

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**September 16, 2003**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**

An operating funds budget of \$23,773,092 has been adopted by the Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District No. 529 for the fiscal year July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004.

The budget was adopted at the regular meeting Tuesday, September 16, at Olney Central College, following a public hearing held before the board meeting. It includes \$21,133,778 in the Education Fund and \$2,639,314 in the Operations and Maintenance Fund. These are the two principal operating funds of the IECC district.

Also approved were fiscal year budgets for the following special funds: Operations and Maintenance Restricted Fund \$3,587,372, Bond and Interest Fund \$1,478,759, Auxiliary Fund \$4,328,927, Audit Fund \$90,113, Liability, Protection and Settlement Fund \$1,272,637.

Revenue for the Education Fund is from the following sources: Local taxes \$1,800,000, state government \$11,225,778, student tuition and fees \$7,906,000, investments \$87,000, sales and service fees \$30,000, miscellaneous revenue \$85,000, for total receipts of \$21,133,778.

Expenses in the Education Fund are budgeted as follows: Salaries \$12,607,732, employee benefits \$1,557,869, contractual services \$605,845, material and supplies \$1,057,839, travel and conference meeting expense \$200,799, fixed charges \$246,877, utilities \$145,062, capital outlay \$409,287, miscellaneous expenses \$4,302,468, for total expenditures of \$21,133,778.

Revenue for the Operations and Maintenance Fund is from the following sources: Local taxes \$768,943, state government \$1,830,371, building rental \$30,000, miscellaneous revenue \$10,000, for total receipts of \$2,639,314.

Expenses in the Operations and Maintenance Fund are budgeted as follows: Salaries \$857,295, employee benefits \$142,420, contractual services \$258,989, materials and supplies \$140,850, travel and conference meeting expense \$7,400, fixed charges \$122,320, utilities \$1,022,100, capital outlay \$83,000, staff development \$4,940, for total expenditures of \$2,639,314.

A resolution was adopted to provide for a public hearing on the district's estimated tax levy, to be certified in 2003 and payable in 2004. The hearing will be at Wabash Valley College,

Mt. Carmel, Tuesday, October 21 from 6 to 6:30 p.m. The estimated tax levy is \$3,270,000, plus an extension for bond and interest payments of \$1,501,655.

The annual financial audit of community college district accounts for the past fiscal year, as prepared by Clifton, Gunderson & Co., Springfield, was reviewed. The audit was accepted for submission to the Illinois Community College Board.

Danna Davis was employed as Academic Support Specialist at the District Office.

Jodi Schneider was employed as College Academic Advisor at the District Office.

Karen Miller was employed as Youthful Offender Counselor in the Lincoln Trail College Educational Program at the Lawrence Correctional Center.

John Arabatgis, who recently retired as President of Lincoln Trail College, was employed as Academic Counselor for the LTC Educational Programs at the Robinson Correctional Center and the Lawrence Correctional Center.

The retirement of Tom Kucharik, Instructor in the Workforce Education Program, was announced, effective October 1.

The following personnel resignations were accepted: Phyllis Wells, Nursing Instructor; J. Renae Crank, Curriculum Development Specialist in the Title III Program; Michael Kowalis, Youthful Offender Counselor in the Lincoln Trail College Educational Program at the Lawrence Correctional Center.

Minor revisions were approved to the IECC Vacation Leave Policy and Tuition Waiver Policy.

Purchase of Enterprise FormFusion Solution software at a cost of \$15,800 from Title III funds was approved. The district Student Services Offices will utilize the software to provide clearer information to students through the BANNER computer program system, such as schedules, bills and other data.

The results of the Spring 2003 Student Satisfaction Survey were accepted by the Board of Trustees. Fifty transfer students and 50 technical students are asked to participate in the survey each semester. Results are averaged and placed in the district's annual Report Card. Of students surveyed, 92.47 percent expressed no dissatisfaction with district services.

Charlotte Bruce, Director of the Learning Resource Center at Olney Central College, presented a demonstration of the Virtual Library System at OCC.

Program reviews were presented by LeAnn Hartleroad, Director of the IECC Upward

Bound Program, and Carol Redman, Director of the IECC Educational Talent Search Program.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, October 21, at 7 p.m. at Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel.