

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 15, 2010
Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges conducted a public hearing at the June 15 regular meeting at Olney Central College, concerning the intent of the IECC District to issue and sell Funding Bonds and Working Cash Fund Bonds.

Following the public hearing, the trustees will now establish details for the issuance of \$2,125,000 in Funding Bonds and \$2,125,000 in Working Cash Fund Bonds. This will occur at the Board of Trustees regular meeting, Tuesday, July 20, at 7 p.m., at Wabash Valley College.

IECC's Resource Allocation and Management Plan (RAMP) for fiscal year 2012 was approved. The plan outlines requests for two capital projects, as follows:

1. Olney Central College: Applied Technology Center, \$1,990,860.
2. Frontier Community College: Student Education and Support Center, \$2,874,834.

Lincoln Trail College and Wabash Valley College RAMP projects were previously submitted and identified on the FY2011 Capital Budget Recommendation.

The RAMP document will be submitted to the Illinois Community College Board.

The board adopted the prevailing rate of wages as determined by the Illinois Department of Labor for the counties of Crawford, Richland, Wabash and Wayne.

A public hearing on the community college district budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 was set for Tuesday, September 21, 2010, from 6 to 6:30 p.m., at Lincoln Trail College, Robinson. The tentative budget will be available for public inspection at the District Business Office, 233 East Chestnut Street, Olney, on and after Friday, August 6, 2010.

A resolution was adopted authorizing the permanent transfer of approximately \$100,000 in interest earned in the Working Cash Fund to the General Fund on or before June 30, 2010.

A resolution was adopted authorizing inter-fund loans during the 2010-2011 fiscal year, with the loans to be repaid to the original fund within one year.

A resolution was adopted to authorize certain expenditures from the Operations and Maintenance Fund, such as custodial salaries.

General insurance coverage for the district was renewed for fiscal year 2010-2011 with Wells Fargo Insurance, Champaign, Illinois. Renewal rates represent a \$17,443 increase over the current expiring rates. The expiring rates total \$423,104 and the renewal rates total \$440,547.

Lease or sub-lease agreements were renewed for off-campus locations which house various IECC programs throughout the district.

Three affiliation agreements were approved for IECC health related programs, with Daviess County Hospital, Washington, Indiana, in Phlebotomy; Dr. Rachel Winters, Lawrenceville, in Medical Assistant; and Marion VA Medical Center, Marion, in Medical Office Assistant.

A cooperative agreement was approved between IECC/Wabash Valley College and Wabash Valley Youth in Action, for continued operation of the WVC swimming pool and adjacent areas. Since 1981, the pool has operated through a cooperative agreement with the Mt. Carmel YMCA, which has now been dissolved. The agreement with Wabash Valley Youth in Action is substantially similar to the agreement under which the college and YMCA operated the pool.

Approval was given for the district to pay accrued bills for a short period following the end of the fiscal year June 30. The accrual period is July 1-15, 2010. All bills received during this period will be paid and a report given to the Board of Trustees the following month.

Trustees Marilyn Wolfe and John Brooks were reappointed to serve as members of the Board's Audit Committee. The committee reviews the annual audit with the District's auditors and submits a report to the Board, which then receives the full audit for consideration and approval.

The low bid meeting specifications was approved in the amount of \$248,400, with Farber Specialty Vehicles, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, for a diesel powered Mobile Maintenance Classroom for the Workforce Education Department. The unit will be paid with funds from a DCEO Coal Grant.

The trustees gave notice of intent to renew the contracts of Terry Bruce, Chief Executive Officer/Chief Operating Officer; Matt Fowler, President of Wabash Valley College; and Timothy Taylor, President of Frontier Community College.

Special assignments for the coming academic year were approved for all four colleges, including lead instructors, advisors, coordinators, managers, directors and some athletic personnel.

The following personnel were employed:

Christopher Boyd, Process Technology Instructor.

Heather Kirkwood, Director of Adult Education, FCC.

Stacey White, Head Women's Basketball Coach, LTC.

Stanley Martin, Library Technician, FCC.

Change in employment status was approved for the following personnel:

Amanda Sharp, Academic Coordinator, Upward Bound, to Counselor, Upward Bound, District Office/ LTC.

Stacey Legg, Adult Literacy Technician, to Coordinator of Human Services, FCC.

Stephanie Durham, Temporary Administrative Assistant to the President, to Fulltime Administrative Assistant to the President, WVC.

The resignation of Willard Junsie Cotton was accepted as Head Men's Basketball Coach at LTC, effective July 1.

The resignation of Deana Weber was accepted as Program Director of Cosmetology at OCC, effective May 25.

The retirement of Renee Smith as Executive Assistant to the CEO was approved, effective June 30.

Special recognition was given to two retiring college presidents, Jackie Davis of Olney Central College, and Beverly Turkal of Lincoln Trail College; also to Renee Smith, who is retiring as Executive Assistant to the CEO. All three were attending their final meeting of the Board of Trustees in their official capacities.

There was a special recognition of Board Secretary Harry Hillis, Jr. The Board noted the State award given June 4th in Springfield to Harry Hillis for being the longest serving board secretary in the State. Harry Hillis began service as secretary in 1960. He was secretary to the unit school district, then the Class II Community College Board and then the Class I elected Board. He has served each Board since the District's creation. The Board recognized his tremendous service to the Board, the District, and all the citizens within the 12 county college District.

All trustees were present at the June meeting.

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