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January 21, 2003
Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District No. 529 approved the district's 2004-2008 Technology Plan at the regular monthly meeting, Tuesday, January 21, at Olney Central College.

The plan reviews technology projects for the 2003 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 four years.

The Board of Trustees accepted the Fall 2002 Student Satisfaction Survey. All four campuses were asked to survey 100 students, 50 each in transfer and technical programs. A majority of the students surveyed were satisfied with the services of the district and indicated that the district is meeting its goals in student satisfaction.

A lease was approved between the International Program, Wabash Valley College and the WVC Foundation for lease of a 15-passenger van and a 7-passenger mini van for a total cost of \$33,652.55. The college has the option to purchase the vehicles for an additional \$1.00 to be paid with the final payment.

An Articulation Agreement was approved with Indiana State University, Terre Haute, in Administration of Justice. The agreement provides that individuals graduating with the Associate in Applied Science degree in Administration of Justice at Olney Central College will be eligible to complete requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree in Criminology at Indiana State.

The bid of Custom Computers, Olney, \$25,998, was accepted for 29 desktop computers with varying upgrade options.

The bid of IBM Direct, Tempe, AZ, \$8,245, was accepted for 17 flat screen monitors. The IBM Direct bid of \$38,235 was accepted for 24 notebook computers.

KAM Solutions, Mattoon, was selected to design, supervise, and do mercury sampling and closeout work related to the removal and abatement of mercury in the gymnasium floor at Lincoln Trail College. KAM Solutions' bid was \$18,050. The bid of Central States Environmental Services, Centralia, \$69,882, was accepted for removal of the tartan floor at the LTC Gymnasium. The floor removal project is part of the Phase VII PHS bond issue.

An agreement was approved with Self Test Software, Roswell, GA, to provide CISCO certification exams to IECC students for \$30 instead of the regular \$99.

The following actions were taken involving personnel:

The retirement letter of John Arabatgis as President of Lincoln Trail College was accepted, effective September 1.

Jamie Henry, who has been serving as Interim Director of Business at Lincoln Trail College, will become Director of Business at LTC.

Mary Mersinger was employed as Instructor in English as a Second Language.

Charlotte Bruce was employed as Director of the Learning Resource Center at Olney Central College.

Jacquelyn Shamhart, who has been an Office Assistant, will become Help Desk/Computer Technician at the District Office.

Rebecca Shultz, who has been a Computer Operator, will become Systems Technician at the District Office.

Employment of Richard Kent as Building Superintendent at LTC was terminated, effective January 22.

The Board informed Terry L. Bruce, Chief Executive Officer/Chief Operating Officer, that it intends to renew his two-year contract.

IECC district-wide enrollment is up 5 percent over one year ago.

All trustees were present at the January meeting.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, February 18, at 7 p.m. at Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel.