

FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
Seibert Conference Room
Belleville Campus
October 9, 2024

Committee members present:	Mark Morton, Chair Steve Campo
Committee member absent:	Sean McPeak
Trustees present:	Matthew Burke Nick Raftopoulos Dane Tippet
Administrators present:	Nick Mance Linda Andres Danielle Chambers Sue McClure Brad Sparks Robert Tebbe Jacob Wheeler Bernie Ysursa
Attorney present:	Garrett Hoerner

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Morton called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m.

FACILITIES

Public Safety Report

Chief Administrative Services Officer Ysursa presented the Public Safety report for September 2024. Any questions should be directed to him, Chairman Morton or President Mance.

SWGCC Update

SWGCC Executive Director Sue McClure provided the following report:

Junior High School College and Career Exploration Days: In 2023, SWGCC began introducing local junior high school students to various academic programs. Approximately 400 students from two Granite City junior high schools attended the first event. This year, the college and career exploration days have expanded and approximately 500 students from four local junior high schools: Coolidge, St. Elizabeth's, Holy Family and Madison are expected to participate in the events on Nov. 1 and 22, 2024. These introductions to SWIC/SWGCC could not be accomplished without the considerable support of the faculty and college departments such as Recruitment, the Success Center and Physical Plant.

Student Health and Wellbeing: In September to coincide with Suicide Prevention Week, SWGCC hosted a large-scale health and wellbeing event. In addition to information about SWIC

Wellness services, community partners including Chestnut Health and the National Association of Mental Illness (NAMI) provided resources including free NARCAM. Students participated in a variety of wellness activities such as the very popular goat yoga, chair and floor yoga, rock painting, sessions on health habits and an essential oil station. Students also made stress kits which included fidgets, affirmation chips, handheld massagers and stress putty. Public Safety encouraged students to secure the new ID cards that contain local/nationwide crisis and suicide prevention contacts. A recently released movie on mental health was shown. Also, students were encouraged to register for the college's free 24/7 immediate response and online counseling program, Timely Care. The Early Action on Campus Mental Health Grant Committee along with College Life delivered wellness events districtwide. College Life in collaboration with the Wellness Advocate plan to start a student chapter of NAMI on Campus to continue to creating awareness of mental health and available support.

Facilities Report

The Facilities Report consisting of the District-wide Project Status Report and the PHS Project Summary was provided to the trustees. Any questions should be directed to Chairman Morton or President Mance.

FINANCE

Approval of Bills

Chairman Morton requested Approval of Bills be placed on the non-consent agenda for action by the Board of Trustees at the October 16, 2024 meeting. In the interim, any questions should be directed to him or to CFO Jacob Wheeler.

Purchases

CFO Wheeler presented a request to award the purchase of a greenhouse repair at the Belleville Campus to Greenhouse Megastore, Danville, IL in the amount of \$38,104.53 utilizing approved Perkins Grant funding. The greenhouse is used for instruction by the Horticulture Department and is in need of repair.

Mr. Campo moved, seconded by Mr. Morton, to recommend the Board of Trustees award the purchase of the greenhouse repair to Greenhouse Megastore, Danville, IL in the amount of \$38,104.53 utilizing approved Perkins Grant funding. Upon a roll call vote, those trustees voting aye were Mr. Campo and Mr. Morton. Nays: none. Absent: Mr. McPeak. The motion carried. (This item will appear on the consent agenda.)

CFO Wheeler presented a request to award the purchase of an electrical project to Lowry Electric, Collinsville, IL in the amount of \$35,859.00 utilizing approved departmental funds. The Culinary Department recently purchased additional equipment to expand capacity for instruction at the Sam Wolf Granite City Campus. This project scope will increase the electrical supply to support the additional equipment.

Mr. Campo moved, seconded by Mr. Morton, to recommend the Board of Trustees award the purchase of an electrical project to Lowry Electric, Collinsville, IL in the amount of \$35,859.00 utilizing approved departmental funds. Upon a roll call vote, those trustees voting aye were Mr. Campo and Mr. Morton. Nays: none. Absent: Mr. McPeak. The motion carried. (This item will appear on the consent agenda.)

Chief Administrative Services Officer Ysursa presented a request to approve ICS Construction Services pricing for replacement of the lobby A-frame structure at the Lynx Lodge with a sloped roof in the amount of \$812,616.90 utilizing Southwestern Illinois Justice and Workforce Development Campus funding. In May 2024, options to correct the structural deficiencies were presented to property owner City of Belleville, who chose to proceed with the removal of the A-frame structure and replace it with a sloped roof.

Mr. Campo moved, seconded by Mr. Morton, to recommend the Board of Trustees approve ICS Construction Services pricing for replacement of the lobby A-frame structure at the Lynx Lodge with a sloped roof in the amount of \$812,616.90 utilizing Southwestern Illinois Justice and Workforce Development Campus funding. Upon a roll call vote, those trustees voting aye were Mr. Campo and Mr. Morton. Nays: none. Absent: Mr. McPeak. The motion carried. (This item will appear on the consent agenda.)

CFO Wheeler presented an update concerning the previously Board-approved purchase of a mail van at a cost NTE \$60,000. The college purchased a 2024 Ford Transit on August 30, 2024 from Auffenberg Ford, O'Fallon, IL at a total cost of \$53,173.03. No action was required from the committee.

Disposal of Capital Assets

CFO Wheeler presented a request to dispose of the following capital assets:

- Belleville Modular Building 6
- Printer Canon Image Press C850
- Printer Canon Vario Print 140 (1)
- Printer Canon Vario Print 140 (2)

Mr. Campo moved, seconded by Mr. Morton, to recommend the Board of Trustees dispose of the capital assets as presented. Upon a roll call vote, those trustees voting aye were Mr. Campo and Mr. Morton. Nays: none. Absent: Mr. McPeak. The motion carried. (This item will appear on the consent agenda.)

Finance Report (information)

A Finance Report comprised of a Treasurer's Report and an Analyses of Income and Expenditures was provided to the trustees. Any questions should be directed to President Mance or to CFO Wheeler.

OTHER COMMITTEE RELATED BUSINESS

The trustees engaged in a healthy discussion concerning the 2024 property tax levy for FY 2025-2026. The college does not set the tax rate; it asks for the money it needs (levy). If that amount exceeds 5% from the previous year, then a Truth in Taxation public hearing is required. At the public hearing the taxing district must explain the reasons for its levy and proposed increase.

Different schools of thought emerged, i.e. asking for what you only need vs. getting what you are entitled to; does your property tax bill go up vs. remain the same, etc. Various scenarios were presented and discussed; at the conclusion it was decided to place this topic at the beginning of the Board agenda.

Tuition was also discussed in conjunction with the tax levy. The college must be within 70% of the state average tuition and cannot fall below that because it would lose equalization. Tuition has not been

increased for four years. A suggested \$12/credit hour increase would still leave SWIC's tuition rate \$6 below its lowest neighboring district. Further discussion is required.

The Property Tax Abatement for Dayton Freight Lines, Inc., Collinsville Truck Terminal Development was not discussed and will appear on next month's agenda.

The next meeting of the Facilities and Finance Committee will be Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the Seibert Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Campo moved, seconded by Mr. Morton, to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. Upon a voice vote the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly J. Fiss
Board Secretary