

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**October 15, 2013**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges certified the district's tax levies for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015, at the regular meeting Tuesday, October 15, at Lincoln Trail College, Robinson. The levies are for the education and building fund, outstanding bond issue, tort liability, workmen's compensation and unemployment, financial audit, social security and Medicare.

The IECC tax rate for calendar year 2013 is estimated at 46.58 cents per \$100 in equalized assessed valuation. 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.

A resolution was adopted to comply with a General Accounting Standards Board requirement that under GASB guidelines, taxes levied for the year 2013 will be collected late in calendar year 2014 and that 100% of the levy will be allocated to fiscal year 2015.

Health and dental insurance was approved for renewal with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois for the 2014 calendar year, with a rate increase of 12.3 percent for health insurance and a 5 percent decrease in dental plan premiums. The increase includes 3.3 percent for estimated Health Insurer fees required as part of the Affordable Care Act.

The trustees currently offer a Qualified High Deductible Health Plan (District Plan) to all non-faculty employees, and implemented Health Savings Accounts (HSA) that enabled qualified employees in the District Plan to set aside money in pre-tax dollars. Each year the amount of the District's contribution to the participant's HSA for the coming calendar year is set prior to the beginning of the open enrollment period. The contribution for calendar year 2014 will be \$1,000 for qualified employees.

The IECC policy that restricts use of tobacco products in any district utilized building, was amended to include banning the use of e-cigarettes in district buildings and vehicles.

Two tuition specials were approved, as follows:

The Spring 2014 semester tuition special will be for one 3 hour class either online, face to face, or hybrid, at a \$35 special tuition rate per credit hour for new students not currently enrolled or students who have not been enrolled at IECC for the past 36 months. Additional requirements and exclusions apply.

The Summer 2014 term tuition special is limited to 12 credit hours per student online, face to face, or hybrid at a \$35 special tuition rate per credit hour for students subject to the following conditions: Student is a resident of District 529, Student pays tuition and fees in full before the first day of classes, including tuition and fees due from a prior semester and the student is responsible for textbooks and supplies. The Special Summer rate of \$35 per credit hour will apply to a maximum of

12 semester hours. Excluded courses are Allied Health, Concealed Carry, Non-Credit, Community Ed, Truck Driving, and Business and Industry.

The trustees approved a data sharing agreement with the East Richland School District. IECC and East Richland are currently jointly operating under a Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM) grant. Under the grant, OCC and ERHS are working together to improve student math and English skills and reduce the need for college remediation. The program has just begun, but has been very successful.

As the work under the grant moves forward, OCC and ERHS will need to share data about the student's high school courses and grades and other academic history. Data under this agreement will not be shared without the written permission of the parties and shall remain secure from unauthorized physical or electronic access.

A Concealed Carry Student Release form and a Gun Club Indemnification Agreement were approved regarding the district's concealed carry instruction course.

The bid of PlasmaCAM, Inc., Colorado City, Colorado, \$11,210.83, was accepted for a CNC Plasma Cutter for the Advanced Manufacturing Program at Wabash Valley College. The system will be paid through a Department of Labor grant.

The \$28,076.00 bid of Sharp & Williams, Inc., Mt. Carmel, was accepted for a new boiler at the Spencer Sports Center at Wabash Valley College.

Amanda Nelson was employed as Program Advisor, TRiO Talent Search Program, effective October 16.

The title of Rodney Hanner was changed from Manufacturing Project Coordinator, District Office, to Manufacturing Program Director, effective October 16.

Termination of employment of Megan Young as Office Assistant, EPM, Workforce Education/Frontier Community College, was ratified, effective October 16.

The resignation of Deborah Whitacre, Operations/Fiscal Assistant, LWIA, was ratified, effective November 5.

Two affiliation agreements for health-related programs were approved.

The trustees held an executive session from 9:06 to 10:25 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. It was the board's first executive session since January 17, 2012.

All members of the Board of Trustees were present at the October meeting and all votes were unanimous.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, November 19, at 7 p.m. at Olney Central College.