

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 15, 2002
Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District No. 529 acted on several items of business at the monthly meeting, Tuesday, October 15, at Olney Central College.

Following a public hearing preceding the meeting, the district's tax levies were certified for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003. The levies are for the education and the operations and maintenance funds, as well as for the governmental employees tort immunity act, Social Security & Medicare, the financial audit, and worker's compensation & unemployment insurance funds.

The Certificate of Tax Levy is filed on or before the last Tuesday in December with the county clerk in each of the 12 counties in which part of the IECC district is located.

The IECC local tax rate is estimated at 42.8 cents per \$100 in equalized assessed valuation.

Local taxes normally account for about 11% of the college district's budgeted revenue, with about 58% from state government, 29 percent from tuition and fees and 2% from miscellaneous sources.

A bond issuance hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, prior to authorization for issuance of \$3,550,000 in Public Health Safety bonds. The hearing will be at the District Office Board Room in Olney from 8 to 9 a.m.

A contract was approved with the American Heart Association to establish Frontier Community College, Fairfield, as a Community Training Center. The AHA is a non-profit organization dedicated to fighting heart disease and strokes.

The district's Gift Ban Act policy was revised to reflect a recent amendment to the act. The amendment revises the "nominal value" gift exception by specifying that employees and members of the Board of Trustees may accept "any item or items from any one prohibited source during any calendar year having a cumulative value of less than \$100."

Renee Smith, Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer, was appointed Deputy Election Clerk to assist in administrative duties relative to the Board of Trustees election April 1, 2003.

Trustee Marilyn Wolfe was appointed as a Board Member representative to serve on a committee to rewrite the IECC Mission Statement.

Wabash Valley College was authorized to enter into a lease with the WVC Foundation for purchase two 2001 Dodge 15-passenger vans for \$31,000 at 5% simple interest. The college has the option to purchase the vehicles for an additional \$1.00 to be paid with the final payment.

The bid of Xerox Corporation, Springfield, IL, \$9,509, was accepted for a Document Center digital copier for the District Office in Olney.

The bid of Illini Supply, Inc., Decatur, IL, \$18,079.50, was accepted for 170 18-inch tables, and \$391.40 for two 24-inch tables for Olney Central College.

The bid of Smith & Butterfield, Evansville, IN, \$18,635.34, was accepted for 466 chairs for Olney Central College.

Kyle Peach was employed as Director of Broadcasting at Wabash Valley College.

The employment status of Carol Redman was changed from Program Advisor to Director of the Educational Talent Search Program at the District Office.

The employment status of Cora Weger was changed from Academic Support Specialist to Director of the Student Advantage Network Program at the District Office.

A Memorandum of Agreement with the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Education Association was approved relating to "Master On-Line Teacher Certification." A second Memorandum of Agreement was approved, relating to "Title III" grants.

Jervaise McGlone, Project Director, and specialists involved in the IECC Title III Grant, presented a comprehensive review of the first year of operation of the project to enhance and improve the quality of education in the IECC District.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, November 19, at 7 p.m. at Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel.