

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
December 11, 2007
Board of Trustees Meeting

A number of business items were acted upon by the Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges, at the regular meeting, Tuesday, December 11, at Lincoln Trail College, Robinson.

The bid of Swan Sheet Metal Systems, Mt. Vernon, Illinois, in the amount of \$859,800, was accepted for mechanical work on heating, ventilation and air conditioning replacements at Lincoln Trail College and Olney Central College. The PHS compliance work will be paid from Protection Health and Safety Phase 9 funds.

A new policy was adopted which sets qualifications of the IECC dual credit faculty in both transfer and career and technical fields of instruction. Dual credit instruction by the district continues to grow. The policy also defines acceptable course work for dual credit instructors.

An affiliation agreement was approved with Good Samaritan Hospital, Vincennes, Indiana, for the Associate Degree in Nursing Program.

The holiday schedule for full-time staff of IECC for the 2008-2009 fiscal year was approved. There are no changes from prior IECC schedules for holidays.

A Joint Agreement for education cooperation was approved 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.

Dates, times and places were set for regular monthly meetings of the Board of Trustees for the 2008 calendar year as follows:

- Tuesday, January 15, 2008, 7 p.m., Wabash Valley College
- Tuesday, February 19, 2008, 7 p.m., Frontier Community College
- Tuesday, March 18, 2008, 7 p.m., Lincoln Trail College
- Tuesday, April 15, 2008, 7 p.m., Olney Central College
- Tuesday, May 20, 2008, 7 p.m., Wabash Valley College
- Tuesday, June 17, 2008, 7 p.m., Frontier Community College
- Tuesday, July 15, 2008, 7 p.m., Lincoln Trail College
- Tuesday, August 19, 2008, 7 p.m., Olney Central College
- Tuesday, September 16, 2008, 7 p.m., Wabash Valley College
- Tuesday, October 21, 2008, 7 p.m., Frontier Community College
- Tuesday, November 18, 2008, 7 p.m., Lincoln Trail College
- Tuesday, December 9, 2008, 7 p.m., Olney Central College

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month, with the exception of the December meeting, which is held on the second Tuesday.

Leslie Meeks was employed as Bookstore Assistant at Lincoln Trail College, effective January 3, 2008.

The resignation of Karen Marks as Nursing Instructor was accepted, effective May 16, 2008.

District-wide enrollment is up 4% from this same time one year ago.

CEO Terry Bruce reported that all of the Public Health Safety Bonds authorized by Board of Trustees resolution on November 20 in the amount of \$3,680,000 have been sold. Most of the bonds were purchased by banks located within the IECC District.

The Higher Learning Commission will conduct a two-day visit, February 4 and 5, 2008, relative to Online courses offered by IECC.

Outcome from the 2007 Fall Student Satisfaction Survey of 398 students resulted in 90% of IECC students showing satisfaction with a wide range of services they receive. Students replied to services offered as well as to assessment systems, class sizes, and availability of classes.

The Employee Satisfaction results from an online survey completed by 234 full time employees showed 84% were satisfied with their employment and work sites.

Mark Weber, President of the Lincoln Trail College Foundation, reported on LTC projects totaling \$186,000 that were financed by the Foundation during the past year.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, January 15, at 7 p.m. at Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel.