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January 20, 2004
Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District No. 529 approved the district's 2005-2009 Technology Plan at the regular monthly meeting, Tuesday, January 20, at Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel.

The plan reviews technology projects for the 2004 fiscal year and outlines current and future technological needs. The 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 installed a new firewall, upgraded the central network operating system server and tape backup system, upgraded PBX software, purchase new software licenses, installed 199 new desktop computers, purchased technology equipment and software based on campus needs.

Four Protection, Health, and Safety construction projects were approved, for repair and alteration of certain facilities in the IECC district. Resolutions requesting Illinois Community College Board approval of the projects were adopted. If the projects are approved by ICCB, the Board of Trustees will bid and complete the projects requested.

The following projects are listed in the applications and resolutions:

1. Carpet Replacement – LTC – \$225,060.
2. Sidewalk System Replacement/Upgrade – LTC & FCC – \$88,330.
3. Fire Alarm & Lighting Upgrades – OCC, WVC, FCC – \$554,180.
4. Ceiling Replacement – WVC – \$173,030.

The projects will be paid with carryover funds from the district's PHS bond issue of December 2002.

The following bids were accepted for purchase of computers:

Charley, Inc., Robinson, IL: Thirty-three desktop computers, \$22,791.

CDW Government, Vernon Hills, IL: Seven 17" flat panel monitors and twelve notebook computers, \$21,131.

Insight, Tempe, AZ: Four 19" flat panel monitors, \$2,300.

Gateway Computers, North Sioux City, SD: Five tablets, \$8,625.

The bid of Automated Office Solutions, Evansville, IN, \$34,644.37, was accepted for seventeen network switches, two return cables and ten cascade modules.

The Illinois Eastern Community College Education Association, which represents the full-time faculty at IECC and the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Board of Trustees, reached a tentative agreement on December 4, 2003. The faculty ratified the agreement on December 12th, and the IECC Board of Trustees approved the agreement at last night's meeting.

The joint agreement establishes salaries and overload increases for 2003-2004. The joint agreement allows for faculty members hired prior to the 2003-2004 contract year to receive a 3.35% salary increase retroactive to the start of the 2003-2004 contract year. In addition, overload pay was increased from \$275 to \$300 effective with the spring semester of the 2003-2004 academic year.

The Board of Trustees approved pay raises for current full-time district administrative, professional/non-faculty, and classified personnel of 2.75%. Employees with lower salaries were increased by an additional \$200 plus the 2.75% increase.

John Highhouse was approved for additional duties as Interim Dean of Instruction at Lincoln Trail College.

Brandy Crawley-Jittjumnongk was employed as Career Advisor at Lincoln Trail College.

Pamela Mulvey was employed as Business Management Instructor for the LTC educational program at the Lawrence Correctional Center.

The employment status of Bonnie Chaplin was changed from Director of Business Services to Director of Financial Operations at the District Office.

The retirement of Steve Marrs, Music Instructor at Olney Central College, was accepted, effective May 14.

The resignation of Daniel Deck, Custodian at Olney Central College, was accepted.

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