The Southeastern Illinois College Board of Trustees held its regular meeting on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the Rodney J. Brenner Board Room. On roll call, the following members were present: Debbie Hughes, Jim Ellis, Dr. Frank Barbre, Dr. Pat York, Blake Bradley, and Dave Dennison. Absent: Richard Morgan and Bridget Fitzpatrick (Student Trustee). Also present were: Dr. Jonah Rice, Chad Flannery, Gina Sirach, Karla Lewis, Dr. Diane King, David Wright, Lisa Hite, Ed Fitzgerald, Callie Smith, Dr. Karen Weiss, Jeremiah Hull, Marcie Martin, Lori Cox, and Lisa Dye.

Dr. York welcomed guests and allowed a time for comment.

Jeremiah Hull read a prepared statement from the Laborers’ International Union of North America Local Union 773 regarding the Board’s contemplation to outsource custodial/maintenance positions.

Reports

Dr. Barbre’s Report

Dr. Barbre reported that he, Mr. Ellis, and Dr. Rice attended Lobby Day in Springfield on April 26. They visited the House of Representatives in the morning, but due to the lawmakers being in a Third Reading Session for a number of Bills, they were not able to meet and talk directly with them. Instead, Mr. Ellis, Dr. Rice, and Dr. Barbre met with their assistants who took information, brochures, and comments to pass along to the Representatives. He said that the information from Springfield is the same – no money, no budget. Dr. Barbre said he was involved in ICCTA meetings in the afternoon of Lobby Day. The highlight of Lobby Day, said Dr. Barbre was serving on the committee to award the Paul Simon Student Essay Contest Award when it became very clear early on that Callie Smith from SIC was going to be the State Winner.

Dr. Rice’s Report

The Vet Assistant Program is full and has a waitlist. We will share this program with Rend Lake College. It will be offered every other Fall. Dr. Rice commended the SIC team for their hard work in getting this program up and running. SIU Faculty Senate reversed their decision and will now be accepting our AS Degree. That is good news for our students. There is no news to report regarding the state budget – nothing has changed, we still do not have a state budget. The Legislation Nursing Practice Act was passed. Nursing Accreditation did get out of Committee today. That means that we will now have to pay an accreditation board to come out and tell us how to run operate nursing program. SICCM news – the OTA program is on probation and has been in trouble for 2 years without SIC’s knowledge. SICCM got a warning and apparently did nothing about it. SIC has just discovered this fact as did Kaskaskia College, and Rend Lake
College. John A. Logan College and Shawnee Community College have hired a consultant to help get back the programs accreditation. Dr. York asked if the diplomas given out this year are good. Gina Sirach answered yes, but said that they won’t be next year. We need to protect our students, said Sirach. A meeting has been scheduled for Monday, May 22 to discuss this issue with our OTA students. Dr. Rice went on to thank Karla Lewis for the sound system donation. The new gym sound system worked well for the graduation ceremony. On May 18, Dr. Rice said he will be going to Henderson College to talk about regional cooperation. This is a good thing for everyone involved. On May 25, students from Job Corps will tour our campus. The new Coal Mining Facility’s Grand Opening is May 31 at 11:30. The press is coming to take a video of the training center’s grand opening. There will be news stories, and lots of publicity. Dr. Rice thanked Lori Cox and Dr. Karen Weiss for their work on this project. Summer projects will include Job Corp, BIB date updates, Chamber Agreement, JCAA, Carmi projects, Dual Credit, and lots of budget works.

Consent Agenda

A motion was make by Trustee Ellis and seconded by Trustee Barbre to approve the consent agenda which included the April 24, 2017 public hearing, organizational meeting, regular and closed session minutes, destroying tapes of the November 2015 closed session, the Treasurer’s report and the approval of bills for April 2017 which totaled $1,136,009.71, which included $591,163.3 in payroll. On roll call the following members voted:

Aye: Ms. Hughes, Mr. Ellis, Dr. Barbre, Dr. York, Mr. Bradley, Mr. Dennison
Nay: None

All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action Items

A motion was made by Trustee Bradley seconded by Trustee Hughes that the Board of Trustees approve the renewal of BlueCross BlueShield Health Insurance. We were able to negotiate the price increase from a 3.10% to a -1.81%. We are currently still viewing other plan options. We may switch plans, but this will give us time to educate our employees if we do change to a new plan.

All members voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Bradley seconded by Trustee Barbre to temporarily suspend Board Policy 4021. Due to ongoing discussion with LiUNA, our attorney, Dennis Weedman, recommends that the Board temporarily suspend the element of BP 4021 that states: “Whenever possible, employees should be given at least thirty (30) days’ notice prior to implementation of the mandated action.” While flexibility is provided in this policy as written, Dr. Rice urged the board
to officially place this thirty (30) day notice on pause through the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2017) given the current talks with the Laborer’s union.

All members voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Hughes seconded by Trustee Bradley to approve the Board Policy Revision – Academic Amnesty 9005 for adoption. This was the second reading and no changes were made since the first reading in April 2017.

All members voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Ellis seconded by Trustee Dennison to accept the resolution providing for the issue of Taxable General Obligation Community College Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2017, of the district, for community college purposes, the levy of taxes to pay principal and interest on such bonds, and for the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. Per David Wright, this is phase one, creating district liability. The funding bonds will be paid off in August 2017, as we go into phase two of this process.

All members voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Bradley seconded by Trustee Hughes to accept the Prevailing Wage Statement as presented. Per Dr. Rice, this process is a yearly occurrence in which the Board of Trustees must investigate and ascertain the prevailing rate of wages for laborers, mechanics, and other workers as mandated by Illinois State Statues.

All members voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Ellis seconded by Trustee Barbre to accept the Working Cash Fund Resolution as presented. Per Dr. Rice, this process is a yearly resolution authorizing and approving the transfer of interest earned in the working cash fund to the operation and maintenance fund.

All members voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Barbre seconded by Trustee Ellis to accept the Budget Transfers as presented.

All members voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Bradley seconded by Trustee Ellis to accept the Curriculum recommendations as presented. Dr. Rice said this has been a lot of work. We have withdrawn some classes and have added new classes (Archery for example).

All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Non-Action Items**

**Health Insurance Plan Update**
We are still meeting with Health Insurance Companies to find the best plan available. Sky Fowler will bring a report to the board soon. We need a Finance Sub Committee to meet for the purpose of looking over these plans. Mrs. Hughes and Dr. York will make up that committee and plan to meet May 31 at 9:00.

**Coal Facility Grand Opening**

The grand opening/ribbon cutting ceremony is May 31 at 11:30. The state mine rescue team, which is comprised of all state inspectors has already used the facility for training, and we are planning to utilize the facility as part of the mine rescue skills competition. IECC will be scheduling training in the building, and SIC will have access to the building for use with fire training exercises.

**WIA One-Stop Center Carmi**

Dr. Rice thanked Dr. Weiss, Lori Cox, and Greg McCulloch for good work on this project. This is a $50,000 project. It is a busy place with increased foot traffic that has a potential for helping enrollment numbers, said Dr. Weiss. A few agencies will be housed at the Carmi extension site including IDES (Illinois Department of Employment Securities), WIOA, and Public Aid. A few of the agency representatives will have permanent offices at the Carmi site, and others will use the Carmi site periodically. Also housed in the Carmi office will be a Title 1 person for retraining and back to school assistance. Our two part-time staff at the Carmi Center will assist with the One-Stop in terms of greeting clients, having them complete a referral form, and then directing them to the appropriate office and/or agency. We do not have to bring a lot (furniture, computers) because Pam Barbre with Mid-5 will supply most of the needed items. The working schedule for Carmi will be Monday through Thursdays, and on Fridays personnel will work on the main campus at SIC. The program will be up and running July 1.

**Closed Session**

A motion was made by Trustee Hughes seconded by Trustee Bradley to convene into closed session as allowed by the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2, Section C, Sub-Section (1) appointment, employment, and compensation of specific employees, (2) negotiations, (5) acquisitions of property, (9) student discipline, and (11) litigation. The board went into closed session at 6:45pm.

**Personnel**

A motion was made by Trustee Bradley seconded by Trustee Hughes to approve all items under personnel.

All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Approved the revision to the job description for the CTE and Special Project Coordinator; approved the revisions to the job description for the Academic Counselor Transition and Transfer Specialist Position; approved the transfer of Larissa Bond as the Financial Aid Specialist effective retroactively as of May 10, 2017 at a salary of $20,414; approved Shirley Malone from Interim Food Service Manager to
Food Service Manager; approved Tracy Stokich from Part Time Food Service Assistant to Full Time Food Service Assistant; approved the revised job description for Marcey Martin, Assistant to Director of SBDC effective July 1, 2017; approved the recommended Adjunct Faculty as presented.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Ellis made the motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Trustee Barbre. All members voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.