

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**January 18, 2005**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District No. 529 approved the district's 2006-2010 Technology Plan at the regular monthly meeting, Tuesday, January 18, at Frontier Community College, Fairfield.

The plan reviews technology projects for the 2005 fiscal year and outlines current and future technological needs. Goal of the plan is to improve technological services for faculty, staff and students within the projected budget over the next five years.

During the current fiscal year, IECC has ordered network servers and voice mail and pbx software upgrades; purchased computer software licenses; purchased and installed 180 desktop computers, eight notebook computers, 22 LCD monitors; purchased and installed five computer projection units; purchased technology equipment and software based on campus needs.

The board accepted the bid of Automated Office Solutions, Evansville, Indiana, for eight network switches at a total cost of \$15,832.

The trustees continued to discuss preparations for the upcoming accreditation visit of the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association, scheduled for April 18, 19 and 20. The last previous district-wide accreditation visit was in 1995.

In preparation for the visit, a committee of district staff and employees has prepared a self-study consisting of five chapters, plus an introduction and a summary. The Higher Learning Commission will concentrate on five separate criteria and each of these criteria is covered by a chapter in the self-study.

At Tuesday's meeting the administration and trustees reviewed and discussed chapter four, dealing with "Acquiring, Creating, and Applying Knowledge." The remaining chapter will be reviewed at the regular meeting in February.

The trustees accepted an offer made by the Fairfield Rotary Club to establish a plaza at Frontier Community College to celebrate the Centennial of Education. Rotary International is also celebrating its Centennial. FCC President Mike Dreith and the administration of Frontier Community College have worked with the Fairfield Rotary Club to develop the plaza design. The plaza will cost approximately \$20,000 and will include a school bell from a one-room school house in Wayne County. At the turn of the century, there were almost 150 one-room

school houses in the county.

The trustees approved a request for tax abatement for six years for the TPS building, located in the west end industrial park in Newton.

An amendment was approved to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between IECC and the City of Robinson, concerning ownership and operation of a fitness center, known as the Ragon Parker building. In lieu of the City of Robinson collecting a user fee and forwarding a portion of those funds to Lincoln Trail College, the parties agree that Lincoln Trail College will pay the sum of \$275 per month for partial payment of utilities during a trial period from December 1, 2004 to May 30, 2005. At that time the parties will agree if this amendment should be continued.

The resignation of Greg Shelby as Automotive Technology/Collision Repair Instructor was accepted. Brian Wick was employed as Automotive Technology/Collision Repair Instructor for the Spring Semester of 2005.

Affiliation Agreements were approved with Effingham Surgery Center, Lawrence County Memorial Hospital, Trilogy Health Services in Princeton, Indiana, Vincennes Surgery Center, and McKendree College. A Preceptor Agreement was approved with Trilogy Health Services. Observation Agreements were approved with Vincennes Surgery Center and Effingham Surgery Center.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, February 15, at 7 p.m. at Lincoln Trail College, Robinson.