

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 20, 2004
Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges approved a Protection, Health and Safety construction project, at the regular meeting, Tuesday, April 20, at Olney Central College.

The project is for construction of an on-campus parking facility at Frontier Community College, Fairfield, to provide additional parking for students and staff, which will enhance roadway/parking safety and access along Frontier Drive. Estimated cost is \$193,600. The project will be paid with carryover funds from the district's Phase 7 PHS bond issue of December 2002.

Andrea Pennington was seated as Student Trustee of the Board of Trustees for a one-year term, until April 2005. A student at Olney Central College, she succeeds Student Trustee Joseph Kiser of Lincoln Trail College.

Allocations of student activity fees were approved for the 2004-05 academic year, for Lincoln Trail College, Olney Central College and Wabash Valley College. The fees are basically the same as for the current year, with minor changes.

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, CEFS Economic Opportunity Corporation, and the Frontier Newton Center in Newton.

New sub-leases were approved with Illinois Local Workforce Investment Board and Illinois Rehabilitation Services.

A resolution was adopted to implement new ethics legislation enacted by the Illinois General Assembly. The IECC State Gift Ban policy was amended to reduce the limit on gifts that may be accepted by trustees and employees from \$100 to \$75 during any calendar year.

Program articulation agreements were approved with Indiana State University for B.A. or B.S. degrees in Business Administration, and a B.S. degree in Information Technology.

A resolution was adopted to support the state's equalization funding formula and to oppose any change in the present equalization formula.

An Agency Agreement was approved with First National Bank in Olney for establishing a trust and agency account for a bequest to Olney Central College from the Maxine L. Helman Irrevocable Trust.

An ACH Origination Agreement was approved with First National Bank in Olney.

Authorization was given for establishment of a bank account to receive funds from international students who enroll at one of the IECC colleges.

Two bids were accepted for projects to be completed with carryover funds from the Phase 7 Protection, Health and Safety bond issue. The bid for general work was awarded to Kieffer Brothers, Mt. Carmel, for \$305,000. The bid for electrical work was awarded to Tracy Electric, Lawrenceville, for \$544,521. The projects include sidewalk replacement and construction at LTC and FCC, floor covering replacement at LTC, fire alarm replacement at OCC and WVC, ceiling tile replacement and associated lighting and heating ventilating and air conditioning work at WVC, interior lighting replacement and new site lighting at FCC.

The bid of K. Wohltman Construction, Inc., Effingham, \$156,950, was accepted for new classrooms and restrooms at the Workforce Development Center at FCC.

The following personnel were employed:

Drew Tucker, Art Instructor.

Robyn Thessing, Life Science Instructor.

Lori Phillips, Nursing Instructor.

Mary Stewart, Nursing Instructor.

Suzanne Downes, Band/Music Instructor.

Tiffany Keller, Program Advisor for the Educational Talent Search Program.

Debra Fuhrman, Custodian at Wabash Valley College.

Dan Leggitt, Groundskeeper at Lincoln Trail College.

The employment status of Janet Pflaum was changed from Business Office Clerk to Office Assistant at the District Office, effective May 20.

The resignation of Tiffany Devine was accepted as Chemistry Instructor at Olney Central College, effective June 1.

The resignation of Steven Higgins was accepted as English Instructor at Olney Central College, effective May 15.

Daniel Polgar will retire as Physics Instructor at Lincoln Trail College, effective May 17.

Lucille Lance will retire as Social Science Instructor at Olney Central College, effective May 15.

Robert Effland will retire as Electronics Lead Instructor at Wabash Valley College, effective September 1.

A demonstration was presented by members of the award-winning “Hella’s Angels” Robotics team, sponsored by Hella Electronics Corporation and Illinois Eastern Community Colleges. A power-point presentation was given on the team’s recent competition and a robot demonstration was given.

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

Student enrollment in the IECC district is currently up six percent over one year ago.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, May 18, at 7 p.m. at Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel.