

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**May 20, 2008**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District No. 529 approved a new five-year contract with the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Education Association at the regular monthly meeting, Tuesday, May 20, at Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel.

The contract, which is retroactive to August 2007, covers 97 members of the full-time faculty bargaining unit. Pay raises average 4% per year over the five years through the 2011-2012 academic year.

The trustees took action to hire Tim Taylor as President of Frontier Community College, Fairfield, effective July 1. Most recently, Taylor had served as Dean at Richland Community College in Decatur, Illinois. Taylor was one of 4 candidates interviewed by the Board, FCC Faculty and Staff, and a committee of Fairfield leaders.

More than 52 persons applied for the Frontier vacancy created when former President Mike Dreith took a new position at West Texas Community College. Taylor will succeed Charles Novak, who has been Interim President at FCC for the past year.

IECC and Eastern Illinois University have formed a cooperative relationship through three articulation agreements to serve constituents, to smooth transfer, to minimize duplication of instruction and to build on community college and university learning experiences. The following 2 + 2 articulations agreements have been made between IECC and EIU:

1. Program Articulation Agreement from A.A. S. Industrial Management Program at Lincoln Trail College to B.S. in Career and Organizational Studies Program at Eastern Illinois University.
2. Program Articulation Agreement from A.A. S. Industrial Management Program at Olney Central College to B.S. in Career and Organizational Studies Program at Eastern Illinois University.
3. Program Articulation Agreement from A.A. S. Industrial Studies Program at Wabash Valley College to B.S. in Career and Organizational Studies Program at Eastern Illinois University.

A revised policy on admission of secondary school students was adopted to conform with a state law that has changed the age at which students may attend college and when they are eligible for GED testing. Under the new policy, students who are either 16 or 17 years of age and have severed connection with a high school, as certified by the Superintendent of Schools, would be eligible to attend an IECC college and take the GED test.

A Joint Agreement for education cooperation was renewed 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 2008-2009 fiscal year for Lincoln Trail College educational programs at the Robinson Correctional Center and the Lawrence Correctional Center. The budgets are \$419,184 for the Robinson facility and \$266,098 for the Lawrence facility.

IECC currently uses a security firm to conduct background checks for nursing students. Several clinical agencies, with which the District has affiliation agreements, have increased the amount of information that the District is being asked to provide on the background checks of each nursing student. The current provider will not be able to provide all the requested searches.

To provide the necessary background searches, IECC has selected Verified Credentials, which will search for as many names as required, do a county criminal search, an Illinois criminal record search, a search of the National Sex Offender Registry, and a search of the Fraud and Abuse Control System (FACIS). The trustees approved a fee of \$70 per student to provide this service.

The following bids were accepted for paving repair and overlay in the District:

Asphalt overlay at Lincoln Trail College: Ambraw Asphalt Material, Lawrenceville, \$242,224.

Asphalt overlay at Frontier Community College: Howell Paving, Mt. Carmel, \$59,284.

Concrete overlay at Olney Central College: Doll's Inc., Olney, \$249,200.

The bid of Eagleson's GM Center, Olney, was accepted for two 15-passenger vans. Both vehicles are 2008 Chevrolet 3500 Express vans, for \$24,069 each.

The following personnel were employed: Tyler Boyles as Automotive Service Technology/Collision Repair Instructor, Ryan Perry as Vocal Music Instructor, Nick Wright as Chemistry Instructor, Janet Kent as Coordinator of Human Services at FCC, and Mark Duncan as Custodian at LTC.

The employment status of Kari Book was changed from Director of Human Services, Job Development and Retention, to Director of Adult Education, Recruitment and Advisement at FCC.

The employment status of Doug Edwards was changed from Lead Custodian to Maintenance Worker at LTC.

The resignation of Richard Kribs was accepted as Math Instructor.

The resignation of Terry Chapman was accepted as Emergency Preparedness Technician at FCC.

The retirement of Brenda Helm as Director of Adult Education, Recruitment and Advisement at FCC was announced, effective June 1.

Honorable dismissal because of a reduction in force was approved for the following personnel in the Dislocated Worker Grant Program at the District Office: Peggy Jausel, Director; Deborah Hunley, Resource Room Advisor; Ruth Trowbridge, Case Worker; and Lisa Weiler, Case Worker.

Eleven health care related agreements were approved, as follows:

Affiliation Agreements for the Medical Assistant Program with Bradley Houston, M.D. in Olney, Jasper County Health Department in Newton, Podiatry Medical Surgical Center in Dr. Lathrop's office in Robinson, David Rotman, M.D. in Robinson, and Oblong Clinic Family Practice in Oblong.

Affiliation Agreements for the Pharmacy Technician Program with Bertram Pharmacy in Robinson, Crawford County Memorial Hospital in Robinson, Lovins Pharmacy in Albion, and St. Anthony's Hospital in Effingham.

Affiliation Agreement for the Phlebotomy Program with Daviess County Hospital in Washington, Indiana.

Affiliation Agreement for the Associate Degree Nursing Program with Select Specialty Hospital in Evansville, Indiana.

The Student Satisfaction Survey for the spring semester was reviewed, indicating that 94.3% of students surveyed expressed no dissatisfaction with the services offered by the IECC District. Approximately 100 students were surveyed on each campus.

Total graduates at each of the colleges and correctional centers for the 2007-2008 academic year were as follows:

Frontier Community College: 241.

Lincoln Trail College: 252.

Olney Central College: 322.

Wabash Valley College: 319.

Lawrence Correctional Center: 67.

Robinson Correctional Center: 104.

All members of the Board of Trustees were present at the May meeting and all roll call votes were unanimous.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, June 17, at 7 p.m. at Frontier Community College, Fairfield.