,000.00). IHCC has had larger OEPI submissions this year compared to last year at this time (\$211,000.00) due to two elevator overhauls.

**Expenses** are lower by \$76,738. Salaries & fringes were down by \$33,287 due to turnover and less cost in fringe benefits being elected/paid out. Services were down \$36,780 due to timing of paying international students' insurance, less 260E and 260F reimbursements (\$56,000.00). Material and supplies were down \$48,559 due to less costs in software/licensure purchases and decreased mileage/travel expenses (\$37,300.00).

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**Fund 2** – Levees are performing well. Capital equipment has all been expensed.

**Bond Proceeds & Levy Series 2022 and Series 2023** bond information were combined and are on the first page. The second page shows IHCC's ongoing bond expenses and revenues in relation to Bond projects.

**Motion**

It was moved by Mr. Crall and seconded by Ms. Danowsky to approve the Financial Report. The motion carried unanimously.

**Community Colleges for Iowa Report**

Mr. Richard J. Gaumer encouraged board members to write to a legislator and encourage him/her to vote for an appropriation of \$10 million for community colleges in Iowa. Due to the change in the funding formula, the \$10 million will lessen the effects. The authority to grant community college presidents to divide Funding Formula money is expected pass.

Dr. Thompson stated that the funding formula will be reviewed annually and minor changes made as needed.

**Personnel Report**

Mr. Zeke Flick, Director, Human Resources presented the Personnel Report.

**Motion**

It was moved by Ms. Yates and seconded by Ms. Danowsky to approve the Personnel Report. The motion carried unanimously.

**Termination of Probationary Status**

Mr. Zeke Flick, Director, Human Resources, gave board members a Notice of Termination of Contract in Probationary Period. The faculty member is under probationary status and Mr. Flick asked board members to approve the termination of the contract at the end of the contracted year due to misalignment of the college's core values and lack of professionalism.

Mr. Flick asked board members to take action to terminate the faculty member under probationary status.

**Motion**

It was moved by Mr. Crall and seconded by Ms. Danowsky to terminate the faculty member under probationary status.

A roll call vote was taken:

Richard J. Gaumer	Yes
Beth Danowsky	Yes
Alan Wilson	Yes
Katie Nichols	Yes
Christine Estle	Yes
Lori Yates	Yes
Jerry Kirkpatrick	Yes
Kevin Crall	Yes

Members absent: Mr. Riley Sheetz.

The motion carried unanimously.

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**\$310,000 Industrial New Jobs Training Certificates, Series 2017-1**

- a. Resolution Authorizing Redemption of Outstanding Certificates and Directing Notice be Given

Dr. Jennifer Wilson reported that bonds are being redeemed due to all training being completed and IHCC will save \$18,490.00 in interest.

Mr. Gaumer asked for a motion and a second to approve Notice of Redemption of the Industrial New Jobs Training Certificates, Series 2017-1.

**Motion**

It was moved by Ms. Yates and seconded by Mr. Crall to approve the Notice of Redemption of the Industrial New Jobs Training Certificates, Series 2017-1.

A roll call vote was taken:

Richard J. Gaumer	Yes
Beth Danowsky	Yes
Alan Wilson	Yes
Katie Nichols	Yes
Christine Estle	Yes
Lori Yates	Yes
Jerry Kirkpatrick	Yes
Kevin Crall	Yes

Members absent: Mr. Riley Sheetz.

The motion carried unanimously.

**\$450,000 Industrial New Jobs Training Certificates, Series 2018-1**

- b. Resolution Authorizing Redemption of Outstanding Certificates and Directing Notice be Given

Dr. Jennifer Wilson reported that bonds are being redeemed due to all training being completed and IHCC will save \$26,625.00 in interest.

Mr. Gaumer asked for a motion and a second to approve Notice of Redemption of the Industrial New Jobs Training Certificates, Series 2018-1.

**Motion**

It was moved by Ms. Danowsky and seconded by Mr. Crall to approve the Notice of Redemption of the Industrial New Jobs Training Certificates, Series 2018-1.

A roll call vote was taken:

Richard J. Gaumer	Yes
Beth Danowsky	Yes
Alan Wilson	Yes
Katie Nichols	Yes
Christine Estle	Yes
Lori Yates	Yes
Jerry Kirkpatrick	Yes
Kevin Crall	Yes

Members absent: Mr. Riley Sheetz.

The motion carried unanimously.

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## **President of the College**

### **A. Facilities Report**

Dr. Brett Monaghan, Vice President, Student Development & Operations reported that window ledge work will begin in Keokuk/Mahaska Hall. IHCC's maintenance team will be building storage racks for Performing and Visual Arts. IHCC is working with Alliant Energy on cost savings. IHCC purchased 400 lights from Alliant Energy for \$1.00 per light.

The Industrial Maintenance Lab has been painted, ceiling tile has been installed, and flooring is being installed.

Centerville Academic Building completion date is April 22, 2024. Dr. Monaghan will start a punch list at this time. Final punch walk through will be the end of May. Drywall has been completed, as well as most of the painting, carpet, cabinets, and kitchen finishes in area B. Beginning June 1, 2024 the remaining buildings on the Centerville Campus will be demolished.

The arched vestibule in front of Performing and Visual Arts (new entrance) should have the arch finished by Thursday, April 11, 2024. Mill work and countertops should be completed by Friday, April 12, 2024. Exterior work will begin the week of April 15, 2024. Board members will tour Performing and Visual Arts after the May 13, 2024 board meeting.

Dr. Thompson proposed having the September board meeting in Centerville due to demolition of buildings on the Centerville Campus beginning June 1, 2024. Board members agreed with meeting in Centerville in September instead of June.

### **Approval of Exercise Science and Kinesiology**

Dr. Jill Budde, Vice President, Learning & Engagement, reported on the Exercise Science and Kinesiology transfer major. She stated that this transfer major will replace the Sports Medicine transfer major. Over the last 6 years Arts and Sciences at community colleges have been working with Regents and Universities creating seamless transfer majors.

Dr. Jill Budde asked for board approval for the Exercise Science and Kinesiology transfer major to be taught beginning August 26, 2024.

### **Motion**

It was moved by Ms. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Yates to approve the Exercise Science and Kinesiology program as a transfer major.

### **Closing Comments**

Dr. Thompson reported that spring graduation will be held May 15, 2024 in Centerville, Ms. Delaney Evers, Tourism & Main Street Director will be the speaker. May 16, 2024 graduation is on the Ottumwa Campus and the speaker will be Ms. Christine Estle, Jefferson County Public Health Administrator and Board of Trustee.

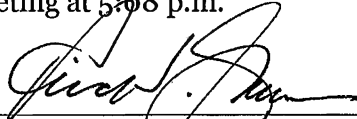
Ribbon cutting for the IHCC Irma W. Winslow Education Center is Thursday, August 22, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. on the Centerville Campus.

Ribbon cutting for the Center for Performing Arts is Thursday, August 15, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. on the Ottumwa Main Campus.

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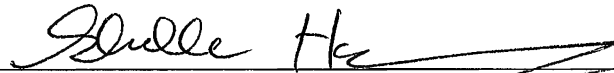
**Adjournment**

Board member Ms. Lori Yates moved that the meeting be adjourned. Hearing no objections, Mr. Gaumer adjourned the meeting at 5:08 p.m.



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