

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

Wednesday, October 24, 2018, 6:00 p.m.
Spoon River College, Room 100, 706 Maple Avenue, Rushville, Illinois

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Spoon River College was held on Wednesday, October 24, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., at Spoon River College Rushville Center, Room 100, 706 Maple Avenue, Rushville, Illinois.

1.0 GENERAL FUNCTIONS

1.1 Call to Order

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

1.2 Roll Call

Members Present: Ms. Linda Butler
 Mr. Jerry Cremer
 Mr. Dave Maguire
 Mr. Kevin Meade
 Mr. Phil Murphy
 Mr. Kent Schleich
 Ms. Parris Grace – arrived at 6:08 p.m.

Member Absent: Mrs. Gayle Blodgett

Also present were Mr. Curt Oldfield, President; Mr. Brett Stoller, Vice 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. Sarah Gray, Director, Business and Auxiliary Services; Mr. Rob Kirkham, Director, Rushville Center, Ms. Sarah Dalpiaz, Mathematics Faculty; Mr. Brian Dalpiaz, Mathematics Faculty; Mr. Joe Clemens, Diesel Tech Faculty; and Ms. Julie Hampton, Executive Assistant, President/Recorder.

Also present: Mr. David Pistorius, First Midstate; Ms. Missy Towery, Spoon River Partnership for Economic Development; Ms. Sara McKenna, Wipfli; and Ms. Myya Robinson.

1.3 Invocation

Mr. Cremer gave the invocation.

1.4 Welcome of Guests

Mr. Schleich welcomed the guests who were in attendance.

1.5 Public Comment

Mr. Schleich asked if there were any comments from the audience. There were no requests for public comment.

Mr. Schleich said the order of the agenda would be changed some this evening to allow guests to present their items and then leave. Many have long drives this evening.

1.6 Approval of Minutes

1.6.1 September 26, 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 September 26, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes.

1.7 Report – ICCTA Representative

Mrs. Blodgett was absent. Mr. Maguire reported that the next meeting will be November 9 and 10 and include both legislative and legal updates. A survey was sent to all Trustees from the Association. They are trying to get responses as part of developing a strategic plan for the Association. They would like to have in place a general direction as they move into the Executive Director search. Mike Monaghan will be retiring effective June 30, 2019. Dave reported that he has agreed to serve on the search committee.

1.8 Report – Student Senate Representative

Ms. Parris Grace presented the following report:

The “PERK UP! You’re halfway done with this semester!” free coffee bar was held in Canton and Macomb during fall midterm week. Students are now registering for Spring 2019 and Summer 2019 semesters.

Canton Student Government Association in coordination with Fulton-Mason Women’s Crisis Center held a domestic violence awareness event on the Canton Campus on October 10. Because October is domestic violence awareness month, SGA wanted to promote awareness by having a representative from the local women’s crisis center available to answer questions and give general information to our student body. Employees and students were also asked to wear purple on that day to promote awareness of Domestic Violence Issues.

Canton SGA in coordination with Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center held a blood drive on October 17th in the Student Center on the Canton Campus. Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center was able to collect 10 units of blood for local people in need.

The Macomb-Rushville Nu Delta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa hosted the 3rd Annual Walk for Ashley on October 17th. Ashley McCloud graduated with honors from SRC before transferring to WIU. She lost her long battle with lupus in 2016. The event raised funds for the McCloud Service and Academic Excellence scholarship. Participants walked from the front steps of the Macomb Campus to the steps of Sherman Hall on the WIU Campus to commemorate Ashley’s academic journey.

People for Earth’s Ecological Preservation (PEEPS) hosted two Tai Chi workshops on October 1 and 2. The attendance was positive and PEEPS is hoping to bring the Tai Chi instructor back to offer the Canton Campus community more opportunities to learn Tai Chi.

On October 19, PEEPS and BIO 103 (Zoology) took a trip to the Saint Louis Zoo. The Zoology class took a behind the scenes tour of the zoo’s Veterinary Hospital.

PEEPS hosted the Fall Canton Campus Cleanup today. Thank you to all who participated.

Phi Mu Tau, diesel program fraternity, held their annual Pancakes for Bette event this morning. This year the group raised approximately \$622 which will be donated to St. Jude Children’s

Research Hospital in memory of former SRC employee Bette Dye. Congratulations to Jacob Wilson, a diesel and power systems technology major from Franklin, Illinois, on eating 12 pancakes and winning the pancake eating contest.

Since the last board meeting, TRIO students:

- visited Hannibal for a cultural trip, touring Mark Twain cave and enjoying a Mississippi River cruise.
- attended the “Lion King” musical at the Peoria Civic Center.
- toured Illinois State University for a campus visit.
- participated in workshops that included: applying for campus scholarships, stress management, and choosing your career path.

The Speech and Debate Team will compete at Illinois Central College this Saturday, October 27th, and at Bradley University on Saturday, November 3rd. The team is planning a three day bake sale on October 29th, 30th, and 31st, and members will be selling candles as an additional fundraiser over the course of the next month, all to raise money for attending the state tournament at Northern Illinois University in the spring.

The Fall 2018 Spoon River College Theatre production of William Shakespeare’s *Hamlet* is getting extra assistance from a couple of specialists in theatre arts. WIU graduate students and fight directors Bryce Robertson and Sento Ashby are helping the acting company of the play with various scenes involving stage combat, including hand-to-hand fighting, stage falls, and swordplay. They are donating their time and expertise as part of their graduate curriculum in stage fighting. Bryce and Sento come to SRC courtesy of Prof. D.C. Wright at WIU, who is also lending the SRC company stage weapons for use in *Hamlet*. The play runs November 9-11 in the Taylor Hall Theatre on the Canton Campus. The Trustees in particular are invited to purchase tickets and attend a performance to support our students.

1.9 Report – Spoon River College Foundation

Mr. Phil Murphy presented the following report:

- Financial - Revenues: \$25,416.14
- The SRC Foundation Board met Wednesday, October 17 at 7 a.m., via IVS.
- The Foundation heard a presentation from Velvet Powell on some of the short-term programs being offered through Community Outreach (I.E., Pharmacy Tech, Manufacturing Bootcamp, etc.) and future ideas for new programs. The Foundation will begin to consider ways in which it can be helpful to those programs in the future.
- Ten students in the Ag department interviewed on Friday, Oct. 12 for West Central FS Scholarships and will receive a \$500 scholarship for the fall semester.
- Fall 2018 Fellheimer Scholarship applications for students of the Macomb Campus were due on Friday, October 19. Awards are being made as we speak.
- Spring 2019 Dual Credit Scholarship applications are now available on our website, and Hannah Neuendorf will deliver those to students and counselors at high schools on her in-person visits. Those applications are due November 30, 2018.
- The application for 2019-20 general Foundation scholarships has been available since October 1, 2018 (the same day that the FAFSA became available to prospective students), and all requirements relating to that scholarship must be completed by March 15, 2019. Please promote this opportunity to any prospective student!
- Finally, due to a scheduling conflict with a spring IVS course, the Foundation will hold its January 2019 meeting on January 9 instead of January 16, as students return to the classroom on January 14, 2019.

oMr. Colin Davis presented the following report:

- Thanksgiving postcards to donors and friends of the SRC Foundation are currently being produced and will go out in early-mid November. This year's iteration will feature students from SRC's Nursing Department and Sheldon.
- A final reminder that this year's Alumni Awards Reception and Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner will take place on Saturday, Nov. 3 at the Canton Campus. Dinner begins at 5 p.m., reception at 6. Please let Lori Murphy know by this Friday whether you'll be in attendance. We're also finalizing details on a possible intimate reception for this year's award recipients prior to the dinner. We'll alert you if and when this reception will take place so that you can join, if you're available.
- #GivingSPOONday is coming – November 27 – our one-day fundraising campaign that is held in conjunction with Giving Tuesday, the worldwide movement to give back following the commercialism of Black Friday and Cyber Monday. You'll learn more about what we're doing in November, but the big news currently is that HyVee of Canton and Macomb will be partnering with us on November 27, asking all their customers to "round-up" their purchase for the SRC Foundation. We're exploring similar partnerships for the day with our other grocery stores – County Markets in Havana, Farmington, Lewistown, and here in Rushville.
- Speaking of #GivingSPOONday, the success of this annual campaign over the last three years has provided Colin with an invitation to serve as one of five speakers at the CASE Region V Conference Community College Workshop in Chicago this December. Colin is excited to talk about the success of this project and honored to have been asked to present on behalf of SRC. He plans on attending the rest of the CASE Conference that weekend into the next week, as well, and looks forward to bringing back more ideas to help SRC.
- At the meeting last week, the Foundation Board appropriated money from unrestricted funds for the launch of a new email list through MailerLite, which is similar to Constant Contact, but much cheaper. We'll start with a base of our alumni (including CE and VSK courses) from the last ten years, donors that have provided their email addresses, attendees of SRC Foundation events, etc., and this list will provide SRC constituents with a monthly newsletter, college updates, upcoming events, holiday greetings, and fundraising pitches.
- Tickets are now on sale for *Winter Tales and Tunes*, the SRC Community Chorus' annual holiday concert, taking place this year on Dec. 1 and 2 at 7 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Canton. It incorporates elements of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, which turns 175 this year, and a special performance of "Silent Night," which celebrates its 200th anniversary this December. A couple of folks we all know and love will be portraying Dickens and Scrooge, so you won't want to miss it. Tickets are \$10 and benefit the Vicki Murphy Memorial Scholarship – and can be purchased by contacting Lori Murphy or a member of the Chorus.

