

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 20, 2009
Board of Trustees Meeting

Action to increase tuition at Illinois Eastern Community Colleges was taken by the Board of Trustees, at the regular meeting, Tuesday, January 20 at Frontier Community College, Fairfield.

Tuition and universal fees will increase from \$63 to \$67 per semester hour, effective with the summer session of 2009. The increase is required for the IECC district to be eligible for equalization funding from the state. The Illinois Community College Board requires that equalization districts must maintain a per credit hour tuition and universal fee rate that is equal to 85% of the state-wide average.

The trustees acted to accept additional property adjacent to the McCoy building in downtown Robinson. In November, the trustees accepted a deed to the building from Mrs. Jane McCoy, widow of W. "Red" McCoy. Lincoln Trail College and the Workforce Education Department are planning to develop a welding program to be offered in the McCoy building. At Tuesday's trustees meeting, Mrs. McCoy offered the additional property to the district and the offer was accepted.

Board of Trustees approval was given to file an application for a tax exemption for the McCoy property.

A new policy was adopted to allow employees to take up to 12 weeks unpaid leave if they are victims of domestic or sexual violence. For the employee to be eligible, he or she must provide certification documentation by an agent of a victim's services organization; or a police record or other collaborating evidence.

The policy was adopted to comply with action by the Illinois legislature, which has added the Illinois Victims Economic Security and Safety Act (VESSA) to the requirements for employers in the State of Illinois.

The bid of Max Dye, Salem, was accepted for a 2008 Chrysler Sebring with 8,600 miles for \$11,600 with trade-in of an older model vehicle.

The bid of Terry Wiseman's, Robinson, was accepted for a new 2008 Ford pickup truck for a total of \$20,347.45.

Rick Waldeck was employed as Workforce Education Instructor, effective February 1.

A change in employment status was approved for Deborah Coale, Records Clerk to Billing and Records Clerk at Frontier Community College, effective January 21.

Laurie Rist, Administrative Assistant, was let go effective February 3, due to her position being eliminated by state budgetary reductions.

The retirement of Blenda Demaret, Assistant to the Dean of Instruction at Frontier Community College, was announced, effective February 18.