



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Community College District No. 522**  
**Marsh Conference Room**  
**Belleville Campus**  
**April 19, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District #522 was held Wednesday, April 19, 2023 in the Marsh Conference Room at the Belleville Campus, 2500 Carlyle Avenue, Belleville, Illinois. Chairman Nick Raftopoulos called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Trustees present:

John S. Blomenkamp (remote)  
Steve Campo  
Charles Hannon  
Robert G. Morton  
Nick Raftopoulos  
Richard Roehrkasse

Trustee absent:

Sara Soehlke

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Board Chair Raftopoulos requested a moment of silence for SWIC employee Susan Montgomery who suddenly passed away at her residence April 11, 2023. Susan worked for the college approximately twenty years and was the long-time TRIO Student Support Services Administrative Assistant at the Sam Wolf Granite City Campus. She was a beloved co-worker who will be greatly missed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Raftopoulos referred to the consent agenda items to be considered by the Board of Trustees and asked if any trustee desired to have any items removed in order to have them considered separately. Trustee Morton pulled Item VIII.A.1. from the Planning and Policy Committee; and President Mance pulled Item X.F.1. from the Personnel, Programs and Services Committee.

**MOTION 04-19-23:01**

Mr. Morton moved, seconded by Mr. Roehrkasse, to:

- approve the minutes from the regular Board meeting of March 22, 2023 and the Executive Session of March 22, 2023;
- award the lowest responsible bid for automatic doors and floors at the Belleville Campus to Millennium Construction, St. Louis, MO in the amount of \$589,756.00 utilizing PHS funds;
- award the lowest responsible bid for three elevator modernizations at the Belleville Campus to Century Elevator Service, St. Louis, MO in the amount of \$354,646.00 utilizing PHS funds;
- award the lowest responsible bid for asbestos removal in four biology labs and a prep area at the Belleville Campus to General Waste Services, Inc., Alton, IL in the amount of \$139,500.00 utilizing PHS funds;
- award the lowest responsible bid for tuckpointing at the Southwestern Illinois Justice & Workforce Development Campus (Auditorium, Dixon Center, Library, Linden Hall) to Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc., a subsidiary of Tremco, Inc., Beechwood, OH in the amount of \$1,871,010.48 utilizing Southwestern Illinois Justice & Workforce Development Campus state funds;
- purchase two R650 PowerEdge servers to serve as Business Intelligence servers from Dell, Round Rock, TX in the amount of \$30,903.40 utilizing budgeted departmental funds;
- purchase equipment for the Manufacturing Training Academy in the total amount of \$3,094,888.00 utilizing Build Back Better grant funds as follows:

Haas Automation	St. Louis, MO	\$ 584,000.00
FPE Automation	Elk Grove Village, IL	\$ 327,888.00
Carl Zeiss Industrial	Maple Grove, MN	\$ 528,000.00
Zoller Inc.	Ann Arbor, MI	\$ 40,000.00
Zimmerman Inc.	St. Louis, MO	\$ 435,000.00
Machinery Solutions Inc.	Lexington, SC	\$ 70,000.00
Maruka USA	Lee's Summit, MO	\$ 370,000.00
Niigata Machine Techno	Elk Grove Village, IL	\$ 100,000.00
CJ Smith Machinery	Fenton, MO	\$ 100,000.00
Kent Industrial	Tustin, CA	\$ 60,000.00
Wurth Additive Group	Greenwood, IN	\$ 480,000.00
TOTAL		\$3,094,888.00;

- purchase Avionics equipment from Avotek, Weyers Cave, VA in the amount of \$164,595.00 utilizing HEERF III funding;
- purchase surveying equipment from Seiler Geospatial, St. Louis, MO in the amount of \$36,447.10 utilizing HEERF III funding;
- purchase sonography equipment from Electromek, Troy, IL in the amount of \$97,027.00 utilizing Pipeline for Advancement of Healthcare Workforce Programs (PATH) grant funding;
- purchase radiography equipment from Electromek, Troy, IL in the amount of \$56,000.00 utilizing Pipeline for Advancement of Healthcare Workforce Programs (PATH) grant funding;
- purchase two Bobcat Skid Steer Loaders from Bobcat of St. Louis, Fairview Heights, IL in the amount of \$113,382.52 utilizing budgeted departmental funds and Southwestern Illinois Justice & Workforce Development Campus state funds;
- purchase a security camera and door access system for the Southwestern Illinois Justice & Workforce Development Campus from Utilitra, Edwardsville, IL in the amount of \$213,207.29 utilizing Southwestern Illinois Justice & Workforce Development Campus state funds;
- ratify the purchase of ammunition from Curt Smith Sporting Goods, Belleville, IL in the amount of \$25,960.00 utilizing Police Academy grant funding;
- renew contract with DDI Media, St. Louis, MO in the amount of \$20,280.00 for the period May 1, 2023 through October 31, 2023 for billboard advertising in the I-255 and the I-270 areas utilizing budgeted departmental funds;
- approve amendment to agreement with TimelyMD/TimelyCare to provide psychiatric services for student users in the amount of \$20,580.00 per year, bringing the total cost of the four-year contract to \$493,920.00 utilizing HEERF/HB 0969 funding;
- accept new State of Illinois ICCB Intergovernmental Agreement #ESLHEC-SWIC-23 in the amount of \$100,000 for the period January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 to offer additional programming, in conjunction with programs funded by the Workforce Equity Initiative and the Adult Education and Literacy program held at the Wyvetter Younge Campus, specifically to serve the East St. Louis community;
- accept renewal State of Illinois, IDOT Highway Construction Careers Training Program (HCCTP) grant in the amount of \$382,420 for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 to provide supportive services including but not limited to recruiting, counseling, remedial training, with special emphasis upon increasing training opportunities for members of minority groups and women;

- approve renewal affiliation agreement with Belleville West High School to allow students in the Nursing Education program to utilize the site for the purpose of providing practical learning and clinical experiences;
- approve renewal affiliation agreement with HSHS Hospitals to allow students in the Nursing Education program to utilize the sites for the purpose of providing practical learning and clinical experiences;
- approve renewal affiliation agreement with Jersey Community Hospital to allow students in the Radiologic Technology program to utilize the site for the purpose of providing practical learning and clinical experiences;
- approve renewal affiliation agreement with Red Bud Regional Hospital to allow students in the Radiologic Technology and the Medical Sonography programs to utilize the site for the purpose of providing practical learning and clinical experiences;
- approve renewal affiliation agreement with The Rehabilitation Institute of Southern Illinois, LLC to allow students in all Allied Health programs to utilize the site for the purpose of providing practical learning and clinical experiences;
- approve renewal affiliation agreement with Rural Family Medicine to allow students in the Medical Assistant program to utilize the site for the purpose of providing practical learning and clinical experiences;
- approve renewal articulation agreement with Eastern Illinois University to allow SWIC students possessing an AA, AS or AFA to transfer into specific EIU programs;
- approve renewal articulation agreement with Greenville University to allow SWIC students possessing an AAS degree in Human Services Technology to transfer to a Social Work BSW at Greenville University;
- approve new transitional Math Partnership Agreement with Chester School District 139 for the establishment, implementation and delivery of transitional math instruction to the District's students in accordance with the Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act; the Statewide Transitional Math Competencies; and policies jointly agreed upon by ISBE, ICCB, and IBHE;
- accept a gift to the college of assorted recording equipment for the Music department;
- accept the following resignations:
 

Connie Kaiser, Administrative Assistant to the Dean	03-24-23
Michelle Carroll, Administrative Assistant AEL/SWGCC	04-30-23
Dylan Verrett, Commissioned Public Safety Officer, BC	03-23-23;
- appoint Julie Range Covlin to the full-time faculty position of Communication Arts Instructor effective August 1, 2023 at an annual salary of \$51,461 (Step 1 Masters on the Faculty Salary Schedule);