1.10 Report – Board Member Comments

Mr. Schleich reported that he was at a Lewistown Volleyball game last week, and it was nice to hear that one of their seniors has verbally committed to SRC for volleyball.

2.2 Business and Finance Report

2.2.1 Authorize the following payments for the month October 2018:

Payroll	\$ 496,411.66
Accounts Payable (excluding Travel)	828,158.59
Accounts Payable Travel Expenses	5,789.20
Accounts Payable BOT Travel Expenses	306.80
Student Refunds – Accounts Payable	11,389.06
Student Refunds – Nelnet (electronic)	<u>674,202.29</u>
TOTAL:	\$2,016,257.60

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

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

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2.2.2 Accept the General Audit report as prepared by Wipfli, LLP, for FY18.

President Oldfield asked Sarah Gray introduce Sara McKenna from Wipfli to present the audit.

Sara McKenna thanked Sarah Gray and staff and highlighted the audit. She explained that on page 1 is the Auditor's Opinion, which in fact total 5. All are unmodified, clean opinions with no recordable findings. The other big hot topic this year was a new accounting standard GASB 78 that required the auditor to record a large OPEB liability to be recorded. Pages 4-11 include the Management Discussion and Analysis which is a required disclosure. It has some key highlights and also has a comparison with the last two years. Page 12 is a comparison statement.

Sara McKenna said the bond payable increased due to the College's bond activity. There was a change in accounting standards that now require accounting standards to include the future liability for insurance.

The Net Position – unrestricted is now negative due to the implementation of GASB 75. Page 13 will show the change in net position, which was about a \$1.3 million profit.

Sara explained that pages 16 and 17 are the Foundation information. Net assets total \$3.9 million versus \$3.7 million last year. Pages 19 – 53 are the notes to the financial statements and provide additional schedules and narrative support. She highlighted page 26, Note 2 Cash and Investments. Page 27, Note 3 – net capital assets increased. Page 28, Note 4 – debt footnote. Issued two bonds this year totaling \$11.7 million but also paid or deferred \$6.2 m. The College still has over \$10 million in legal debt margin.

Pages 32-45, Note 5 is the pension plan and relates to the SURS plan. This is a new footnote as of 2016 so overall the State is still holding that liability for the pension plan, and on page 33 the State's total unfunded liability for all colleges is \$25 billion.

Pages 36-40, Note 6 is the OPEB plan. This was the GASB 75 disclosures. Mr. Maguire asked about the College insurance program being underfunded by the State of Illinois – and that it has to be shown as a liability on our books? Sara McKenna said the College's contributions and the State contributions are not enough to fund the plan. The new standard requires the State to provide actuarial reports. Mr. Schleich asked if this is a federal accounting standard change. Sara said yes. The State dictates the contributions the college makes to that plan. President Oldfield said because we have employees participating in the retirees health insurance program, and that plan is in the negative, we have to show that liability. It is a state managed plan with multiple layers. Mr. Murphy asked if public schools have similar problems. Sara said yes, TRS has the same

problem only larger. Sara said statutes changed to prevent colleges from having to show SURS as a liability as well. Dave said the State of Illinois has created the liability because of its inaction. Sara McKenna said there are some schools that are establishing funds in the event they have to fund that portion.

Sara McKenna said that Page 70—77 are the fund financial statements. The federal audit section starts on page 94. There were no overall no federal findings, and the College expended approximately \$4.8 m of federal money.

Sara said the audit went very well, and she thanked Sarah Gray and her team for the work and support.

Mrs. Butler said there are many more notes and many disclaimers for various reasons but trends were also noted. Are there any trends that the Board should be concerned about? Sara McKenna said no, but be careful with the debt margin. She did note that they do have a college that is currently going through bond issuance which has not impacted their bond rating.

Mr. Meade asked about a recommendation on technology and security on page 4. Sara said that is a business advice comment. President Oldfield said we can certainly take those suggestions into consideration.

Mr. Schleich thanked Sarah Gray for her work and all she has done with this audit. He asked if Sarah Gray has seen anything in the report to call to the Board's attention. Sarah said no, and we have done a great job in maintaining our expenses. Kent asked about trends. Sarah Gray said just like the OPEB liability, you just never know.

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved acceptance of the General Audit report as prepared by Wipfli, LLP, for FY18.

Mr. Maguire commented that the entire business operation of the College has had audits without exceptions for more consecutive years than he can count. As we do more with less, the staff needs to be complimented on the positive audit report.

- 2.2.3 Approve Resolution authorizing Taxable General Obligation Debt Certificates (Limited Tax), Series 2018A, of the District, for the purpose of altering, repairing and equipping District facilities and improving the sites thereof and authorizing the sale of said Certificates to the purchaser thereof.

President Oldfield said David Pistorius is present to review this item. David said this is the beginning of Phase 2 and is the first step in the bond issue process. Tonight the Board is looking to adopt debt certificates which establishes the claim. Commerce Bank has agreed to handle this. The College is borrowing \$5 million at 3 ½%, which is a good short-term rate. The money will go into a CD with them at current market conditions. Tonight is the debt certificate adoption to start the process. They are immediately callable. The timeline is that next month the public hearing will be held along with a Resolution of Intent. Funds should be available the first of February. On the last issue when we published the information for the funding bond, there will be two expenses for this debt certificate – the difference between the 3 ½% interest rate and what you are earning. There will also be a bond counsel fee from Chapman and Cutler. When the Resolution of Intent is adopted and the hearing conducted, it will be for just over \$5 million.

President Oldfield said a memo from Brett is also included in SharePoint and reviews what this bond issue will cover. Brett said he was at the CFO conference last week, and discussions were held about the OPEB liability and possible impact on bond issues. No one has reported a negative impact from that OPEB liability in bond issues. It should not impact our A rating for this issue or impact our rates.

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved the Resolution authorizing Taxable General Obligation Debt Certificates (Limited Tax), Series 2018A, of the District, for the purpose of altering, repairing and equipping District facilities and improving the sites thereof and authorizing the sale of said Certificates to the purchaser thereof.

2.2.4 Amendment to Criteria for Abatement – Property Tax Abatement Matrix - Canton/Fulton Enterprise.

President Oldfield introduced Missy Towery. She is the Director for the Spoon River Partnership for Economic Development and will present a proposed change to the Abatement Matrix.

Missy thanked President Oldfield and the Board for their time and service. She said she is here to discuss the Canton Fulton County Zone. During the new January 2016 process, local incentives of a tax abatement were discussed. They are now attempting to complete an amendment process because of an expansion project at Hitchcock Scrap Yard, and they were just under the numbers for the tax abatement incentive. Missy said they contacted DCEO regarding the amendment process. Missy distributed the Matrix for review. She said they are asking for the Board's support to amend in the tax abatement matrix. Missy said work began in late spring of this year, and now it is important for decisions by the end of the year and are hoping to garner support from the taxing bodies. Missy said they are asking from each taxing body to support the amendment process, and once they know the support is there, they will go through with the public hearing and seek signatures for the paperwork that needs to be submitted to the State of Illinois.

Missy reviewed a graph and said with the abatement it is a graduated and not long term. It is a five year graduated abatement that equals about 34%. The Hitchcock abatement is only for the expansion. Mr. Schleich asked if the expansion has been completed at Hitchcock. Missy said yes, and it was a very unique project. They talked with Missy and had to start the process. It was known that the amendment would be pursued as they completed the work and will be grandfathered in. Mr. Maguire said this is just an amendment of the existing Resolution previously adopted by the SRC Board. Missy said yes. President Oldfield asked if it requires general assembly approval. Missy said it is their understanding that it is just through DCEO.

2.2.5 Adopt a Resolution of Intent to Levy an Additional Tax. This tax is authorized under Illinois Statutes and notification has been received from ICCB of Spoon River College's eligibility to impose the levy.

President Oldfield presented this item and said this will establish the Resolution that will be posted for the public hearing that will take place. This is the additional levy that is an equalization tax. The state is 29.12 and ours is at 25, so the difference is what we will be asking which is just under \$400,000. Mr. Maguire said this is down from previous years. Brett said it is down a half cent. Mr. Murphy asked if the budget reflects this. President Oldfield said we reflect a smaller amount and some years we don't reflect it in the budget.

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees adopted a Resolution of Intent to Levy an Additional Tax. This tax is authorized under Illinois Statutes and notification has been received from ICCB of Spoon River College's eligibility to impose the levy.

2.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2.1 Communications

President Oldfield said he joins Trustee Grace in thanking the Diesel Tech students and instructors. They raised \$622 for St. Jude. The PEEPS group worked outside today at the Canton Campus, and everything looks great. He appreciates their efforts, and it is very nice timing. He also thanked the Student Government group on the blood drive.

President Oldfield said on Tuesday, October 30 he will be the keynote speaker at the State University Annuitants Association fall meeting at Illinois State University and will be presenting on the future of higher education from a community college perspective. The final piece is that he wants to share 2.1.1 is the recognition of Andrea Thomson, our new Human Resources Director. The committee selected her to move in to the Director position. She previously served as our HR Generalist. Andrea was unable to join us tonight but will be with us at the November Board Meeting.

2.1.1 Andrea Thomson, Director, Human Resources: annual salary \$55,000; effective September 24, 2018. Full-time, Professional Support position.

President Oldfield introduced Rob Kirkham, Director, Rushville Center.

- Rushville Center Update – Rob Kirkham presented the following report:

Once again I have the pleasure of welcoming you to the Rushville Center. It is a privilege to open our doors to you each fall. This year's report has given me the opportunity to be reflective. This is my tenth Director's Report. The years have flown by. It doesn't seem as if these centers are that old. In preparation for your visit I have taken the luxury of slowly reading my previous reports and reliving the highs and lows of previous years. The reports tell an exciting, and sometimes challenging story.

The center seems to be doing well. The students are happy and engaged. They should be. For the past couple of weeks we have been feeding them popcorn and flavored sparkling water. This is our main student activity for October.

One significant change has been the influence of our Campus Assistant, Heather Vining. I mentioned in last year's report that Heather had been hired at the start of fall semester. She was just learning her job at the time of the fall trustee meeting. I had high hopes that she would be a huge asset to the center. She has now been here for a year and my hopes were not misplaced. She is gifted in many needed areas. We have all learned to rely on her. We hired a new Work-study student this fall. Zak had been with us for two years and has now left SRC. Our new work study student, Ady Vaughn, is punctual and dependable. I don't think she has been even a minute late since she was hired.

Our GED program is going well. We have changed the program some and now have two sets of fall classes and two sets of spring classes. They are each eight weeks long. Our second set of fall classes recently started. Janet Young reports that we currently have 10 students registered for this new section of classes. They are preparing for the constitution test. One

student already passed the test on the second day of class. A couple of the GED students are interested in our nursing and welding programs. Our hope is to see them succeed and continue their education with us to the next level.

Cyndi Johnston reports that she is proud of her ESL students. She currently has 16 students attending. Most of them are working 60 hours per week at a nearby factory. Even though they are exhausted, they are coming to class. She currently has four volunteer helpers working with the group. They are sectioned off into two groups according to their skill levels. One of the helpers is a new volunteer tutor. His name is Bethel. He was one of the students last year. Now he is one of the tutors. He is also one of our new college students, pursuing a phlebotomy certificate. The certificate is not his end goal, but rather the next step toward his goal. In his home country he was a medical doctor. He wants to move as much as he is able back toward his chosen field. Many of our immigrants have left their former careers and now find themselves starting over. Spoon River offers a valuable service to these hard-working people.

