

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 18, 2016
Board of Trustees Meeting
Illinois Eastern Community Colleges

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District No. 529 met Tuesday night, October 18th at Frontier Community College, Fairfield, Illinois and certified the district's tentative levies for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017.

The Board also approved a Resolution Declaring the Intent of the District to Issue Funding Bonds in the amount of \$6,000,000. A public hearing was held on the issuance of Funding Bonds, and the Board heard no verbal comments or written testimony. The Board will establish the details of the issuance of the Funding Bonds that shall provide for a levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest of the Funding Bonds at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on December 13, 2016. The levy should remain at the current level.

The college district's annual financial report for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2016 was approved to be filed with the Illinois Community College Board.

In a continued effort to ensure district policies remain in compliance with recently approved laws, trustees revised the policies addressing Sexual Harassment and Preventing Sexual Violence in Higher Education.

The Board approved funding received from the Frontier Community College Foundation for the completion of projects at the FCC baseball field. Trustee approval was also given for naming the new FCC baseball field.

Health and dental insurance was approved for renewal with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois to be offered under the IECC Marketplace. There are four (4) plans available for employees to choose from with varying rates and options for each plan.

Trustees approved a Health Savings Account contribution of \$1,000 for each eligible employee who is enrolled in the District's Qualified High Deductible Health Plan for calendar year 2017.

Approval was given for a contract with Homefield Electrical for the purchase of electric power at a negotiated commercial rate.

A rental agreement was approved with North American Lighting to lease space at IECC's West Richland Center to be used for the training of plant employees.

A \$500 reduction in the Truck Driving Course Fee was approved. Expansion of the Truck Driving Program through use of a truck driving simulator has allowed the program to reduce the over the road drive time for students. Because the operational costs of the simulator are significantly less than the operational costs of an actual truck, the course fee can be reduced from \$2,500 to \$2,000.

Affiliation Agreements were approved by the Board for Miller's Merry Manor and DaVita Healthcare Robinson for the Associate Degree in Nursing Program; and with Harrisburg Medical Center and Wabash General Hospital for the Phlebotomy Program.

A change in status was approved for Jennifer Jennings from Administrative Assistant, TRIO Upward Bound District Office/OCC to Coordinator of College Support Services, District Office effective October 31, 2016.

The Board ratified the retirement of Rita Adams, Program Director of College Supports at the District Office, effective January 1, 2017.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held at Lincoln Trail College, Robinson, on Tuesday, November 15th, at 7:00 p.m.