

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 15, 2007
Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District No. 529 reorganized for the coming two years, at the regular meeting, Tuesday, May 15, at Olney Central College.

Following a canvass of the election returns of April 17, trustees John D. Brooks and William C. Hudson "Jr." were seated for new six year terms, expiring in 2013, and the oath of office was administered to Brooks and Hudson.

Andrew Fischer was elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Marilyn Wolfe was elected Vice-Chairman, and Walter Koertge was elected Secretary Pro Tempore.

Harry Hillis was reappointed Board Secretary and District Ethics Officer.

All of the officers were elected unanimously.

A resolution was adopted listing the dates, times and locations of regular monthly meetings for calendar year 2007. The meetings will continue to be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m., except for the December meeting, which will be held on the second Tuesday. Meeting location will rotate between the four colleges, as follows:

Tuesday, June 19, 2007, 7 p.m., Wabash Valley College

Tuesday, July 17, 2007, 7 p.m., Frontier Community College

Tuesday, August 21, 2007, 7 p.m., Lincoln Trail College

Tuesday, September 18, 2007, 7 p.m., Olney Central College

Tuesday, October 16, 2007, 7 p.m., Wabash Valley College

Tuesday, November 20, 2007, 7 p.m., Frontier Community College

Tuesday, December 11, 2007, 7 p.m., Lincoln Trail College

A resolution was approved to adopt all rules, regulations and actions of prior Boards.

The trustees approved three projects to be paid for with carryover funds from the district's Phase III Protection, Health and Safety bond issue of November, 2005. PHS bonds totaling \$3.5 million were approved in 2005. Because of the nature of the bids on the previous projects funded with this bond issue and because the projects were completed efficiently with minimal change orders, excess PHS funds are available to be carried over and additional projects completed.

The new projects approved Tuesday along with total estimated cost are:

1. District-Wide Sidewalk and Concrete work at all colleges: \$176,641.
2. Ventilation Upgrades – OCC: \$60,500.
3. Replace Compressed Air System – WVC: \$99,329.

Project Applications and Resolutions approving the three projects will be forwarded to the Illinois Community College Board for approval.

The IECC District operates vans and hires drivers to transport students in the International Student Programs at OCC, LTC and WVC. Because of rising costs of fuel, maintenance and wages, the fee for this transportation will be raised from \$125 to \$150 per semester.

The trustees approved a cooperative agreement with the Illinois Laborers Union and the Contractors Joint Apprenticeship and Training Program. Goal of the agreement is to allow laborers to earn college credit that will lead to a certificate or an associate degree during their Journeyman/Apprenticeship training.

IECC will write the curricula, review training needs, develop course information forms, obtain state authorization from the Illinois Community College Board and register students for classes. The Laborers Union and Contractors Joint Apprenticeship Program will provide a contact person, request needed courses, supply start and finish dates for classes, supply location for the class, provide a class roster and provide grades on a semester basis.

A new policy was adopted to clarify the policy concerning career and technical education (CTE) programs that have been withdrawn. The policy will allow students two years to complete a withdrawn degree program and one year to complete a withdrawn certificate program. The policy further clarifies that students that have been absent for more than two years may not enroll in a program that has been withdrawn and will be required to select a new program of study.

Minor changes were approved to the Board Policy on Tuition Waivers.

The follow bids were accepted:

Industrial Generator for the Information Technology Department: Indiana Power Service & Supply, Inc., Indianapolis, Indiana, \$20,186.

Gym and Locker Room roof replacement at LTC: Shay Roofing, Millstadt, Illinois, \$209,286.

Triple Play Equipment for Telecom Department: Kasenna, Sunnyvale, California, \$20,375.

Gym Floor Refinishing at WVC: Sandman Sports Floors, Inc., Bloomington, Indiana, \$21,534.82.

Continuous Miner Training Panel for Workforce Education Department: Joy Mining Machinery, Sunnyvale, California, \$148,750.

The resignation of Mike Dreith was accepted as President of Frontier Community College, Fairfield, effective June 2. He has accepted a position as President of Western Texas College in Snyder, Texas.

Charles Novak was employed as Interim President of Frontier Community College. Novak is a former President of Olney Central College and former Vice-Chancellor of the IECC District.

The resignation of Roger Chapman was accepted as History Instructor, effective August 15.

The resignation of Samantha Farmer was accepted as Clerk-Receptionist at FCC, effective July 1.

The retirement of Albert Miller, Jr. was announced as Custodian at LTC, effective September 1.

Jason Brinkley was employed as Chemistry Instructor, effective August 15.

Dawn Ferguson was employed as Office Assistant at LTC, effective May 17.

Dennis Shular was employed as Computer Technician at FCC, effective June 1.

Steve Hnetkovsky and Doug Robb were employed as Agricultural Technology Instructors, effective August 15.

Judith Hudson was employed as Nursing Instructor, effective August 15.

An agreement with the Division of Rehabilitation Services and Vocational Rehabilitation was renewed for an additional year. Purpose is to ensure that students with disabilities receive services needed to complete their course of study and obtain employment. The agreement clarifies the responsibilities of DRS, VR and IECC in providing services to these individuals.

A Joint Agreement for education cooperation was approved with Kaskaskia College. Under the agreement the colleges agree to accept students in certain programs that are not offered by their home district.

Contracts with the Department of Corrections were approved for the 2007-2008 fiscal year for Lincoln Trail College educational programs at the Robinson Correctional Center and the Lawrence Correctional Center. The budgets are \$395,017 for the Robinson facility and \$338,859 for the Lawrence facility.

Minor changes were approved in the budgets for the correctional facilities for the current fiscal year.

Twelve health care related agreements were approved, as follows:

Affiliation Agreements for the Medical Assistant Program with Ambucare Clinic in Terre Haute, Indiana; Clark County Family Medicine in Marshall, Illinois; Podiatry Medical Surgical Center in Oblong, Illinois; RWR Medical Arts, SC in Robinson, Illinois; AP & S Clinic in Terre Haute, Indiana; Ridgeview Care Center in Oblong, Illinois; and Sigler Osteopathic Clinic in Mt. Carmel, Illinois.

Affiliation Agreements for the Pharmacy Technician Program with Crawford County Memorial Hospital in Robinson, Illinois; Walgreen Pharmacy in Vincennes, Indiana; Fayette County Hospital in Vandalia, Illinois; and Newton CVS in Newton, Illinois.

Affiliation Agreement for the Certified Nurse Assistant Program with Cotillion Ridge in Robinson, Illinois.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, June 19, at 7 p.m. at Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel.