

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**October 21, 2014**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Illinois Eastern Community Colleges**

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community College District No. 529 adopted the 2014 Tax Levy following a public hearing at the regular meeting on Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at Olney Central College in Olney. The Board approved the Certificate of Compliance with the Truth in Taxation Law as Public notice was placed in newspapers of general circulation in District. The Board estimated the aggregate amount of taxes to be levied for the year 2014 is \$4,235,000 and certified the District's tax levies for 2014 at 42.88 cents per \$100 in equalized assessed valuation.

The Board adopted a policy on hazing. The policy defines hazing and gives examples of activities that could constitute hazing, both actively and passively. The policy provides for accountability, a process for reporting hazing, an investigative process, a discipline process, and an appeals process.

The Board adopted a policy on assignment of credits. The policy revisions will make clear that IECC operates with the expectation that all of the District's courses meet the standard course hours, out of class work expectations and include student learning outcomes, regardless of mode of instruction or length of term.

The Board rejected a proposed policy on employment of family members of key administrative staff.

The Board approved a resolution authorizing and providing for an Installment Purchase Agreement and the issuance of General Obligation Debt Certificates (limited tax), Series 2014, of the District for the purpose of paying the cost of improving the HVAC systems.

The Board approved a resolution calling for a public hearing

concerning the intent of the Board of Trustees to issue \$3,175,000 of Funding Bonds and \$1,285,000 of Protection, Health and Safety Bonds.

The Board approved the Annual Financial Report for the District that will be published locally and filed with the ICCB (Illinois Community College Board).

The Board approved a \$1,000 contribution for Calendar Year 2015 to each qualified employee's Health Savings Account. A qualified employee includes bargaining unit faculty and all non-bargaining unit employees working at least 40 hours of service per week.

The Board accepted the proposed Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) overall 5.6% average rate decrease for District employee's health coverage and a 0.0% increase in dental rates.

The Board approved Tax Abatements for Enterprise Zones for Mt. Carmel/Wabash County; Olney/Richland County and Jasper County.

The Board accepted changes to the Radiography Program Application. The changes will require the applicant to provide a copy of a government issued photo ID for residency verification. This requirement will help verify residency and assist in admission ranking. Also added was a clarification of the deadline for taking the COMPASS test, added words include "Test must be taken within two years of the application deadline."

Affiliation Agreements were approved by the Board for Good Samaritan Hospital – Vincennes for Medical Office Assistant and Medical Coding at OCC; Paris Community Hospital for Phlebotomy at OCC; Way-Fair Nursing Home –Fairfield for Health Informatics at FCC; Marion Eye Center- Marion for Health Informatics at FCC; Richland Memorial Hospital – Olney for Health Informatics at FCC and Street Chiropractic – Olney for Health Informatics in FCC.

The Board accepted bids received for three (3) 12-passenger

extended wheel base vans that meets all specifications as follows: one (1) from Eagleson Automotive located in Olney, IL at a bid of \$24,764 (for OCC), and two (2) from Silverthorne Chevrolet located in Robinson, IL at a bid of \$28,796 (for LTC) and \$26,796 (for WVC).

Christopher Forde was employed as Coordinator of Public Information & Marketing, LTC, effective November 1, 2014.

Cheryl Holder was employed as Director of Adult Education, FCC, effective November 6, 2014, pending successful completion of background check.

Robin Pearson was employed as Office Assistant, FCC, effective October 22, 2014.

Change in status was approved for Robert Conn, Dean of Instruction, LTC, to Dean of Instruction, WVC, effective January 5, 2015.

The Board approved a 3% raise for all non-bargaining unit employees for the current year, effective September 1, 2014 and a 3% raise for next year, effective September 1, 2015. The Board also approved a 2% increase to entry levels of non-bargaining unit positions for the current year and next year.

Non-college employment was approved for Suzanne Downes.

Administrative Guideline changes were approved for full-time bargaining unit faculty and part-time and full-time non-bargaining unit faculty.

The Board ratified the resignation of Leslie Talia, Transition/Data Technician effective September 21, 2014.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held at Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel, on Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, at

7:00 p.m.