

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 15, 2003
Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District No. 529 acted on a number of business matters at the regular meeting, Tuesday, April 15, at Lincoln Trail College, Robinson.

Joseph Kiser was seated as student member of the Board of Trustees for a one-year term, until April 2004. A student at Lincoln Trail College, he succeeds Cory Musgrave of Frontier Community College. Mr. Kiser is a graduate of Red Hill High School. He is also a graduate of Olney Central College with a certificate in auto mechanics and is currently enrolled in his first year of classes for the microcomputer support specialist degree at LTC. A resident of Sumner, he is married with three children. He operated his own auto repair shop for ten years.

Allocations of student activity fees were approved for the 2003-04 academic year, for Lincoln Trail College, Olney Central College and Wabash Valley College. The fees are the same as for the current year, except for minor changes at LTC and OCC.

Lease or sub-lease agreements were renewed for locations in Olney which house IECC programs, including OCC Cosmetology, IECC Dislocated Workers, IECC Illinois Employment Training Center, Central Management Services for the Illinois Department of Employment Security, Lakeland College Dislocated Workers Center, and CEFS Economic Opportunity Corporation.

A Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Agreement was approved with St. Mary's Medical Center, Evansville, IN.

The Board of Trustees approved an agreement concerning the assessment of the Ameren/CIPS facility located in Jasper County. Following negotiations between attorneys for Ameren/CIPS and various taxing bodies, the parties have agreed to the following future assessments of the facility: The 2002 assessment will be raised by 5%, the 2003 assessment will be raised by 5%, with no increase in the 2004 assessment.

At the request of the Richland County Economic Development Group, a resolution was adopted for an extension of the existing Olney/Richland County Enterprise Zone. The extension includes economic development areas of Jasper County, as a sub-zone to the existing Olney/Richland County Enterprise Zone. The resolution also sets forth tax abatement for

commercial expansion within the current and extended zone at the following rates: 100% for the first two years, 80% for the third year, 60% for the fourth year, 40% for the fifth year and 20% for the sixth year on commercial improvements only. It also extends the term of the existing and extended enterprise zone from the current June 30, 2007 to December 31, 2017.

The bid of Shay Roofing, Millstadt, IL, \$768,731, was accepted for roof replacement work at all IECC campuses. The work will be funded by the Series 2002 Protection, Health & Safety bond issue.

The bid of CDW Government, Inc., Vernon Hills, IL, \$12,532, was accepted for digital whiteboard recorders and software. The equipment is needed for faculty resource rooms at each campus and will be paid from Title III grant funds.

The bid of Dell Marketing, Round Rock, TX, \$35,920, was accepted for a Tape Library. The library is needed for backup of faculty staff data at each campus and will be paid from the district's Technology Enhancement grant.

Jennifer Barbre was employed as Clerk/Receptionist at Frontier Community College.

Sheri Georges was employed as Program Advisor, Educational Talent Search, at the District Office.

Aaron Dauby was employed as Computer Technician at Olney Central College.

The following faculty resignations were accepted: Kenneth Mager, Life Science Instructor, effective August 15; Rebecca Mooneyhan, Life Science Instructor, effective June 25; Nicole Moore, Nursing Instructor, effective March 21.

The retirement of Arthur Miller, Business Instructor, was announced, effective July 31.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, May 20, at 7 p.m. at Olney Central College.