

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SPOON RIVER COLLEGE

Wednesday, April 25, 2018
6:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Spoon River College was held on Wednesday, April 25, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in the Spoon River College Conference Center, Canton Campus, Canton, Illinois.

1.0 GENERAL FUNCTIONS

1.1 Call to Order

Mr. Schleich, Chair, called the meeting to order 6:00 p.m.

1.2 Roll Call

Members Present:

- Mrs. Gayle Blodgett
- Mrs. Linda Butler
- Mr. Jerry Cremer
- Mr. Dave Maguire
- Mr. Kevin Meade
- Mr. Phil Murphy
- Mr. Kent Schleich
- Mr. Resham Singh, Jr.

Present were Mr. Curt Oldfield, President; Ms. Missy Wilkinson, Dean, Student Services; Mr. Brad O'Brien, Dean, Career and Workforce Education; Ms. Holly Norton, Dean, Transfer Education; Mr. Colin Davis, Director, Foundation; Ms. Michelle Bugos, Director, Human Resources; Ms. Sally Shields, Coordinator, College Information; Ms. Janet Munson, Director, Enrollment Services/Registrar; Ms. Beth VanTine, Developmental Math Faculty; Mr. Jim Sheff, Developmental Math Faculty; Mr. Brian Dalpiaz, Mathematics Faculty; and Mrs. Julie Hampton, Executive Assistant to the President/Recorder.

Also present: Ms. Parris Grace; Mr. Larry Eskridge, Canton Daily Ledger.

1.3 Invocation

Mr. Meade gave the invocation.

1.4 Welcome of Guests

Mr. Schleich welcomed the guests who were in attendance. He indicated the Board will be going into closed Session at the end of the meeting with no action taken.

1.5 Public Comment

Mr. Schleich said asked if anyone present would like to address the Board. There were no requests.

1.6 Approval of Minutes

1.6.1 March 28, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

Following a motion by Mr. Maguire, seconded by Mr. Cremer, and a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved the March 28, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes.

1.7 Report – Board Member Comments

Mr. Schleich asked if there were any comments from the Trustees.

Mr. Murphy said a member of the community told him they had attended the Lifelong Learning Event and was very impressed and said SRC is an asset to the community.

Mr. Schleich said he attended the Habitat for Humanity fundraising event and said it was a nice start and his team came in second. He said he appreciated the time and efforts spent planning the event.

Mr. Schleich also reported that he attended the PTK event on campus, and he thought Mr. Maher did a tremendous job, and it was one of the better keynote addresses he has heard.

Lastly, Mr. Schleich said he attended the PTK banquet in Springfield where our students were recognized. It was a tremendous event. He shared the program from the banquet.

1.8 Resolution Honoring Resham Singh, Jr., Spoon River College 2017-2018 Student Trustee

Mr. Schleich read the following Resolution into record:

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION
STUDENT TRUSTEE RESHAM SINGH, JR.
2017-2018**

WHEREAS, Resham Singh, Jr. served as Student Trustee on the Spoon River College Board of Trustees from April 2017 to April 2018; and

WHEREAS, Resham was involved throughout his term in Board and College activities, representing the interests of students while attending Board meetings and College events, serving as an effective advocate in the role of the Student Trustee; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Trustees of Illinois Community College District #534 gratefully expresses to Resham Singh, Jr. the appreciation and thanks of the entire District for his service on the Spoon River College Board.

Unanimously adopted by the Spoon River College Board of Trustees this 25th day of April, 2018.

Following a motion by Mrs. Butler, seconded by Mrs. Blodgett, and a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees adopted the Resolution of Appreciation, Student Trustee Resham Singh, Jr., 2017-2018.

Mr. Schleich presented Resham with a plaque and his portrait as well as a gift from the Trustees. Resham thanked the Board for the tremendous opportunity to serve as the voice of the students. He expressed his gratitude to the students for choosing him in this capacity. It has been a great pleasure to work with the Trustees as well as take the responsibilities of the ICCB SAC group. He has met a lot of great people, and if it wasn't for this opportunity, he wouldn't have seen the

potential in himself. He said Parris Grace will be a great student trustee and expects her to show him up. She has a very kind and compassionate soul and is always very outgoing and determined.

