

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**November 20, 2012**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**

A resolution was adopted providing for the issuance of \$2,000,000 taxable general obligation community college bonds and \$2,690,000 general obligation community college bonds at the regular meeting Tuesday, November 20, at Lincoln Trail College, Robinson.

A public hearing was held on the bond issuance on October 16. The Board has also approved all PHS projects, submitted them for approval by the Illinois Community College Board, and the ICCB has approved these projects as being eligible for PHS Bond issuance.

The District's five year Technology Plan was approved. The plan is updated on an annual basis. An information technology committee reviews the IECC technology needs and submits a report to the Board.

The plan for fiscal years 2013-2017 allocates \$540,000 per year for each of the five years for a total investment in technology of \$2,700,000 through 2017.

Changes proposed for fiscal year 2013 include additional funding for a new learning management system (LMS). The current LMS is Angel, which the District is very satisfied with. However, Angel's biggest competitor, Blackboard, has purchased Angel and dramatically increased the cost of that LMS. After a major review, the District has selected Desire2Learn (D2L). The decision to purchase D2L is a major undertaking and will require a great deal of consulting and training to implement. Those increased costs are also included in the technology plan.

In addition, the plan reduces the budget for computer replacements due to computer price reductions which allowed the District last year to meet all computer replacement requests at a lesser cost. Further, the plan decreases network and server budgets because the new LMS will allow some offsite use of storage capacity.

Technology Plan projects are grouped in the following categories: administrative systems, network infrastructure, telecommunications, software, and other technology resources. The plan gives status updates on fiscal year 2012 projects, and planned projects for fiscal year 2013.

The schedule of holidays for full-time staff was approved for calendar year 2013. There is no change in the number of holidays from previous years.

The policy regarding Nursing Student Progression/Remediation was revised to provide for changes that are needed in the exam process.

The IECC District has been reviewing current policies as the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) visit, scheduled for Spring 2015, approaches. The HLC requires the District to have an academic integrity policy in place. Although academic integrity is enforced by each faculty member, to meet the

HLC requirements, a District Academic Integrity Policy was adopted by the Board of Trustees. The Academic Integrity Policy is violated whenever a student obtains unauthorized assistance, gives fraudulent assistance to another student, represents the work of others as his or her own, fabricates data, or uses technology to gain an academic advantage.

The Trustees acted to certify that IECC has conducted a biennial review of its drug prevention program and policy and has determined that it is adequately effective in promoting a drug-free campus environment to students, faculty and staff. The District also certified that it will continue to conduct a biennial review of the program's effectiveness, implement needed changes, and ensure that disciplinary sanctions are consistently enforced.

The biennial review is required by the Drug-Free Schools and Campus Regulations, as set forth in the Education Department of General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), as a condition of receiving funds or any form of financial assistance under any federal program.

Six affiliation agreements for health-related programs were approved, two for Olney Central College's Phlebotomy Program and four for Frontier Community College's Emergency Response Program.

A Joint Agreement for Education Cooperation was renewed with Lewis and Clark Community College. Under the agreement the colleges agree to accept students in certain programs that are not offered by their home district.

The low bid of T-Graphics, Oblong, Illinois, \$68,919, was accepted for an upgrade to the entrance sign at Lincoln Trail College.

The resignation of Mark Doerries was accepted as Vocal Music Instructor, effective December 15.

The resignation of Emily Ferguson was accepted as Nursing Instructor, effective November 12.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, December 11, at 7 p.m. at Olney Central College.