- appoint Kristal Roe to the full-time position of Licensed Practical Nurse/Certified Nurse Assistant Instructor effective May 1, 2023 at an annual salary of \$48,491 (Step 1 of the Faculty Salary Schedule)
- appoint Elisa Wallace to the full-time position of Certified Nurse Assistant Instructor effective August 1, 2023 at an annual salary of \$48,491 (Step 1 of the Faculty Salary Schedule);
- appoint Tammy Santarelli to the full-time position of Medical Surgical Technology Program Coordinator/Instructor effective May 1, 2023 at an annual salary of \$49,699 (Step 3 of the Faculty Salary Schedule);
- appoint Sarah Miller to the full-time grant-funded administrative position of TRIO Student Development Coordinator effective May 1, 2023 at an annual salary of \$46,675 with employment subject to the provisions of the Personnel Procedures for Administrators and contingent upon the continued receipt of external funding;
- appoint Nirvana Rambojun-Dimmitt to the full-time SWIC EE position of Accounts Payable Clerk effective May 1, 2023 at an annual salary of \$31,236 in accordance with the SWIC Educational Employee Collective Bargaining Agreement;
- appoint Yusuf Buckley to the full-time Maintenance position effective April 17, 2023 at an hourly rate of \$26.00 subject to the provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between District 522 and Local 116 SEIU, Services Employees Union;
- appoint Michael Augustine and Mariser Chaidez to the two full-time Custodial positions effective May 1, 2023 at an hourly rate of \$21.15 subject to the provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between SWIC District 522 and Local 116 SEIU, Services Employees Union;
- appoint Ibrahim Bedwan to the full-time Commissioned Public Safety Officer position at the Belleville Campus effective April 20, 2023 at an annual salary of \$45,760 with employment subject to the provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Southwestern Illinois College and Policemen's Benevolent Labor Committee-SWIC Public Safety Employees Union 2022-2025;
- appoint Thomas Morgan to the full-time grant-funded position of ATS Driver effective May 1, 2023 at an hourly rate of \$21.32 based on the SWIC ATS IFT-AFT Local 6600 Salary Schedule and the continued receipt of external funding;
- hire Joshua Davis and Yolanda Weems to the part-time positions of Custodian effective May 1, 2023 at an hourly rate of \$14.49 subject to the provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between District 522 and Local 116, Service Employees Union for up to 28 hours per week;
- hire Jasmin Fierros Rios, Charles Chapman, Fredrick Haynes, Dantreze Grace and Vernell Hackett to the part-time grant-funded positions of ATS Driver at an hourly rate of

\$18.27 based on the SWIC ATS IFT-AFT Local 6600 Salary Schedule for up to 28 hours per week and the continued receipt of external funding;

- create and to advertise the following positions:

Part-time Grant-funded SWIC EE Position: Special Project Coordinator-English as a Second Language (subject to the continued receipt of external funding); and

Part-time e-Sports Instructor;

- ratify the appointment of Beth Johns to the Foundation Board of Directors effective March 28, 2023; and
- ratify the March 2023 actions concerning part-time and temporary faculty and staff according to Board Policy 3005, Recruitment, Selection and Appointment of Faculty and Staff.

Upon a roll call vote, those trustees voting aye were Mr. Blomenkamp (remote), Mr. Campo, Mr. Hannon, Mr. Morton, Mr. Roehrkasse, and Mr. Raftopoulos. Nays: none. Absent: Ms. Soehlke.  
**PASSED**

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

#### **MOTION 04-19-23:02**

Mr. Roehrkasse moved, seconded by Mr. Hannon, to approve the bills as presented, including travel-related expenses of members of the Board of Trustees and of employees:

Education Fund	\$2,662,364.25
Operations & Maintenance Fund	587,236.96
Operations & Maintenance Fund-Restricted	2,734,727.73
Restricted Purposes Fund	1,163,328.63
Trust & Agency Fund	14,091.48
Audit Fund	33,500.00
Liability, Protection & Settlement Fund	46,692.87

Grand Total All Funds: \$7,241,941.92

Upon a roll call vote, those trustees voting aye were Mr. Blomenkamp (remote), Mr. Campo, Mr. Hannon, Mr. Morton, Mr. Roehrkasse, and Mr. Raftopoulos. Nays: none. Absent: Ms. Soehlke.  
**PASSED**

### **PLANNING AND POLICY COMMITTEE**

Chairman Hannon introduced the topic that was pulled from the consent agenda and invited discussion on the proposed amendments to Board Policy 3002: Eligibility for Initial Employment. These proposed amendments concern nepotism and hiring changes.