1.9 Seating of New Student Trustee

1.9.1 Administer Oath of Office

Mr. Schleich administered the Oath of Office to Parris Grace.

Following a motion by Mrs. Butler, seconded by Mr. Meade, and a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees seated Parris Grace, Student Trustee.

Ms. Grace thanked the Board for the opportunity.

1.10 Report – ICCTA Representative

Mrs. Blodgett presented the following report:

Highlights of the ICCTA April 17 Meeting

- Prepared for ICCTA’s April 18 Lobby Day in Springfield. Trustees focused on three issues when talking with legislators this year:
 - SECURING full and stable Fiscal Year 2019 funding for community colleges;
 - PROTECTING the ability of community colleges to be the first choice for dual credit courses in local high schools; and
 - SUPPORTING the Baccalaureate in Science degree in Nursing option for community colleges;
 - Called attention to ICCTA’s “65/15” stickers and information sheets, which note that community colleges educate 65% of Illinois higher education students but receive only 15% of state higher education funding
- Legislation that failed to pass out of committee before the April 13 committee deadline have been sidelined for now. The General Assembly can revive a bill they deem worthy, and many bills will likely receive an extended deadline. Two weeks remain to pass the rest of the bills ICCTA is monitoring out of their house of origin.
- April 27, the next deadline (and the half way point in the spring session), again reduces the number of bills under consideration. Legislation must pass out of the chamber of origin prior to the deadline.
- While appropriation committees hear testimony from executive agencies and departments, the real question is will we have a budget approved by the General Assembly by the adjournment date of May 31. That is an entirely different process, most of which is behind closed doors.
- Senate Bill 888 (Baccalaureate Nursing Degree), Amendment #5 was scheduled for a hearing before the Senate Higher Education Committee yesterday. This newest version of the Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing issue created much interest among proponents and opponents, some of whom were present in the Capitol Building for the hearing. The Senate Higher Education Committee convened on time, then adjourned, without hearing any bills or amendments. No explanation was given. Senate Bill 888, without any amendments, is currently on 3rd reading in the Senate. Without an amendment, Senate Bill 888 is a “technical bill” that makes no change in the law. The Senate deadline for the passage of Senate Bills out of the Senate is this Friday, April 27. An extension of this deadline is possible for SB 888. Other techniques may also be used to keep the BSN issue moving forward.

1.11 Report – Student Government Representative

Ms. Grace presented the following report:

Members of the Canton and Macomb Student Government Associations attended Student Advocacy Day in Springfield April 12. Students were able to meet with local legislators and discussed higher education funding and the importance of MAP funds for community college students. It was my first time to this part of Springfield. Seeing the historic leaders gone by such as Abraham Lincoln's monument was one of many high points in this day. Listening to students address current legislative leaders with the ideas for helping others with regard to gaining their support for MAP funds was interesting. It was moving to hear the concerns of the school by the people while being present in this type of an atmosphere.

Western Illinois Regional Council set up the clothesline project display on the Macomb Campus for Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault awareness.

Becky Sisson, SRC alumna, from the Fulton-Mason Crisis Service, provided Sexual Assault Awareness and Child Abuse Awareness to students on the Canton Campus.

TRIO workshops topics this month included: setting goals, preparing to transfer, and budgeting for summer fun. TRIO students and staff traveled to St. Louis on April 6 for a cultural trip. They visited the Missouri History Museum and the City Museum. TRIO students attended the Discover Western campus visit on April 7.

82 new members were inducted into the Nu Delta Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society this academic year with 49 members participating in the induction ceremony Tuesday, April 17. Currently, 141 PTK members are enrolled in coursework at SRC.

Snapperpalooza was held on Wednesday, April 18 in Canton and Macomb. Students enjoyed free pizza and drinks, while several students also won Snapper swag as door prizes! In Canton, live music was provided by student group Father Talljasper and the One Hit Psychedelics on the lower level patio. During Snapperpalooza the Canton SGA sponsored a bake sale. The group sold out of their baked goodies and will donate proceeds to the Red Cross to assist with the continued recovery efforts in Puerto Rico.

Kaleidoscope, the student journal of art and literature, was released today (April 25th) and celebrated at our annual Coffee Spoon event on the Canton and Macomb sites (a copy is available at each seat). All students were invited to attend and read poetry, discuss their art and photography, play music, and sing. Refreshments were provided on each campus.

The Speech and Debate Team had scholarship auditions this month, with six individual scholarships being awarded. The coach is pleased that he'll have four returning veterans who can help show the newbies the ropes, including returning captain, Jake Eddington. The team is already hard at work preparing new pieces for next year's season.

Havana staff encouraged students to register for summer/fall courses with cookies and a drawing for a bookstore gift card. Students who make an appointment and register before April 30 will have their name entered for a bookstore gift card.

Phi Theta Kappa will hold the "Walk for Ashley" fundraiser on this Saturday, April 28th beginning at 10 a.m. Participants will walk from the steps of SRC in Macomb to the steps of Sherman Hall on the campus of WIU to signify the educational journey of Ashley McCloud. Donations may be made to the Ashley McCloud Scholarship fund.

The 13th Annual Tractor Show and Car Cruise-In will be held on the Canton Campus this Saturday, April 28 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The event is hosted by Diesel and Power Systems Technology students in the Phi Mu Tau Fraternity.

1.12 Report - Spoon River College Foundation

Mr. Murphy presented the following report:

- Financial
 - Revenues: \$25,388.09
- The SRC Foundation met Wednesday, April 25 at 7:30 a.m. via IVS. Mr. Murphy noted that the Foundation Board meetings will be moving to Thursdays for three months.
- The Foundation heard a presentation on the achievements of the SRC Community Chorus:
 - Reached over \$100,000 in ticket sales since its inception in 2005
 - Over 200 participants participating as musicians, technicians, actors, dancers, and singers
 - Five permanent, endowed scholarships and currently working on sixth
 - 30 concerts/revues, mini-concerts, musicals, and plays since 2005 – including two world-premiere, original productions
- The Foundation unanimously renewed its three-year agreement with Carol Davis to continue as artistic director for the chorus through 2020-2021, and for the Foundation to continue its support for the SRC Community Chorus during that timeframe. The 2018-19 season will include the annual winter concert in December, a mini-concert in early 2019, and, tentatively, the musical *Guys and Dolls* in summer 2019.
- A reminder to “save the date” for Friday, July 27, the date of this year’s golf outing at Wee-Ma-Tuk Country Club. Letters will go out in the next week inviting businesses and individuals to be a part of this year’s event.
- Finally, the Foundation’s May meeting on May 16 will be its “Annual Meeting,” where it conducts the majority of its organizational business – new members, the new executive committee, budgets, policies and procedures, etc.

Mr. Colin Davis presented the following report:

- Students offered a scholarship for the 2018-19 academic year have until this Friday to return their acceptance letters, and SRC will be represented at each district high schools’ awards ceremonies to congratulate the students in person. Thank you to those of you who have volunteered to represent SRC at these events! In addition on the scholarship front, we received funding for the fall semester from West Central FS and GROWMARK to continue their scholarships for students in the agriculture department, and we thank them for their continued support.
- The totals are in from “Murder Among the Mateys,” which raised over \$13,500 for the SRC Foundation’s operations in Macomb. Thank you to everyone who helped make the event a success, but special thanks to Erin Orwig, Mandy Kreps, and Velvet Powell, who went above and beyond the call of duty.
- Many Trustees are planning to attend tomorrow night’s President’s Reception, and we thank you for your help in thanking those folks who make the Foundation’s missions possible. This year, 32 people, businesses, or organizations will move on or up the Donor Wall following their contributions in 2017.

Mr. Schleich asked about the West Central FS contribution. Is that funding for this last year and what was given out? Colin said this will be the third year that West Central FS provided these scholarships funds. They give \$5,000 each year for scholarships within the Ag Department. Applicants have to interview with FS, and awards are given by the College. It helps to create a nice employment pipeline. They also do a similar program at WIU. Colin said they also provide a \$5,000 unrestricted gift to the Ag Department to use for needs in the department. Kent asked if the funds are used each year for purchases. Brad said one year we purchased a John Deere mower and fencing from the Amish in Cuba. Kent said you could almost fund all of your ag

students and give smaller gifts. Colin said that is something that could be explored. West Central FS is involved in who is selected by making recommendations.

1.13 Report – Board Member Comments

Mr. Maguire reported that he and President Oldfield attended Lobby Day and paired with the City of Macomb. They were able to put together a legislative front for our district as well as the Macomb community. Macomb added SRC to their legislative agenda, and he shared and reviewed the agenda. They met with Senator Tracy, Representative Hammond, met with Dr. Bowman twice, and that gave SRC a high profile with the Macomb Chamber.

Mr. Maguire also reported that there was an article put out by WIU featuring one of our former students and employee Katey Gorsuch. She works in Admissions at WIU. The article was about “high school seniors from western Illinois can get a jump start in college by going to WIU.” They will also offer a 2/3 credit discount – which takes their tuition to the rate of our SRC tuition. He is concerned that we provide the most economical and best option for our in-district students. The competition is there and will be going forward. Dave shared the article with the Trustees. Mr. Murphy said he read it and assumed it was all online classes? President Oldfield said they will either do it with students attending at one of the WIU campuses or they are going to hire adjunct or full time faculty and go to the high schools to teach the courses.

Mr. Maguire reported that dual credit was addressed with Dr. Bowman during the Lobby Day activities on Tuesday. High school dual credit was reviewed as well as articulation standards. Dr. Bowman, who is Executive Director of Illinois Board of Higher Education, said four year universities need to stay out of community college business. President Oldfield said the scenario is that universities are having a faculty of record and hiring a TA who teaches the course. Our argument is that we require that our dual credit instructors have the same credentials that our full time and adjunct faculty do. The TA does not regardless of having a faculty of record. We feel the Dual Credit Quality Act is only being administered to community colleges and not the universities. President Oldfield said we are now seeing colleges and universities come in from out of state which then only opens that pipeline even bigger when we address high school students who choose to go out of state. We are working with the House Higher Ed Committee to get a bill through committee. It was scheduled to be in committee, had opposition, was shut down, but now there is new life.

Mr. Schleich asked who represents Agriculture on the Macomb Chamber. Dave said there are multiple factions with Ag. President Oldfield said Scott Schwerer as the McDonough County Board Chair. Kent asked if there is a Farm Bureau rep. President Oldfield said yes. Dave said there are several from financial institutions who have an ag person as well.

2.0 PRESIDENT’S REPORT

2.1 Communications

President Oldfield reported that thanks to Julie’s help we submitted an award application for a Business and Industry Partnership with Cook, Inc., and we are waiting to hear on the finalists. ICCTA recognizes one each year, and we will let the Board know when we hear the results.

President Oldfield reported that on May 2 and 3 we have our employee recognition events. May 2 is in Canton and May 3 in Macomb both at 3:30.

May 12 is Commencement. Janet Munson is preparing for the event in our new multipurpose building. President Oldfield said lineup is at 12:40 p.m. with the ceremony scheduled for 1 p.m. If you are not able to attend, please let Janet Munson know.

President Oldfield reported that he would like all to think about Retreat dates and dates that will not work. We meet in July, so please let Julie know any dates that will not work. July is held at the Macomb Campus.

Mr. Schleich thanked Julie for pulling together the nomination of Cook, Inc., for the ICCTA Business and Industry Partnership award nomination.

2.2 Business and Finance Report

2.2.1 Authorize the following payments for the month of April 2018:

Payroll	\$ 574,019.99
Accounts Payable (excluding Travel)	491,461.26
Accounts Payable Travel Expenses	7,406.19
Accounts Payable BOT Travel Expenses	202.32
Student Refunds (Accounts Payable)	-0-
Student Refunds – Nelnet (electronic)	<u>109,547.67</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,182,637.43

Following a motion by Mrs. Butler, seconded by Mr. Murphy, and a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees authorized the following payments for the month of April 2018:

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2.2.2 Adopt a Resolution Authorizing Business Officers to Apply for Credit

President Oldfield explained that MidAmerica National Bank had approached us about the process that we have in place and made some recommendations from a risk management standpoint. They suggest that we work with TCM Bank so the cards work like a credit card in an effort to minimize opportunities for fraud or for the cards to be compromised. TCM bank would assume any fraud resolutions. This will function like a line of credit but tied to an account. This solution was proposed by MidAmerica National Bank and will still be MidAmerica cards.

Following a motion by Mr. Meade, seconded by Mrs. Butler, and a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees adopted a Resolution Authorizing Business Officers to Apply for Credit.

2.3 Institutional Planning

- Developmental Math Update – Jim Sheff and Beth VanTine presented the following report:

Jim Sheff introduced himself as well as Beth VanTine and said they both teach developmental math. According to a report by Midwest Higher Education Compact, only 33% of students who start in Developmental Math will complete the remedial sequence and only 20% will complete a college level math course. Jim presented a comparison of taking MAT 061 before taking a Gateway course and said the numbers are with withdrawals and without withdrawals. He also explained that the ABC Rate is included. The withdrawal rate is lower than what others see which is somewhere around 18% compared to our 7.8 to 8.1%. Jim presented how our students are doing in Developmental Math and explained retention is key in this area. He also said that the D rate is low for students who were in the developmental classes. Jim addressed how developmental students do in college level math and said our increase is steady across the board. The number of A students has improved significantly. Beth reviewed what has been done so far to enhance student learning:

- Hired first full-time faculty member ever for specializing in Developmental Mathematics and eventually a second.
- Switched to the Hawkes Learning System –
 - Moved away from paper and pencil assignments to instant feedback.
- Summer Bridge Camps (over the last 8 years) –
 - Help students refresh memory and start at a higher level in Developmental Math
 - We ran three different pilots of this idea alone
- Advisory Discretionary Placement in –
 - Fewer students are being misplaced in Developmental Math courses
 - Adjusted in 2014 and again in 2017
- Self-Paced Pilots Offered with Video Tutorial Lectures on Each Lesson –
 - Two versions were piloted. Current version provides pre-assessment.
 - Rolling out to all campuses Fall 2018
- Constantly looking for alternative approaches.

Beth said not every student personal fits the module. They are working to keep students self-motivated and get them to maintain a routine.

Jim shared a comparison of how many students who took a developmental course from 2000-2007 compared to 2010-2017. Dave Maguire asked during that 2000-2007 time period, what was our student census at that point. President Oldfield said 1600 times 8. Jim said it is about 60% of students need a developmental course – which includes English, too, as well as math.

Beth thanked Jim for his time that he spent researching this data presented this evening. Jim said the grades of students that Brian sees who are going on are better prepared and receive higher grades.

Mrs. Butler asked how we show the success and use this data to our benefit. Jim said he presents the stats to his students. Beth said from 2010 to 2017 was a time when we were making changes yet our numbers didn't waiver. Beth said the modules also all have video lectures for the students. We have developed those videos for students so they can have the lectures at home as well. This allows students to use the videos for both lecture courses. Beth said she has found that students have not watched the videos, so they work with that. Parris Grace said she has taken those and felt like she was playing a game and was determined to win. Jim said it is intense for the students and they are doing well.

President Oldfield said the “now what” is that he has challenged our IE and Enrollment committees to begin to look at the why we can't get to the 100% and figure that out. How do we as a college address that? We need to try to prepare ourselves ahead of time, and President Oldfield said he has challenged those two committees to develop a tool kit to be more proactive as our students come in to register to get them set up to have successes built

in before ever walking in to a class. We have students who are overwhelmed with life and need to prepare prior to class.

Mrs. Butler said this could be used to approach high school students who think they wouldn't be successful in college because they aren't successful in math. President Oldfield said by the fall of 2019, high schools have students in a fourth year of math and then we as colleges have to place them into those gateway courses. That work is being done now. Jim and Beth's work will give us a good benchmark to see if those high school classes being taught now work. Mr. Schleich asked if that four year requirement is for college bound students. President Oldfield said no. Mr. Schleich asked about Jim's comment about the high school transcript being used for placement. Kent said people tell him that so many students get passed on out of math whether they can pass it or not. Jim said they are required to get a B in Geometry and Algebra II.

Mr. Schleich thanked Beth and Jim for their very informative report.

- Enrollment Management – Janet Munson presented the following report:

Janet thanked the Trustees for the opportunity to report on High School Capture 2017.

Janet presented the Fall 2017 enrollment and said we have 750 students in the 18-21 age range. Over half of our student population is in the dual credit and 18-21 age groups. Janet also reviewed with the Trustees our target markets and reviewed the population of the SRC district high schools along with the number of seniors. Janet said for FY2019, there are 740 students, and the class of 2020 totals 745 and 2021 is 873. That is definitely a large jump. Janet reported on 2017 college bound high school grads attending SRC in the fall of 2017, and she said that we had 32% attend SRC. About 1/3 of college bound is a good capture percentage. Janet presented the high school capture for college bound students by high school. Mr. Schleich asked about Astoria and the high percentage of those high school graduates attending SRC. Janet said the high school counselor at Astoria is very supportive, and we have a great relationship.

Janet presented the following summary:

- Four in-district high schools showed an increase ranging from 2% to 27%
- Six of ten in-district high schools have a college-bound capture rate greater than 34% (ranged from 35% to 69%)
- 18-21 age range represents 42% of our student body
- Number of high school seniors projected to increase through 2021

Janet presented the following Future Initiatives:

- Open Houses. We had a very successful Open House on March 7. We plan to expand to Macomb and have scheduled an open House there on September 12.
- Campus Visit days. We are looking at what others are doing, and we will focus on a particular discipline in Macomb – Criminal Justice. In Canton, we will focus interests and show students that you can start your degree here and complete and transfer to a university.
- Communication efforts. Increase communications to parents about the savings realized by coming here, financial aid, and FAFSA information. In-district counselors are invited to the annual High School Counselor Meeting, and we provide them with information as well as highlight a program and have faculty members meet with the counselors as well as provide tours.
- Explore opportunities for increased presence in high schools. Brad O'Brien and Hannah Neuendorf are in the process of developing career pathways which will be available on our website for access to parents as well. Accuplacer is internet based,

so we can go to the high schools for testing for students as well. Recruiting advisors attend parent teacher conferences as well as report card pick-ups.

- Increase student to student recruitment efforts. – Janet reported that this was a key component of the Open House with the student involvement in labs during the tours. SRC students attend recruiting events in high schools as well as use current SRC students on our marketing post cards. Sherry Rader uses students from a particular high school for that area and makes it more personal for potential students.
- Increase faculty to student recruitment efforts. Faculty are involved in the campus visit days as well as the recruiting visits in high schools.
- Connect with students early. Advisors receive lists daily of students who have applied. They reach out to those students to see if they need assistance and to advise what the next steps are. We also follow up with inquiry cards as well as with students who have ACT and or SAT scores sent to us.
- Identification of areas for Advocates for College Enrollment (ACE) focus. Janet said we are reviewing high school capture data and ideas to grow those numbers.

Mr. Schleich asked about data on dual credit enrollments. Missy Wilkinson said we will have an update at the end of this year, and she will get that information for the Trustees. Janet said our overall dual credit enrollment has increased. Janet said it helps having Hannah in the dual credit coordinator role because of her contact with not only the students but also the parents. Missy said we also have a number of students who graduate this year from high school as well as SRC this May.

Mrs. Butler asked about the campus visit and the tours of the multipurpose building. Did that include the Villas? Janet said yes.

Janet said because we do the onsite registrations for fall, that is pretty much wrapped up for now but if the high school counselor is willing for us to come in, we will register for summer and fall. She also said that this is one of the first years we have been in the high school in Macomb. That is a plus and a step in the right direction. Kent asked about Carl Sandburg and their scholarships for Galesburg Promise. President Oldfield explained the program and said it allows the Galesburg graduates to go to Sandburg at no cost.

Mr. Schleich thanked Janet for the very informative report.

- Community Outreach/Workforce Development Report – Brad O’Brien presented the following report:

Brad thanked Mr. Murphy for mentioning the Lifelong learning institute this year. It was a very successful event, and Velvet will report more details in May.

Brad reported that for the past few years, we have held a CTE open house in the spring. This year, however, we combined that with the campus wide open House held in March. This was done in part due to the Canton Area Chamber of Commerce approaching us and asking us to partner with them on two separate career days. Through this partnership, we featured Health Care Careers on March 16th and Trades and Agriculture Career Day on March 23. The goal of each day was to further educate high school students on the career pathways available to them in both areas.

