

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
SOUTHEASTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE  
3575 COLLEGE ROAD, HARRISBURG, IL 62946  
August 15, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

The Southeastern Illinois College Board of Trustees held its regular meeting on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, in the Rodney J. Brenner Board Room at SIC. On roll call, the following members were present: Dr. Franke Barbre, Mr. Dave Dennison, Mr. Jim Ellis, Mrs. Debbie Hughes, Mr. Richard Morgan, Mr. Blake Bradley, and Student Trustee Ms. Addison Bean.

Also present: Dr. Karen Weiss, Dr. Kyla Burford, Dr. Chris Barr, Dr. Jonah Rice, Lisa Hite, Megin Rice, and Kathy Volkening.

Dr. Barbre welcomed guests and allowed time for comment.

**ICCTA Report – Dr. Barbre**

Dr. Barbre announced that we will be attending an ICCTA Regional Trustee meeting on November 7, 2023.

**Student Trustee Report – Addison Bean**

Ms. Addison Bean had no official report but said that students are glad to be back on campus.

**Dr. Rice's Report**

Dr. Rice updated the Board the budget. There may be a modest fee increase in FY25 but we are still more affordable than other colleges. He reported that we have two interested buyers for the Hise mansions. Trustee Ellis inquired when the bids would end. Dr. Rice said that it will be up to the board if we accept a bid before the end of the auction. Dr. Rice met with the Shawnee National Park & Preservation committee. He was invited to go back to his hometown high school and enjoyed his visit. Rick Welborn visited him and said thank you to him and the board for the competitive teams that are filling up the Campus Living. There was a busy start to the school year. The gym floor looks great. Cosmetology program had a wait list. A kiln was donated to the art studio by Charlene Whitler. There's a lot going with grants right now. Dr. Rice went on to officially submit his resignation to the board, effective June 30, 2024. Trustee Hughes recalled the things Dr. Rice had been involved in bringing to SIC and the board gave a round of applause for him. Dr. Rice gave the board all the credit and his appreciation for their hard work. Trustee Morgan commented on Dr. Rice's foresight and ability to move SIC forward.

**SICEA – Paul Cummins**

Paul Cummins was absent from giving his report.

**Consent Agenda**

Trustee Ellis made a motion, seconded by Trustee Bradley, to approve the Consent Agenda, which included July 18, 2023, regular and closed session minutes, destroying the tapes of the February 2022 closed session, treasurer's report, approval of bills for July 2023 which totaled \$1,213,990.39 which included \$499,974.22 in payroll. On roll call, all members voted, aye. Motion carried.

### **Action Items**

- A. A motion was made by Trustee Hughes, seconded by Trustee Bradley, to approve the bid proposal for Security Services. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- B. A motion was made by Trustee Hughes, seconded by Trustee Dennison, to approve moving the October board meeting to October 31, 2023. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- C. A motion was made by Trustee Ellis, seconded by Trustee Bradley, to approve the Course Fee Increase for HYG 113 and CNA 131 courses. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- D. A motion was made by Trustee Bradley, seconded by Trustee Hughes, to approve the Early Retirement Incentive for Non-Faculty Exempt Employees. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

### **Non-Action Items**

- A. Reviewed Proposed Board Policy #9027 Financial Holds – First Reading.
- B. CTE Academy – Dr. Rice reported enrollment numbers exploded and said we plan to continue the program.
- C. Correspondence – ASE Education Foundation

### **Personnel**

A motion was made by Trustee Morgan, seconded by Trustee Dennison, to approve all items listed in Personnel. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

- A. Approve Retirement of President
- B. Approve transfer of Vice-President of Academic and Student Services to President
- C. Approve revised FY 25 Organizational Chart
- D. Approve freezing Vice-President of Academic and Student Services
- E. Approve revised job description for Executive Dean of Academic Services
- F. Approve revised job description for Executive Dean of Institutional Effectiveness
- G. Approve revised job description for Executive Dean of Student Services
- H. Approve the resignation of CTE Navigator.
- I. Approve Adjunct Assignments for Fall 2023 Academic Term.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Morgan made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Ellis. All members voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.