

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**October 21, 2003**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District No. 529 approved a Dual Admissions Agreement between IECC and Indiana State University, Terre Haute, at the monthly meeting, Tuesday, October 21, at Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel.

The agreement provides that a student admitted to one of the IECC colleges will be granted admission to Indiana State upon completion of the courses specified in the agreement. IECC transfer degree students would automatically become eligible to complete the requirements for a baccalaureate degree of their choice, subject to conditions detailed in the agreement.

A Transfer Agreement between IECC and Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, was approved. The agreement provides for transfer of IECC students into the EIU Board of Trustees/Bachelor of Arts degree program.

Following a public hearing preceding the meeting, the district's tax levies were certified for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004. The levies are for the educational, operations & maintenance, governmental employees tort immunity act, Social Security & Medicare, 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 43.38 cents per \$100 in equalized assessed valuation.

For the current fiscal year, local taxes account for about 11% of the college district's budgeted revenue, with about 55% from state government, 33 percent from tuition and fees and 1% from miscellaneous sources.

Revisions to the Family and Medical Leave Act Policy were approved, to comply with recent court decisions and rules and regulations pertaining to this Act.

The Board of Trustees accepted a Certificate of Eligibility to Receive Equalization Grants from the Illinois Community College Board. Each year, the ICCB reviews the equalized assessed valuation in each community college district in Illinois and determines if a district is eligible to receive equalization funding. The ICCB determined that Illinois Eastern is eligible to receive equalization grants in fiscal years 2003 and 2004.

The ICCB has also determined that IECC is eligible to levy a combined total of 25.54 cents per \$100 equalized assessed valuation for the educational and operations & maintenance funds. The Board of Trustees approved a motion to not levy the additional 0.54 cents (approximately one-half cent), but to keep the combined operating funds tax rate at 25 cents per \$100 equalized assessed valuation. The total operating funds rate has remained the same since the district was established.

A resolution was adopted to seek budget modifications for the Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning/Data Center Acoustics Upgrade. Total project budget is \$98,000. Request for the budget modification will be forwarded to the Illinois Community College Board.

Lori Watts was employed as Records Assistant for the Lincoln Trail College educational programs at the Lawrence and Robinson Correctional Centers.

A change in employment status was approved for Lona Peavler, from Business Office Clerk to Payroll Clerk in the District Office in Olney.

Gayle Zaring was assigned duties as interim Career Advisor at Lincoln Trail College.

The following personnel resignations were accepted: Elizabeth Tate, Nursing Instructor, effective September 17; Amber Ramsey, Youthful Offender Counselor, effective October 3; Kristina Zane, Career Advisor at Lincoln Trail College, effective October 17.

The following personnel retirements were announced, effective December 31: Victor Connor, Art Instructor; Cynthia Frost, Payroll Clerk at the District Office; John Stoll, Custodian at Olney Central College.

Employment of Melanie Kent, Administrative Assistant at the District Office, was terminated, effective October 22.

The trustees approved a request from members of the Lincoln Trail College Foundation to place a banner in the LTC Gymnasium during the dedication of the new gym floor, recognizing the many contributions of the late Richard J. Roth to the IECC District and to LTC. Mr. Roth served as a member of the Board of Trustees from 1977-1985 and President of the LTC Foundation from 1988-1990. He was a strong supporter of LTC athletics and was instrumental in establishing the Ambassadors Club, an athletic booster club. The dedication ceremony will be held during halftime at the LTC-Lewis & Clark basketball game, Saturday, November 8.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, November 18, at 7 p.m. at Frontier Community College, Fairfield.