Trustee Morton stated the proposed amendments were not in the best interests of the college and the Board. He believes this proposed change is a fundamental policy of the college and it should

not be incumbent on the new Board. Trustee Hannon disagreed and provided examples of what he thought were hiring concerns.

**MOTION 04-19-23:03**

Mr. Hannon moved, seconded by Mr. Campo, to approve first reading of the proposed amendments to Board Policy 3002: Eligibility for Initial Employment. Upon a roll call vote, those trustees voting aye were Mr. Campo, Mr. Hannon, and Mr. Raftopoulos. Nays: Mr. Blomenkamp (remote), Mr. Morton, and Mr. Roehrkasse. Absent: Ms. Soehlke. **FAILED**

**FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Chairman Roehrkasse stated the committee had no additional items.

**PERSONNEL, PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Chairman Campo stated the committee had no additional items.

**REPORTS**

**President's Report**

President Mance had no report.

**ICCTA Report**

Trustee Roehrkasse reported the next meeting of the ICCTA Board of Representatives will be held at the State House Inn, Springfield on May 2, 2023, in conjunction with the ICCTA Lobby Day on May 3, 2023.

The Annual Convention will be held June 1-3, 2023 at the Bloomington-Normal Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Normal, IL. On June 2, two sessions (morning and afternoon) of the Trustee Professional Development Training as required by Public Act 99-0692 will be held. On June 3, the association will elect its new officers for the coming year. Hotel cut-off date is Thursday, May 11 and Convention registration cut-off is Wednesday, May 24. Additional information will be provided at the reorganization of the Board of Trustees meeting, to be held April 26, 2023.

Closing remarks from Trustee Roehrkasse to Trustees and Staff:

“I am grateful for the time we have spent working together and the friendships and professional relationships that I have formed during my time on the Board. I truly value that time working toward the betterment of the college. Thank you!”

**Attorney's Report**

Mr. Hoerner presented a request to adopt the following resolution which authorizes administration to enter into electrical supply and/or natural gas supply agreements when the rates are most beneficial to the college.

**MOTION 04-19-23:04**

Mr. Hannon moved, seconded by Mr. Roehrkasse, to adopt by title only “A Resolution Authorizing the Future Execution of Electrical Supply Agreement(s) and/or Natural Gas Supply Agreement(s) as Recommended by Midwest Energy

Alliance”. Upon a roll call vote, those trustees voting aye were Mr. Campo, Mr. Hannon, Mr. Morton, Mr. Roehrkasse, and Mr. Raftopoulos. Nays: none. Absent: Mr. Blomenkamp (dropped off at 5:57 p.m.) and Ms. Soehlke. **PASSED**

**MOTION 04-19-23:05**

Mr. Hannon moved, seconded by Mr. Roehrkasse, to adopt “A Resolution Authorizing the Future Execution of Electrical Supply Agreement(s) and/or Natural Gas Supply Agreement(s) as Recommended by Midwest Energy Alliance”. Upon a roll call vote, those trustees voting aye were Mr. Campo, Mr. Hannon, Mr. Morton, Mr. Roehrkasse, and Mr. Raftopoulos. Nays: none. Absent: Mr. Blomenkamp and Ms. Soehlke. **PASSED**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Trustee Hannon commended Trustee Roehrkasse for his years of continuous service (31 years and eight months) on the Board of Trustees.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Hannon moved, seconded by Mr. Roehrkasse, to adjourn the meeting at 5:59 p.m. Following a voice vote the motion carried.

Approved: **05.17.23**

Respectfully submitted,

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Nick Raftopoulos  
Board Chairman

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Beverly J. Fiss  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees