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April 15, 2008

Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District No. 529 was informed by CEO Terry Bruce that an emergency notification system for the district will be “up and running” next month. Bruce explained an agreement between IECC and Omnilert Services at the regular monthly meeting, Tuesday, April 15, at Olney Central College.

Omnilert will offer emergency and weather alerts through text messaging, e-mail, and voice service to any student, faculty member, Board member, or employee of IECC from any device with internet service such as a personal computer, mobile phone, or PDA. The agreement also offers upgrades and updates, basic product training, and customer support.

The oath of office was administered to Terra Ochs, who was seated for a one year term as student member of the Board of Trustees. A student at Olney Central College, she succeeds Randi Scott-Inboden.

A resolution was adopted recognizing contributions to education by the late Kent L. Wattleworth, M.D., who died Friday, March 21. Dr. Wattleworth served more than 33 years as a member of the East Richland School District Board of Education and the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Board of Trustees. He was elected Chairman of the first IECC Board in 1967 and was serving as Chairman when he retired from the Board in 1999 and was named “Chairman Emeritus.” The main classroom building at Olney Central College was dedicated in his honor on February 26, 1978 and was named “Wattleworth Hall.” The three-page resolution concluded that the Board of Trustees “takes note of Dr. Wattleworth’s significant contributions to the educational needs of area citizens. The Board is certain that his contributions to education will continue to influence the lives of citizens of the area and for that we are thankful.”

Since December of 1993, the Board of Trustees has had in place a Family and Medical Leave Policy (FMLA), which complies with federal law. Because of changes at the federal level, the Board approved changes in the policy that are required to remain in compliance. The changes deal with Family and Medical Leave for family members of military personnel and rights of injured military personnel to Family and Medical Leave.

The changes will allow an employee leave if a spouse, son, daughter or parent are called into active military duty, or if a spouse, parent, or child who is in military service has a serious injury or illness that was incurred in the line of duty while on active military duty.

The trustees approved the following changes to the IECC Radiography program, as suggested by the personnel in the Allied Health Program:

1. Prospective students must apply by March 1 for May admission.
2. The math placement test is replaced with a COMPASS/ASSET in English, Reading, and Mathematics.
3. Information on the drug policy is moved from a “note” at the bottom of the page into the actual body of requirements; Transcripts must now be submitted to the Radiography Program Advisor.
4. All Radiography School graduates will be required to have a minimum of 15 hours of general education credits.

5. Transfer program requirements are increased in math.

An agreement was renewed with Southern Illinois University to offer Motorcycle Rider Courses at Olney Central College. The agreement sets forth the requirements of each party, does not require the payment of funds by either party, but does deal extensively with the insurance requirements of OCC and SIU. The agreement may be terminated by either party with 30 days notice.

The trustees approved submission of a Project Application to the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) for the re-surfacing of selected parking lots and roadways throughout the district.

Some existing parking lots at FCC, LTC, and OCC are original pavement and are 25 to 30 years old. The lots are desperately in need of preservation overlay before deterioration eliminates an overlay as an option. In the past the District has received Deferred Maintenance funds from the state that would be used for parking lot maintenance. However, these funds have not been received for more than six years and as a result the parking lots have deteriorated. Further, there are no Deferred Maintenance funds in the State's projected FY09 budget.

In addition, the existing road going to the WVC Applied Arts Building from the main campus has seriously deteriorated to a point where repair is necessary. A length of the road requires demolition and new base and asphalt pavement. This work is to be done in conjunction with site drainage and erosion control that has been previously approved as Protection Health and Safety work.

Total cost of this project is estimated to be \$645,500, to be funded from reserves in the Operations and Maintenance Fund.

Bids were accepted for Protection, Health and Safety Phase 9 compliance work as follows:

Division I – General/Plumbing Work: Kieffer Bros. Construction, Mt. Carmel, Illinois; Total bid with alternates \$654,000.

Division II – Mechanical Work: Merz Heating and Air Conditioning, Effingham, Illinois; Total bid \$398,800.

Division III – Electrical Work: Sandschafer Electric, Teutopolis, Illinois; Total Bid with alternate \$161,264.

The bid of K-Log, Zion, Illinois, totaling \$13,669, was accepted for 26 student computer lab workstations, four printer tables, and accessories.

Allocation of activity fees for LTC, OCC and WVC were approved for the 2008-2009 academic year. The fees are basically the same as in the past, with minor changes at WVC.

The bid schedule for the 2008-2009 fiscal year was approved.

Ten health care related agreements were approved, as follows:

An Affiliation Agreement for the Associate Degree Nursing Program with Crossroads Hospital, Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

Affiliation Agreements for the Nurse Assistant Program with Crawford Memorial Hospital, Robinson, Illinois, and Newton Rest Haven, Newton, Illinois.

Affiliation Agreements for the Medical Assistant Program with Springhill Medical Center, Terre Haute, Indiana; Sarah Bush Lincoln Medical Center, Mattoon, Illinois; and A P & S Clinic, Terre Haute, Indiana.

Affiliation Agreements for the Pharmacy Technician Program with CVS Pharmacies in Newton and Olney, Illinois and Vincennes, Indiana; and Walgreen's Pharmacy, Vincennes, Indiana.

Mary Doerner was employed as Nursing Instructor, effective August 14.

A one-time stipend payment of 4% was approved for all employees of the Lincoln Trail College educational programs at the Robinson Correctional Center and the Lawrence Correctional Center.

The resignation of Kimberly Billington as Custodian at Olney Central College was accepted, effective April 10.

The resignation of Theodore LaVigne was accepted as Custodian at Lincoln Trail College, effective April 4.

All members of the Board of Trustees were present at the April meeting.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, May 20, at 7 p.m. at Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel.