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February 17, 2009
Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges has approved four projects to be paid for with carryover funds from the district's Phase IX Protection, Health and Safety bond issue of December, 2007. The action was taken at the board's regular meeting, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, at Lincoln Trail College, Robinson.

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. Electrical & Lighting Upgrades – LTC, OCC, FCC: Total estimated cost: \$378,600.
2. Toilet & Locker room Upgrades – LTC: Total estimated cost: \$130,100.
3. Fire Suppression Systems Upgrades – LTC, OCC, WVC: Total estimated cost: \$72,600.
4. ADA Hardware Replacement/Supplement – FCC: Total estimated cost: \$53,300.

Project Applications and Resolutions approving the four projects will be forwarded to the Illinois Community College Board for approval.

A statement of final construction compliance was approved for Protection, Health and Safety, Capital Renewal, and state and locally-funded projects which were completed during the past year. The statement, to be submitted to the Illinois Community College Board, is for 15 projects in which the District expended \$3,302,283 in construction costs.

Amendments were approved to the current fiscal year contracts with the Robinson Correctional Center (RCC) and the Lawrence Correction Center (LCC). The amendments change the budgets for the educational programs provided at the correctional centers by Lincoln Trail College and is the result of a change in the reimbursement rates, which were an estimated figure when the original budgets were approved.

RCC budget is reduced by \$10,172.65, and the LCC budget is reduced by \$7,341.49. The Department of Corrections will increase their payments to the district by exactly these amounts and the changes will have no financial impact on the district.

The trustees approved the Illinois Sustainable University Compact (ISUC). The Illinois Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board have taken a position in support of the ISUC, which outlines twelve environmental goals that universities and community colleges may adopt for their campuses. Included are such objectives as purchasing renewable energy, implementing green

building practices, developing sustainable transportation options, and improving water conservation. As of January 27, 2009, 21 of 48 community colleges had agreed to participate in the ISUC.

The Board of Trustees recently accepted a donation of a brick building and property in downtown Robinson from Mrs. Jane McCoy. The deeds for each of the McCoy properties have been filed and Applications for Property Tax Exemption have been filed with the County Assessor of Crawford County. Action was taken at Tuesday's meeting to apply to the Illinois Community College Board for acceptance of this property into the calculation of IECC's assignable square footage. The McCoy building contained approximately 4,025 square feet.

The bid of Farber Specialty Vehicles, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, totaling \$287,527, was accepted for a Mobile Training Gallery Van for IRCC's Workforce Education. Most of the cost will be paid by federal grants and donations from two coal companies.

The Faculty Seniority List for 2008-2009 was approved.

Full-Time faculty members were reemployed for the 2009-2010 academic year, including 86 for continuation of tenure, five for initial tenure, and 21 for non-tenure.

The retirement of Andy Pottorff, Custodian at Frontier Community College, was accepted, effective April 1.

IECC District-wide enrollment is up 2% from this time one year ago.

It was reported that four persons have filed petitions as candidates in the April 7 election for election to full six-year terms on the Board of Trustees. Filing were G. Andrew Fischer of Mt. Carmel, Marilyn J. Wolfe of Albion, Larry Rost of Fairfield, and Michael K. Correll of Robinson. Fischer, Wolfe and Rost are incumbents.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, March 17, at 7 p.m. at Olney Central College.