

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**January 19, 2010**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District No. 529 approved plumbing upgrades and electrical projects at all four colleges, at the regular meeting, Tuesday, January 19, at Lincoln Trail College, Robinson.

The projects will be paid for with carryover funds from the district's Phase IX Protection, Health and Safety bond issue of December, 2007. PHS bonds totaling \$3.675 million were approved in 2007. Because of the nature of the bids on the previous projects funded with this bond issue and because the projects were completed efficiently with minimal change orders, excess PHS funds are available to be carried over and additional projects completed.

The new projects approved Tuesday along with total estimated cost are:

1. Emergency and Exit Lighting at all campuses: \$173,500.
2. Electrical Work at the Wabash Valley College Advanced Tech Building: \$70,000.
3. Dressing Room Accessibility for Olney Central College Performing Arts: \$60,000.

The application adds a 10% contingency fee of \$30,400 and architects-engineer compensation of \$33,400, for a total cost of \$367,300.

Project Application and a resolution approving the projects will be forwarded to the Illinois Community College Board for approval.

A resolution was adopted to provide for changes in the Robinson Enterprise Zone. The resolution expands the boundaries of the Enterprise Zone to include Rain CII Carbon. The abatement will be 100 percent of the increased taxes for a period of five years. Rain CII Carbon is located on the southeast edge of Robinson and is in the process of installing a 30 megawatt electric power generation system. This generation system will use the current waste heat of the carbon plant and use it to power a turbine and generate electricity. Inclusion of the facility in the enterprise zone will help the company reduce the substantial cost of purchasing and installing the generator.

A lease was approved for a new facility at 218 East Main Street, Olney, to house the Career and Technical Education staff, Small Business Development Center, and U.S. Department of Labor staff and training facilities. The lease is from February 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011, with monthly rental of \$2,000 for 4,500 square feet of space. Rental is paid from grant funds. IECC will vacate the current smaller facility on High Street in Olney.

The district's current Cafeteria Plan was amended to allow for pre-tax employee contributions from the Health Savings Account offered by the district under the Qualified High Deductible Health Plan, approved for non-bargaining employees in December.

An affiliation agreement was approved with Good Samaritan Regional Health Center, Mt. Vernon, Illinois for the Associate Degree Nursing Program.

Affiliation agreements were approved for the Medical Assistant Program and Administrative Information Technology Program with First Financial Bank, Newton, Illinois, and Hoagland Chiropractic, Robinson, Illinois.

The fiscal year 2011 holiday schedule for IECC full-time employees was approved. There are no changes from prior holiday schedules.

The bid of Municipal Tool and Machinery Company, Maryland Heights, Missouri, was accepted for a Lagun American Turnmaster engine lathe at a bid of \$18,330. The bid of JBH Technologies, Glenview, Illinois, was accepted for a Greystone Mechanical Training Bench with a bid of \$46,957. These items are for the WVC Advanced Manufacturing Department and will be paid from a U.S. Department of Labor grant.

The bid of SuperFlow Technologies Group, Colorado Springs, Colorado, was accepted for a heavy duty diesel Dynamometer for the WVC Energy Technologies Department. The cost will be \$45,500 and will be paid from a U.S. Department of Labor grant.

The employment status of Stephanie Durham was changed from Temporary Office Assistant to Temporary Administrative Assistant to the President of Wabash Valley College.

The resignation of David Brown was accepted as Program Manager for Mining in the Workforce Education Department.

Two personnel retirements were announced. Hal Kizer will retire as Spanish Instructor, effective June 1. Lynda Price will retire as Program Assistant in Workforce Education, effective April 1.

All members of the Board of Trustees were present at the January meeting.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, February 16, at 7 p.m. at Olney Central College.