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August 16, 2005

Board of Trustees Meeting

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District 529 filed an application requesting authority to issue \$3,497,568 in Protection, Health, Safety bonds for repair and alteration of certain facilities in the IECC district. Resolutions seeking Illinois Community College Board approval of the projects were adopted by the Board of Trustees at the regular meeting Tuesday, August 16, at Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel.

If the projects are approved by ICCB, the Board of Trustees may issue the bonds, then bid and complete the construction projects requested.

The following projects are listed in the applications and resolutions:

1. Repair Stairways & Elevators – OCC – \$121,460.
2. Combustible Wall Panel Replacement – LTC North Campus – \$178,291.
3. Bleacher Replacement – WVC – \$179,850.
4. Floor Tile Replacement – OCC Gym/Theater Lobby & Rest Rooms – \$38,400.
5. Greenhouse Glass Replacement – OCC Wattleworth Hall – \$51,400.
6. ADA Natatorium Renovations – WVC – \$245,000.
7. Tuckpoint Exterior Walls – LTC Crisp Building – \$37,200.
8. ADA Compliance Work – OCC, FCC – \$287,400.
9. Roof Replacements/Repair – LTC, OCC, WVC – \$1,013,755.
10. Asbestos Surveys & Abatement – District-Wide – \$529,507.
11. Upgrade Plumbing – District-Wide – \$67,200.
12. HVAC Supplement & Upgrade – OCC, WVC – \$593,505.
13. Lighting & Fire Alarm Upgrade – FCC, OCC, WVC – \$154,600.

The 2005 PHS bond issue is nearly the same amount as the 2002 PHS bond issue, which will be retired, meaning that the bond and interest tax rate will remain approximately the same.

A resolution was adopted authorizing the district and its four colleges to continue to purchase surplus property from the State of Illinois.

The annual Illinois Community College Board Certification of Chargeback document was approved for fiscal year 2006. The out-of-district cost per semester hour is \$184.63. Chargeback reimbursement per semester credit hour is \$95.78. Cost per semester credit hour for out-of-state and international students is \$228.55.

Current full-time district administrative, professional/non-faculty, and classified personnel were granted pay increases for the 2005-2006 fiscal year, with 5% increases for employees with base wages below \$40,000 and 3% increases for employees with base wages of \$40,000 and above.

The trustees adopted revisions to two Board Policies: Appropriate Use of Information Technology Resources, and Revolving Fund and Utility Fund.

A revised Dual Admission Pilot Transfer Agreement with Eastern Illinois University was approved. The revised agreement provides dual admission to students who meet IECC's admission and the Dual Admission Pilot requirements. Students who fulfill the requirements of the pilot agreement are guaranteed acceptance to EIU with full junior status.

The trustees approved an extension to July 1, 2017 for the Flora-Clay County Enterprise Zone.

Fees were approved for the new Phlebotomy Program at Olney Central College.

The transportation fee for the International Student Program van was increased from \$75 to \$100 per semester.

The tentative budget for fiscal year 2005-2006 was accepted. Action on the budget will be taken at the September regular meeting.

The \$26,199.30 bid of Nevco Scoreboard Company, Greenville, Illinois, was accepted for an outdoor entrance sign at Olney Central College.

Gary Webb was employed as a Custodian at Wabash Valley College.

A change in status was approved for Karissa Anderson, from Office Assistant to Library Assistant at Wabash Valley College.

Two retirements were announced.

Larry Houston will retire as Director of Admissions/Career Advisement at Frontier Community College, effective October 31.

Carolyn DiBeasi has retired as Office Assistant at Lincoln Trail College.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, September 20, at 7 p.m. at Frontier Community College, Fairfield. A public hearing on the community college district budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005 will be held from 6 to 6:30 p.m. at FCC.