CALL TO ORDER: Iowa Valley Community College District Board President Larry Johnson called the joint meeting of the Central Rivers Area Education Agency, Hawkeye Community College, Iowa Valley Community College District and North Iowa Area Community College Boards of Directors to order at 4:45 P.M., Monday, April 1, 2019 via Zoom Video Conference from the Iowa Valley Community College District Administration Building Board Room, 3702 South Center Street, Marshalltown, Iowa.

INTRODUCTIONS: Present from Iowa Valley Community College District: Directors Chris Brodin, Deborah Crosser, Joanna Hofer, Larry Johnson, Deborah Jones, Delbert Kellogg, and Paul Pohlson, and Chancellor Dr. Christopher Duree. Also in attendance were Board Secretary Barbara Jennings; Dr. Martin Reimer, and Jacque Goodman.

Present from Central Rivers Area Education Agency were: Directors Bryan Burton, Dennis Craun, Maureen Hanson, Roberta Kraft-Abramson, Dr. George North, and Dr. Tony Reid, and Central Rivers Administrator Sam Miller. Also in attendance were Board Secretary Lori Thomas; Beth Strike, Dr. Julie Davies, and Dr. Jon McKinzie.

Present from Hawkeye Community College: Trustees Jay Nardini, Bruce Clark, Shari Sell-Bakker, Casey McLaughlin; President Dr. Linda Allen; and Board Secretary/Assistant to the President Donna McNulty.

Present from North Iowa Area Community College: Trustees John Rowe, Doug Krabbe, Karen Knudtson, Catherine Rottinghaus, and David Steffens; President Dr. Steve Schultz; Ilsa Otto, President’s Assistant and Ms. Noele Beaver, Board Secretary.

UPDATES: Dr. Duree’s Updates for Iowa Valley Community College District:

Marshalltown’s July 19, 2018 Tornado Recovery Efforts
Dr. Duree reported IVCCD had over $2 million in damages to its off-campus buildings in the downtown area. The main campus in Marshalltown became the central headquarters for the American Red Cross, accommodating 200 volunteers from across the country; housed Lennox Manufacturing’s administrative offices and the Marshall County Courthouse District Court bench trials; 100 Alliant Energy line workers in our dormitories; and Iowa Workforce Development provided services on campus for displaced workers.

Retirement and Interviews of Chancellor Candidates
Dr. Duree announced that he will be retiring June 30 after 30 years of education administration. Interviews for the Chancellor position will be finalized April 2, and an announcement of the new Chancellor will be made on April 17.

Facilities Update and Bond Referendum
Prior to the tornado IVCCD had planned to run a $33 million bond referendum in the fall of 2018, but it was put on hold due to the tornado until April 2 when a $32 million bond referendum will go before the voters with a theme of Safety, Security and Sustainability.

Regional Planning Partnership
IVCCD is having gradual progress with our Regional Planning Partnership with a focus on Construction Trades and Skilled Trades.
Superintendents Meeting
IVCCD had an excellent superintendent meeting with our AEA superintendents in the fall where we spent time sharing resources available through Future Ready Iowa and our community college websites to assist their guidance counselors in doing some upscaling on guided career pathways.

Iowa Department of Education Accreditation
In February, IVCCD completed its 10-year Accreditation Visit with the Iowa Department of Education and feel good about that.

Higher Learning Commission Open Pathways Assurance Argument
IVCCCD is in the process of completing its HLC Open Pathways Assurance Argument that will be submitted in June. Dr. Duree noted IVCCD has made a lot of progress on its Integrated Institutional Effectiveness and Assessment initiative.

Dr. Duree stated it has been a good year, and IVCCD has overcome some obstacles, and hopefully, there will be a good outcome with our April 2 Bond Referendum

Mr. Miller’s Updates for Central Rivers Area Education Agency:

Regional Planning Partnerships
Mr. Miller shared with the group the good partnerships the school districts and community colleges have established for the Regional Planning Partnerships (RPP). He updated the group that he has spoken with the Iowa Department of Education regarding the large amount of paperwork that is required and the need for a more streamlined process.

Future Ready Iowa
Mr. Miller reported on the Future Ready Iowa Events that were held across the state. Central Rivers AEA hosted one, which was very well received.

Mr. Miller congratulated Dr. Chris Duree and Dr. Linda Allen on their upcoming retirements and thanked them on behalf of Central Rivers AEA for all they have done for Iowa students.

Dr. Allen’s Updates for Hawkeye Community College:

Facilities Update
Over the 2018 Holiday Break period, faculty and staff moved their teaching materials and personal effects from Hawkeye’s older adult education facility, the Metro Center on West Fourth Street in downtown Waterloo, to the new 45,000 square feet Van G. Miller Adult Learning Center on Jefferson Street. It took a lot of work to move everything and get settled into the new space, but staff began reporting to work there on Wednesday, January 2. On January 14th the new day care center opened on site, and spring College credit classes started as well. The first adult education classes began on Monday, January 28.

On Tuesday, January 29 the dedication of this new facility was held with about 200 guests in attendance, while it was near record-low temperatures and wind chills outside. At the dedication, the Van G. Miller Family Charitable Foundation’s generous gift of $2 million was recognized during an unveiling ceremony for the new center’s name, the Van G. Miller Adult Learning Center at Hawkeye Community College. Other donor gifts totaling more than $4 million were recognized as well. The total cost for the Van G. Miller Adult Learning Center was $13 million, part of a $25 million bond levy that received overwhelming voter support in 2015.
The next project using funds from the 2015 bond will be a health sciences building located on Hawkeye’s Main Campus. This new facility will move beyond our current virtual hospital built in 2013 to the next level of healthcare training using virtual training opportunities for all health program areas in team or systems-based approach.

**Employee Development Day**
Hawkeye Community College’s annual Employee Development Day took place on Friday, March 1. Faculty and staff heard a keynote address from Dr. Nathan Grawe, author of Demographics and the Demand for Higher Education. Dr. Grawe provided key insights from his research on the coming “demographic storm” that will impact higher education enrollments for the Midwest and Northeastern parts of the United States.

**Phi Theta Kappa All-Iowa Academic Team Recognition event**
Hawkeye Community College was the host college for this year’s Phi Theta Kappa All-Iowa Academic Team Recognition event which was held in Des Moines on Monday, March 4. Phi Theta Kappa is the honor society for two-year colleges and this event recognized students from all 15 community colleges in Iowa for their academic excellence. Waterloo Mayor, Quentin Hart, delivered the keynote address for this event.

**Community College Day on the Hill**
The IACCT Office coordinated the annual Community College Day on the Hill on Tuesday, March 5. Each college had a booth in the capitol rotunda and spent the day sharing information with lawmakers about the opportunities provided to students, businesses, and the communities we serve.

**Retirement**
Dr. Allen acknowledged that she will be retiring on June 30 and expressed gratitude to the board members and colleagues for their commitment to Iowa’s community colleges.

**Dr. Schulz’s Updates for North Iowa Area Community College:**

Dr. Schulz thanked Dr. Duree and Dr. Allen for their leadership noting he appreciated their mentoring him as a new president.

**100th Anniversary**
Dr. Schulz reported NIACC kicked off their 100th Anniversary by hosting the 2018 IACCT Conference. In addition to the conference, NIACC participated in community parades and events, presented at service clubs, and last weekend they held an event with 100 of their best contributors to their athletic programs since 1919. The 100 year anniversary activities will be capped off with a fundraiser gala hosted by their Foundation on June 8 with a goal of raising $100,000 in scholarships.

**STEM Wing**
NIACC opened its new STEM wing this fall that was remodeled with funding from a $9 million capital campaign. The facility was remodeled and all the equipment was replaced in all the science classrooms, and space was added on the end. Dr. Schulz noted enrollment in STEM courses was up 11% this fall, therefore, having updated facilities does make a difference. Six hundred kids attended STEM festival and NIACC has hosted the Verizon STEM Camp for around 3 years; and Dr. Schulz stated that hopefully these youth activities will become pathways for these younger students.

**National Science Foundation Grant**
NIACC received notice last week that they were the recipient of a National Science Foundation grant in Robotics, and if things go well with that program, they will be eligible for another $750,000.
Regional Planning Partnerships

Last year, NIACC developed certifications, high school concurrent enrollment and college programming with Snap On Tools in NC3. Dr. Schulz noted that was a great start and this year, the group decided to roll the money forward as they begin to build out regional centers.

New Hires

NIACC has hired two new vice presidents out of four in six months, so there has been a lot of change on campus.

Bond Issue

NIACC is in the early stages of gearing up for a bond issue, and similar to HCC and IVCCD, it will be for updating infrastructure and remodeling spaces on campus.

WRAP UP:

Dr. Duree thanked everyone for attending and for their support. He stated it has been a pleasure working with the presidents and Mr. Miller, and it has been an honor serving as Chancellor for IVCCD in the Iowa Community College System and in K-12 as a teacher and administrator.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Larry W. Johnson
Board President

Approval Date

Barbara E. Jennings
Board Secretary