

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 19, 2012
Board of Trustees Meeting

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Resource Allocation and Management Plan (RAMP) for fiscal year 2014 was approved by the Board of Trustees at the regular meeting, Tuesday, June 19, at Frontier Community College, Fairfield. The plan outlines requests for two capital projects, as follows:

1. Olney Central College: Applied Technology Center, \$2,111,500.
2. Frontier Community College: Student Education and Support Center, \$2,060,200.

RAMP projects for Lincoln Trail College (Center for Technology) and Wabash Valley College (Technology/Student Support Expansion to Main Hall and Renovation) have already been submitted and approved. These two projects are listed on the fiscal 2013 Capital Budget Recommendation and the funding levels are set at the amounts appropriated in FY2010.

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, 2012 was set for Tuesday, September 18, 2012, at 7 p.m., at Wabash Valley 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 3, 2012.

A resolution was adopted authorizing the permanent transfer of approximately \$20,000 in interest earned in the Working Cash Fund to the General Fund on or before June 30, 2012.

A resolution was adopted authorizing inter-fund loans during the 2012-2013 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.

Lease or sub-lease agreements were renewed for 16 off-campus locations which house various IECC programs throughout the district and adjoining areas.

Nine affiliation agreements were approved dealing with the Phlebotomy, Associate Degree Nursing, Pharmacy Technician, Medical Office Assistant, Emergency Response, Health Information Management, and Certified Medical Assistant programs, with health related agencies.

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 1-13, 2012. All bills received during this period will be paid and a report given to the Board of Trustees the following month.

A revision was approved to the IECC Information Technology (IT) Change Management Policy. The District policy ensures that there is a consistent and systematic approach to any modification of IT resources, the mitigation of security risks and any loss of information due to system outages. Before any change is made, due consideration will be given to testing and communication to all staff involved, followed by a post change evaluation. All of these changes and evaluations are to be documented.

A Joint Agreement for Education Cooperation was renewed with Kaskaskia College, District No. 501. Under the agreement the colleges agree to accept students in certain programs that are not offered by their home district.

The Online Education Plan 2012 was approved. IECC has been offering online courses since 1997. Currently, approximately 145 online courses are taught by 70 full-time and part-time faculty. The District continues to show impressive growth in student enrollment in online courses.

Purpose of the Online Education Plan is to provide an institutional strategy and structure to support and promote district-wide online opportunities. IECC will continue to provide flexible, accessible, and quality programs and courses to students who desire an alternative delivery method for learning, as well as to foster effective and reliable student and faculty support services for online education. The 2012 Online Education Plan has been updated and revised to continue to effectively respond to the needs of the students and communities served.

The trustees approved an updated multi-year Financial Planning Document for fiscal years 2013 through 2017 for the Education Fund and Operations and Maintenance Fund, in preparation for the recognition visit of the Illinois Community College Board in 2013. The document represents the District's best judgment relative to anticipated revenues for these two funds for the five year period and is based on current information.

The multi-year Financial Planning Document was developed in compliance with the District's Strategic Plan and incorporates information from the Program Review Report. The Financial Planning Document also takes into account the District's current resources and the Environmental Scan. The District continually reviews and refines this information and updates this report annually.

The IECC District is submitting an application for a federal Title III grant, for "Strengthening Institutions" and if granted, will help the District address declining enrollment, assist in new program development, allow the District to revitalize current programs, and develop new initiatives on student retention.

In an effort to develop a successful Title III grant application, a Memorandum of Understanding between Ramona Munsell & Associates Consulting, Inc. (RMA) and Illinois Eastern Community College District 529 has been developed and was approved by the Board of Trustees.

The trustees acted to join other taxing bodies in Jasper County in intervention in a dispute between the Jasper County Board of Review and Ameren Energy Generating Company over the assessment of property in Jasper County. The Board of Review assessed the property for assessment year 2009 at \$59,795,180.00. Ameren has appealed and asked for a property tax assessment of \$44,897,495.00. The appeal before the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board will be handled by Fred Lane, attorney.

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

The following personnel were employed.

Susan Stover, Early Childhood Education Instructor, effective August 9, 2012.

Crystal McDaniels, Administrative Assistant, WVC, effective June 25, 2012.

Kim Merrick, Office Assistant, WVC, effective July 1, 2012.

Brenda Halbin, Office Assistant, FCC, effective July 1, 2012.

Patricia Hilliard, Office Assistant, FCC, effective July 9, 2012.

Stephanie Greifzu, Custodian, OCC, effective June 21, 2012.

Chad Noble, Information Systems Technician, FCC, effective June 21, 2012.

Eric Scheller, Diesel Equipment Technology Instructor, effective August 9, 2012.

Luann Frank, Program Assistant – Girard, WED, effective July 1, 2012.

The employment status of Dana Hart was changed from Administrative Assistant, Human Resources, District Office, to Coordinator, Employment and Benefits, District Office, effective July 1, 2012.

The resignation of Hollie Kelly was accepted as Nursing Instructor, effective August 1, 2012.

The resignation of Stacey White was accepted as Head Women's Basketball Coach at LTC, effective June 6, 2012.

The resignation of Betty Jo Noll was accepted as Program Assistant, Workforce Education, effective June 30, 2012.

The retirement of Wayne Morris was accepted as Interim Dean of Instruction, WVC, effective June 15, 2012.

The retirement of David Goodson was accepted as Telecommunications Instructor, effective June 30, 2012.

The Board noted with sadness, the passing of James S. Spencer on May 30, 2012. Dr. Spencer helped establish the District and was named the President of Olney Central College in 1968 and was the

District's first Chancellor, a position he held until 1983. His leadership was essential to the District's creation and early operation.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held at Lincoln Trail College, Robinson, Tuesday, July 17, at 7 p.m.