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Included below is a press release regarding a regular meeting of the Ferris State University Board of Trustees. Further information is available by contacting Leah Nixon, assistant director of News Services.

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Ferris Board of Trustees Approve Charter Schools Board Appointments, Software Purchases

BIG RAPIDS – The Ferris State University Board of Trustees approved several charter schools items during a regular meeting of the board today (July 9), including board appointments and software purchases.

The board approved a five-year contract between Corporate Computer, Inc. for the purchase of a Web-based computer program to monitor the compliance of each University-authorized public charter school academy in following statutes, rules and terms of their contracts. Trustees also approved a one-year contract with Scantron to provide online testing services to Ferris-authorized charter schools using its Performance and Achievement Series software.

In other charter schools business, Ferris trustees approved establishing a new building site for Voyageur Academy. The academy's board is pursuing the purchase of property in Detroit on the south side of Buchanan Road between Military and Hammond streets, which is directly across the street from the current site. The plan by the academy's board is to construct a new building to accommodate its middle school grades.

Trustees also approved probationary status for New City Academy in Lansing. The academy will continue to be on probation for the remainder of its existing contract with Ferris' Charter Schools Office, which is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2010.

Finally, trustees approved the following school board appointments:

- Najma Jamaludeen, Bridge Academy in Hamtramck, through June 30, 2011;
- Gregory Lambert, Lighthouse Academy in Grand Rapids, through June 30, 2012;
- Marie Bachmann, Marshall Academy in Marshall, through June 30, 2012;
- Daniel Coupland, Marshall Academy, through June 30, 2011;
- David Twiss, Marshall Academy, through June 30, 2012;
- Thomas Bowles, New Bedford Academy in Lambertville, through June 30, 2012;
- Cecilia Miller-Sims, Northridge Academy in Flint, through June 30, 2011.

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