

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 19, 2007
Board of Trustees Meeting

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges' Resource Allocation and Management Plan (RAMP) for fiscal year 2009 was approved by the Board of Trustees at the regular meeting Tuesday, June 19, at Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel.

The plan outlines requests for four capital projects, as follows:

1. Olney Central College: Applied Technology Center, \$1,742,904.
2. Wabash Valley College: Technology/Student Support Expansion to Main Hall, \$6,343,050.
3. Lincoln Trail College: Center for Technology, \$8,564,834.
4. Frontier Community College: Student Center, \$3,350,096.

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

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

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 resolution was adopted authorizing the permanent transfer of \$64,500 in interest earned in the Working Cash Fund to the General Fund on or before June 30.

A public hearing on the community college district budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 was set for Tuesday, September 18, 2007, from 6 to 6:30 p.m., at Olney Central College. The tentative budget will be available for public inspection at the District Business Office, 233 East Chestnut Street, Olney, on and after Friday, August 10, 2007.

A resolution was adopted authorizing inter-fund loans during the 2007-2008 fiscal year, with the loans to be repaid to the original fund within one year.

The trustees approved renewal of the contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois for providing health and dental insurance coverage to district employees for the coming year. The proposal contains an approximate 8.9 percent increase in health and dental insurance premiums over the current year rates.

Renewal with current insurance carriers for general insurance for the district was approved for fiscal year 2007-2008, with an overall decrease in premiums of approximately three percent. Renewal of coverage was approved for property, general liability, errors and omissions, terrorism, broadcast, automobile, umbrella liability, workers compensation, cyber liability, medical liability and various other

insurance coverage with a premium of \$493,462, which is \$15,959 less than the present premium of \$509,421.

Lease or sub-lease agreements were renewed for locations which house IECC programs, including OCC Cosmetology, IECC Dislocated Worker Program Lease, IECC Illinois Employment Training Center Lease, IECC/CMS IDES Subleases, IECC/Lakeland College Sublease, IECC/CEFS Sublease, IECC/IL WIB Sublease, IECC/Elvan Wallace and A. Carol Wallace Lease, OCC Phlebotomy and Massage Therapy Lease, IECC and Janet E. David Trust Lease, LTC/City of Robinson Fitness Center Lease, IECC/FCC Foundation Hall Lease, IECC/University of Illinois Extension Lease, IECC/Wrightman-Musso Girard Lease, IECC/LTC CEFS Lease.

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 1-12, 2007. All bills received during this period will be paid and a report given to the Board of Trustees the following month.

A motorcycle rider training program was approved for Olney Central College, provided by Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

Trustee Larry Rost was appointed as a member of the Board of Trustees Audit Committee. He replaces Kevin Williams, who did not run for re-election in April. The other committee member is trustee Marilyn Wolfe.

An affiliation agreement for the Phlebotomy Program at Olney Central College was approved with the Salem Township Hospital, Salem, Illinois.

The bid of Stuppy Greenhouse Mfg. Inc., North Kansas City, Missouri, \$45,933.27, was approved for materials for construction of a Greenhouse at Lincoln Trail College.

The IECC agreement with the State of Illinois to participate in the Federal Surplus Property Program was renewed. The district has procured federal surplus property in the past and will continue to do so under the new agreement.

Alan O'Keefe was employed as Physics/Math Instructor.

Kari Book was employed as Director of Human Services and Job Development/Retention at FCC.

Cindy Lord was employed as Nursing Instructor.

Stacey Rigg was employed as Literacy Development Center Technician at FCC.

Lee Ann Schmitt, was employed as Office Assistant for the International Student Program at the District Office.

Kimberly Venters was employed as Clerk/Receptionist at FCC.

A change in employment status was approved for Blenda Demaret, from Assistant to the Dean of the College at FCC, to Interim Dean of the College.

A change in status was approved for Theresa Marcotte, from Nursing Instructor at OCC, to Dean of Instruction at WVC.

The status of Nancy Buttry was changed from Nursing Instructor, OCC/FCC, to Associate Dean of Nursing and Allied Health, OCC.

Kathy Nelson was given a special assignment as Interim Associate Dean of Nursing from July 1-29,2007.

The Board of Trustees gave notice of intent to renew the two-year contract of Jack Davis as President of Olney Central 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.

Glen Donaldson was reemployed as Associate Dean of the LTC educational programs at the Robinson and Lawrence Correction Centers, Tim Watson was reemployed as the Site Director for the educational program at the Lawrence Correctional Center. Lori Watts was reemployed as Records Assistant at the two correctional centers.

Honorable dismissal was given the following employees due to a reduction in force: Jan Columbia, Office Assistant, Dislocated Worker Grant, District Office; Debra Rister, Program Advisor, Allied Health Grant, OCC; Willa Seiler, Case Worker, Dislocated Worker Grant. District Office. The dismissals are effective July 1.

The retirement of Bob Boyles, Program Director, Adult and Continuing Education at FCC, was announced, effective September 1.

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