The health care career day was a partnership between the SRC, the Chamber, Graham Hospital, Unity Point, SIU School of Medicine, and Fulton County Emergency Medical Association. Students from Canton High School learned about careers ranging from EMT to Laparoscopic surgeon and everything in between. About 70 students attended.

SRC had the opportunity to feature our Nursing program as well as our Allied Health program. Allied Health Coordinator, Melissa Miller, and Director of Nursing, Tabatha Schleich, were instrumental in the planning of this event.

The Trades and Agriculture Career Day was a partnership again with the Chamber. We had 6 trades unions involved including Operators 649, Laborers 231, Carpenters 237, Sheet metal 1, IBEW34, and Plumbers local 63. About 60 students from Canton High school attended. From the Agriculture industry, we had representatives from Pioneer, Fulton FS, Fairview Sale Barn, Fulton County Farm Bureau, Monsanto Genetics Corporation, Grow mark, and Grainger. Students had the opportunity to visit booths and learn more about those career opportunities. Once again, SRC had the opportunity to highlight our Agriculture, Diesel, and Welding programs.

Brad reported that both of these events proved to be very successful and appreciated by the students who attended. We looked at this year as a type of pilot program. All parties involved have already made the decision to open this event to more local schools next year. Not only was this beneficial for the student but was also an opportunity for us to build some relationships that will be helpful as we create additional programs. I've already met with Dr. Rob Swage from the Mid-Central Illinois Regional Council of Carpenters and the Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee. We have started conversations about possible partnerships and articulation agreements.

Brad shared a short video of some of the highlights of both days.

The Board thanked Brad for his very informative report.

- Facilities Update – Brett Stoller was absent, so President Oldfield provided the following Facilities Update:

Geo Thermal Well Driller:

Taylor - All 45 wells drilled and back filled with thermal grout
- Manifold tie in scheduled to start May 4 with a final flush and test by May 11th.

Centers/Engle – 30 of 100 wells drilled and back filled with thermal grout at Center/Engle. This include extra casing needed in four wells.

Taylor, Centers, Engle General Construction Equipment Room Additions:

General site work is running well
Taylor Mechanical Room outer walls are complete
Taylor Hall drywall
Centers Mechanical Room next
Engle Mechanical Room on hold for a short time to tear out unlevel concrete where doors need to be installed and re-pour the concrete
Once outer walls are complete steel will be installed to support roof – Steel delivery May 14th
Once steel in place, roofs installed and brick the exterior

Tuck Point Repairs:

On schedule and will be complete by May 18th.

Votec Roof:

Materials will be delivered Thursday, May 3
Work should start Monday, May 7
Work should take about 4 weeks depending on the weather

Water Tower:

Pump house/ booster station is installed

Piping to water tower base installed and pressure tested
Foundation for tower is complete.
The tower contractor will be onsite beginning Monday to erect the water tower
Tower should be erected by end of May

Mr. Schleich asked if the water tower sections are on campus. President Oldfield said yes, they are on the trailers in the Engle parking lot. Kent asked if it will be painted. President Oldfield said yes.

3.0 ADDITIONAL ITEMS

There were no additional items for the Board.

4.0 CLOSED SESSION. In accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act, Section 2 (c), the Board of Trustees will adjourn to Closed Session for the purposes of paragraph 1) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; and 3) collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

Mr. Schleich said that there was a call for Closed Session, and action was not expected following the Closed Session.

Following a motion by Mr. Maguire, in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act, Section 2 (c), the Board of Trustees will adjourn to Closed Session for the purposes - #1 employee evaluation and #3 collective bargaining. Mrs. Butler seconded the motion, and following a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees, in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act, Section 2 (c), the Board of Trustees will adjourn to Closed Session for the purposes - #1 employee evaluation and #3 collective bargaining at 8:02 p.m.

The Spoon River College Board of Trustees returned to Open Session at 9:01 p.m.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

Following a motion by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Meade, and unanimous approval, the Regular Meeting of the Spoon River College Board of Trustees, April 25, 2018 adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Mr. Kent Schleich, Chair

Date

Mr. Phillip Murphy, Secretary