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October 16, 2007

Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges took additional actions toward approval of a \$3.7 million issue of Protection, Health and Safety bonds, at the regular meeting Tuesday, October 16 at Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel.

The Illinois Community College Board has approved the 12 projects to be funded by the bond issue, including Install/Expand Energy Management System; ADA Compliance Work; HVAC Replacement & Upgrades; Roof Replacement-LTC, OCC; Combustible Wall Panel Replacement-LTC; Toilet Replacement-LTC; Asbestos Abatement; Site Lighting Upgrade; Door and Window Replacement; Carpet Replacement-WVC; Storm Water Remediation.

The trustees held and certified a Bond Issuance Hearing during the meeting.

Kurt Froehlich of the firm of Evans, Froehlich, Beth & Chamley, Champaign, Illinois, was approved as bond counsel. Bill Morris of D.A. Davidson & Co., Chicago, Illinois, was approved as underwriter and distributor of the district's PHS Bonds. A bond debt service amortization schedule was approved for the 2007 bond issue.

Final approval of the bond issue is expected at the November meeting of the trustees.

A new policy was adopted concerning progress of nurses in IECC nursing program.

Under the new policy, nursing students will be required to achieve a minimum score on a standardized exit exam for nurses. The nursing students will be told of this requirement in the syllabus for the courses they take in the last semester of either the LPN or RN program.

If the student does not receive the required minimum score, remediation will be offered through four attempts at the exit exam.

An agreement was approved with RidgeviewTel to allow the company access to the Wabash Valley College radio tower and installation of a wireless network at WVC. This installation will allow RidgeviewTel to provide wireless internet service to residents of the city of Mt. Carmel and to much of the outlying area.

Affiliation agreements were approved with Embarras River Basin Agency at the Olney Senior Citizens Center for the Associate in Applied Science in Nursing Program, and with Gibson General Hospital, Princeton, Indiana, for the OCC Phlebotomy Program.

An inter-governmental agreement was approved with other taxing bodies in Crawford County to share in the payment of legal services and for professional assessment of the Marathon Petroleum Company for the Robinson Refinery property. IECC's share of these costs is estimated at \$6,600.

Following a public hearing preceding the meeting, the district's tax levies were certified for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008. The levies are for the educational, operations & maintenance, governmental employees tort immunity act, Social Security and Medicare, financial audit, and worker's compensation and unemployment insurance funds. An additional amount is extended for the district's one outstanding bond issue.

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 35.20 cents per \$100 in equalized assessed valuation.

A resolution was adopted to comply with a General Accounting Standards Board requirement that under GASB guidelines, taxes levied for the year 2007 will be collected late in calendar year 2008 and that 100% of the levy will be allocated to fiscal year 2009.

John Mills was employed as Workforce Education Instructor.

The retirement of Johnie Harrell as Automotive Instructor was accepted, effective December 1.

The resignation of William Bogard was accepted as Maintenance Worker at LTC, effective October 22.

The resignation of Debra Fuhrman was accepted as Custodian at WVC, effective October 9.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, November 20, at 7 p.m. at Frontier Community College, Fairfield.