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Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District No. 529 approved construction contracts for Phase 7 Protection, Health & Safety compliance projects, at the regular meeting, Tuesday, February 18, at Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel.

Based on recommendation of Image Architects, Inc., Carbondale, the following bids were accepted:

General Work: L. J. Swingler & Sons Construction, Teutopolis, \$912,700.

Mechanical Work: Swan Sheet Metal, Inc., Mt. Vernon, \$433,900.

Electrical Work: Tracy Electric, Lawrenceville, \$254,067.

The work includes below grade drainage installation, pavement replacement, concrete slab replacement, wall and fascia panel replacement, sealant work, door and hardware replacement, glass and glazing, painting, exterior plaster replacement, gymnasium floor installation, heating ventilating and air conditioning unit replacement, site and interior lighting, fire alarm work and related work.

The Series 2002 PHS bond issue will fund the projects.

The IECC district completed Protection, Health & Safety, Capital Renewal and locally funded construction projects in the amount of \$4,236,907 for Phase V and Phase VI construction. The trustees approved a Statement of Final Construction Compliance relative to these projects, as required by the Illinois Community College Board.

The trustees approved a tuition increase of \$3 per semester hour, effective with the Summer Term 2003.

The current tuition of \$42 will be increased to \$45 per semester hour for in-district students. Even after the increase takes effect, IECC's tuition will still be among the lowest of the state's community college districts.

Tuition for special counties will be increased from \$84 to \$90 per semester hour.

CEO Terry L. Bruce said, "Revenue generated by the increase will be needed to fill the budgetary gap caused by an overall reduction in state funding."

Also approved was an increase from \$3 to \$5 in the testing fee for the ASSET Retest. A new Compass Retest fee of \$5 was approved

Other actions taken by the Board of Trustees:

Nicole Weber was employed as Program Advisor for the Transition Center at Olney Central College.

Larry Nelson was employed as Commercial Custodial Services Instructor for the LTC Education Program at the Lawrence Correctional Center.

Resignation of Nicole Moore, Nursing Instructor, was accepted, effective May 16.

Resignation of Michael Robinson, Network/Web Technician at the District Office, was accepted, effective February 7.

Two personnel retirements were announced. D. Wayne Henegar, Dean of Instruction at Wabash Valley College, will retire, effective July 15. Searoba Mascher, Psychology Instructor, will retire, effective May 16.

Fulltime faculty members were reemployed for the 2003-2004 academic year.

The 2002-03 faculty seniority list was approved.

Faculty will be paid \$50 in the future for giving proficiency exams.

IECC district-wide enrollment is up 4 percent over one year ago.

All trustees were present at the February meeting.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, March 18, at 7 p.m. at Frontier Community College, Fairfield.