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Suggested Motion:	Move to approve the Engineering and Science Running Start Program Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement
Recommended Action:	Approve as presented.

On November 28, 2011, Dr. Baule presented a Proposal to Develop Bachelor Degree Candidates in Engineering and Science by which high school juniors and seniors would have the opportunity to earn an Associate Degree in Engineering or Science at Rock Valley College. Northern Illinois University and Rockford College have collaborated with Rock Valley College (RVC) to accept these credit courses. Attached is an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement designed for this program giving the prospective student the ability to earn dual credit.

To be eligible, the student must meet certain pre-selection criteria as well as complete the following:

- RVC *Enrollment Information Form*;
- RVC *Engineering and Science Running Start Participate Agreement*;
- All three ACCUPLACER placement tests and score at college level;
- Meet with a First Year Experience/High School Connections RVC staff member;
- RVC course *STU 100: Planning for Success*; and,
- Meet with High School Connections RVC staff member at least twice a semester.

This Agreement is for one year, July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013, and will renew automatically for successive one-year periods unless terminated upon written notice. The cost to North Boone would be \$5,500 per school year for each student.

**Engineering and Science Running Start Program
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT made this 19th day of December 2011, by and between the BOARD OF EDUCATION OF NORTH BOONE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #200 (hereinafter referred to as “District 200”), and the BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT #511, WINNEBAGO, BOONE, DeKalb, McHENRY, STEPHENSON AND OGLE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS (hereinafter referred to as “Rock Valley College”).

W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 10(a) of the Constitution of the State of Illinois provides that units of local government may jointly contract or otherwise associate to obtain or share services and to exercise, combine, or transfer any power or functions, in any manner not prohibited by law or by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act (5 ILCS 120/1 et seq.) provides that any power or powers, privileges or authority exercised or which may be exercised by a public agency may be exercised and enjoined jointly with any other public agency; and

WHEREAS, the parties are entering into this Agreement pursuant to and in accordance with the aforesaid constitutional and statutory authorities; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to enter into an agreement to provide a dual credit program referred to as “*Engineering and Science Running Start*”, and that the high school students shall be full-time students at Rock Valley College.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and benefits contained hereby, the parties agree as follows:

1. The above recitals are hereby incorporated herein and made a part of this agreement.
2. Rock Valley College agrees to provide the following for the benefit of the qualified students in District 200 in relation to the program, *Engineering and Science Running Start*, which shall be offered at Rock Valley College:
 - a. College credit courses for District 200 junior and senior level high school students (from North Boone High School) that provide dual credit, which means meeting the requirements for both a high school diploma and a Rock Valley College Associate degree simultaneously.
 - b. The *Engineering and Science Running Start* program will be administered through the First Year Experience/High School Connections office at Rock Valley College in conjunction with North Boone High School.

3. District 200 high school students shall follow the stated Pre-Selection Criteria:
 - a. Meet with high school counselor regarding the selection process.
 - b. Have a 3.0 Cumulative High School GPA.
 - c. Be on track for high school graduation.
 - d. Complete High School Geometry, Trigonometry and Algebra II with a grade of “B” or higher.
 - e. Have a positive recommendation of the School Principal.
 - f. Have the permission of a parent or legal guardian.
4. District 200 high school students shall follow the stated Admission Steps:
 - a. Complete and submit a Rock Valley College *Enrollment Information Form* and an *Engineering and Science Running Start Participation Agreement*.
 - b. Complete all three ACCUPLACER placement tests and score at college-level.
 - c. Meet with a First Year Experience/High School Connections staff member for academic advisement and all course scheduling
5. District 200 high school students must complete the following:
 - a. The course *STU 100: Planning for Success* prior to full-time enrollment.
 - b. Meeting with High School Connections staff member at least twice a semester.
6. District 200 agrees to pay Rock Valley College \$5,500 per school year, per student. This amount covers the cost of educating each student plus the administration of the program.
7. Students, or their parents, are responsible for purchasing their textbooks, unless they are certified as eligible for “Free or reduced lunch” program at their high school. Those eligible will be loaned books while attending the program.
8. Annually and within sixty (60) days after the end of each fiscal year (June 30), Rock Valley College and District 200 will provide each other reports (shared data) with regard to academic performance data including grades, test scores and attendance. These shared data can and shall be used for reporting to the state and for publication.

9. The term of this agreement is for one year beginning July 1, 2012, and shall automatically renew for successive one-year periods unless terminated by mutual agreement or the actions of a party. This agreement may be terminated upon written notice to the other party not less than ninety (90) days before July 1 of any year of this agreement.
10. This agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties hereto and there are no agreements, understanding, restrictions, warranties, or representations between the parties other than those set forth herein or herein provided for.

Dated the year and date first above written.

ROCK VALLEY COLLEGE

By: _____
Katherine M. Kelley, Chairperson, Board of Trustees Date

Stephanie Raach, Secretary, Board of Trustees Date

DISTRICT 200

By: _____
Donald W. Ward, President Date

Thomas Kinser, Secretary Date