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March 18, 2014
Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges approved revised Campus Emergency Plans, at the regular meeting Tuesday, March 18, at Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel.

Each of the four IECC colleges have reviewed and revised their plans to provide an organized plan to facilitate the safety of their students, faculty and staff. The plans outline each of the college's procedures for managing major emergencies and incidents that may threaten the health, safety and welfare of the campus community or disrupt its programs and activities.

Each of the plans includes a National Incident Management System (NIMS) section in the Appendix. Minor updates relating to personnel changes, extension numbers, and a new "Escaped Prisoner Procedure" for LTC were completed.

During the meeting Barney Brumfield presented information on the IECC Small Business Development Center.

The trustees accepted the annual report of the IECC 403(b) plan. The Standard is the administrator of the approved 403(b) program for the employees of the district. The average return on investment within the plan was 14%.

The trustees and administration gave special recognition to Mikhail Guseynov, Student Trustee for the past year, expressing appreciation for his service during the past 12 months. He is a student at Wabash Valley College and his term ended with the March meeting. He was presented with a plaque in recognition of his service to the Board of Trustees and the IECC district.

The trustees approved prepayment of the balance owed Ameren under the Ameren Newton Settlement Agreement, approved in November. The prepayment amount is estimated to be \$235,061, rather than the \$258,685 that would be paid if the annual payments are made as allowed under the agreement.

Because original Phase 10 Protection, Health and Safety projects were completed efficiently and with minimal change-orders or unexpected costs, the district has carryover Protection, Health and Safety (PHS) funds available to utilize and fund IECC's obligation to the Capital Development Board.

In January of 2014 the Board approved up to \$55,000 to cover the projected shortage of Capital Development Board funds to complete the project of upgrading the chemistry lab at WVC. A Capital Project Application Form was approved, requesting approval from the ICCB for IECC's portion of this particular project to be funded with PHS money.

This work is part of a larger project to be completed by the CDB. It is ICCB project R 0035-0112 for various improvements at Lincoln Trail College (LTC), Olney Central College (OCC), and Wabash Valley College (WVC). The CDB work at LTC and OCC has already been completed, with the WVC

chemistry lab renovation the only remaining work. This remaining work is scheduled to be commenced this summer and available funds are as follows:

Remodel Chemistry Lab: 207,200.

Remaining Capital Renewal Funds Available: 161,200.

Subtotal (IECC portion of the project): 46,000.

Contingency - 10%: 4,600.

A/E Compensation and Reimbursables: 4,600.

PHS Project Request: \$ 55,200.

A Proctoring Test Fee of \$15 was approved effective immediately. As online courses have become more available, IECC is increasingly being asked to proctor examinations from outside entities. For example, the District is often asked to proctor exams from Phoenix University. The District already has an agreement with its GED provider, Pearson Vue on the cost of proctoring those particular tests. However, a fee had not been established for proctoring other examinations.

Approvals and Changes to Career and Technology Education programs and certificates for 2013 have been approved by the Illinois Community College Board. The IECC trustees accepted these approvals and changes.

The administration continuously reviews Career and Technical Education programs for additions and alterations. Annual changes in programs that were added or withdrawn during 2013 were also accepted. Also included are those programs that have been submitted for approval, but still pending, at the ICCB.

Beginning in 2009, the Board approved agreements for the establishment of a Health Careers Program between IECC and the following school districts and hospitals:

Fairfield Memorial Hospital and Edwards County High School CUSD #1.

Fairfield Memorial Hospital and Fairfield Community High School District #225.

Clay County Hospital and North Clay Community High School CUSD #25.

Clay County Hospital and Flora High School CUSD #35.

Clay County Hospital and Clay City High School CUSD #10.

This program has been highly successful and involves high school juniors and seniors pursuing a career in the health field. High school classes meet for two hours in a hospital setting and are based upon a curriculum including the study of health careers, basic anatomy and physiology, CNA certification, and hands-on clinical experiences. The program integrates academic study, workplace skills, and career competencies so that students observe health care professionals in a work place setting.

The trustees took action to renew these Health Career Partnership Agreements.

The Board approved revisions to the Radiography Program Handbook and the IECC Catalog for Radiography and Nursing.

Two affiliation agreements were approved with area institutions for the FCC Basic Nurse Assistant Program.

Ed Patton was employed as full-time temporary Lineman Instructor, effective March 19.

Kalie Naas was employed as Coordinator of Career Advisement at WVC, effective March 31.

Aaron White was employed as Coordinator of Financial Aid at LTC, effective March 20.

Debbie Bryant was employed as Administrative Assistant at FCC, effective March 20.

The employment status of Raymond Gillette was changed from full-time temporary Custodian to Custodian at WVC, effective May 12.

Retirement ratification was approved for Larry Arnold as Custodian at WVC, effective May 11.

An executive session was held from 8:55 p.m. to 10:16 p.m. to discuss personnel matters and purchase or lease of real property.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, April 15, at 7 p.m. at Frontier Community College, Fairfield.