Our college level student body is doing well, though there have been some shifts in attendance patterns that bear watching. Rushville offers three fall classes (philosophy, psychology, and sociology) designed to attract dual credit students. They usually contain mostly traditional students with some high school juniors mixed in. Most juniors take their dual credit classes online. This fall that pattern began to shift as more dual credit students asked for face to face classes. The local high school counselor recently told me that even more want face to face classes in the spring. I will work with her to make sure we offer courses that meet the needs. The pattern was much different with high school seniors this fall. We offer one fall class that is designed to attract high school seniors. It is ENG101. ENG101 is usually dominated by seniors with only a very few traditional students mixed in. Most traditional students already took the class while attending high school. This fall that pattern changed as the high school offered Advanced Placement English. Last fall ENG101 had 15 dual credit students. This fall the same class has 5 dual credit students. Our traditional students are also showing some changes. This fall we finally had more traditional students in IVS classes than in face to face classes. All of these changes need to be watched to be sure we do our best to meet our students' needs.

While commenting on IVS classes I will add another update. Our IVS capabilities were greatly enhanced this fall with a new system. Our IT staff have put in many hours fine tuning the new system. The new system allows classes to be taught from any of our locations, to any of our locations. This spring I will be teaching on IVS for the first time. I will host my ethics class in Rushville and it will be received in Canton. This will be a first for me.

I've mentioned much of what we do here, but I also need to offer a quick update on our community outreach programs. We offered our Lifelong Learning Conference in the spring. Those who attend always like that conference. Our summer youth program was larger this year. 44 children attended. We offer several low cost life skills and enrichment classes, such as Microsoft Word or Photography. Those have not been attended as well lately as they once were. It may be that the market is saturated. We also tried offering a larger VSK woodworking class for spring 2017. That class was very successful so we offered it again for spring 2018. Along with woodworking we offered a quilting class. Both classes lasted for several weeks and had higher tuitions. Both were successful, so we offered the woodworking again this fall. Several teachers are registered. We are hoping that this class will be able to be credited as a continuing education class for district teachers.

We gave many entrance exams over the past year. We also proctored tests for our IVS classes and for area universities. We recently held a successful job fair. Our building has been rented by various groups. We partner with our local school district in various ways. This summer we partnered with our local library for a couple of events. Each year we have the privilege of offering field trips for several local school classes. A week ago I was invited to talk about

telescopes and lead a field trip for the junior high students and their families who attend Trinity Academy in Industry. Our connections with Trinity and the local library helped increase the attendance at our summer youth program.

I personally had the opportunity to be involved with Community Outreach at all four of our locations. I recently accepted membership to serve on an ICCB IAI panel. I serve on the General Education Humanities and Fine Arts panel. I asked Holly if I should accept, and she told me that when submitting courses of articulation it is always nice to have someone on the panel.

I could say more about the opportunity to serve our local community through the SRC Rushville Center, but this report has just tipped over the mark and is one of the longer I have given, so I will stop.

Mr. Murphy asked about what languages are represented in ESL. Rob said French and Spanish. There is a connection between some of our individuals when the first people from Central Africa began to migrate this way. Some people with Habitat helped with housing, and our town was listed as a Friend of Africa. Most of our students are DRC - Democratic Republic of Congo.

President Oldfield thanked Rob for all he does for the Rushville Center and the community as well. He is a great ambassador. Thank you for you do for our students and the community.

2.3 Institutional Planning

3.0 ADDITIONAL ITEMS

3.1 Approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Spoon River College Foundation and the Board of Trustees of Spoon River College.

President Oldfield presented this item for the Board's consideration. The Foundation Board has approved this MOU as well. Legal counsel has reviewed this MOU as well.

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Spoon River College Foundation and the Board of Trustees of Spoon River College.

4.0 CLOSED SESSION. In accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act (120/2, c.), the Board of Trustees will adjourn to Closed Session for: 1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

Mr. Schleich said there was not a call for Closed Session.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

Following a motion by Mr. Maguire, seconded by Mrs. Butler, and unanimous approval, the October 24, 2018 Board Meeting of the Spoon River College Board of Trustees adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Mr. Kent Schleich, Chair

Date

Mr. Phillip Murphy, Secretary