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October 20, 2015

Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges certified the district's tentative levies for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017, at the regular meeting Tuesday, October 20, at Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel. The levies are for the education fund, operations and maintenance fund, outstanding bond issue, tort liability, workmen's compensation and unemployment, financial audit, social security and Medicare. A public hearing to approve the proposed property tax levy will be held on November 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Frontier Community College, Fairfield, Illinois. Following the hearing, the Board will take action on the tax levy.

A Final Property Tax Agreement with the Robinson Marathon Refinery was approved for the period of 2015-2018.

The college district's annual financial report for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2015 was approved to be filed with the Illinois Community College Board.

In a continued effort to ensure district policies remain current, trustees reviewed and revised seven board policies.

Health and dental insurance was approved for renewal with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois for the 2016 calendar year, with an overall rate increase of 15.3 percent for health insurance and a 1.9 percent decrease in dental plan premiums.

Beginning in calendar year 2010 trustees approved the offering of a Qualified High Deductible Health Plan (District Plan) to all non-faculty employees and also implemented a plan allowing Health Savings Accounts (HSA) that enabled qualified employees in the District Plan to set aside money in pre-tax dollars. Each year the amount of the District's contribution to the participant's HSA for the coming calendar year is set prior to the beginning of the open enrollment period. The contribution for calendar year 2016 will be \$1,000.

Trustees approved a collaborative partnership agreement between the Wabash Valley College Small World Childcare Center and Wabash General Hospital in Mt. Carmel. This agreement would allow Wabash Valley College to provide temporary childcare services in the event of a disaster affecting Wabash General Hospital.

Candice Young was employed as Office Assistant at LTC, effective October 22.

A change in status was approved for Steve Patberg to Coordinator of Career Advisment at WVC, effective October 21.

A resignation ratification was approved for Brittany Bass, Director of Learning Resource Center, OCC, effective October 10.

Four retirement ratifications were approved. Retiring are:

Karen Bryant, Coordinator of Public Information & Marketing, FCC, effective January 1, 2016.

Mitchell Wolfe, Workforce Education Instructor, effective January 1, 2016.

Cheryl Knight, Program Advisor, Allied Health, OCC (LTC), effective January 1, 2016.

Scott Talbert, Textbook/Equipment Library Technician, FCC, effective January 1, 2016.

Eleven affiliation agreements for health-related programs were approved.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, November 17, at 7 p.m. at Frontier Community College, Fairfield.