

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
December 13, 2005
Board of Trustees Meeting

An Environmental Scan for Illinois Eastern Community Colleges for fiscal year 2006 was approved by the Board of Trustees, at the regular meeting, Tuesday, December 13, at Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel.

To do accurate strategic planning, the District prepares an environmental scan utilizing historical data to forecast future internal and external needs for college programs and services.

The environmental scan uses the historical data to calculate forecasts that fall within a 95% probability of being statistically accurate. This forecast permits the District to devise and articulate a strategic operational vision that enables the District to achieve its ever changing and diverse mission.

Twenty-four data elements were selected for scanning, including District population, District high school graduates, credit hours generated, equalized assessed valuation, per capita personal income, and many others.

A Nursing Agreement between IECC and McKendree College, Lebanon, was approved. Nurses who complete the appropriate course work at IECC will be able to transfer to McKendree College to complete a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing.

The scope of the Public Health and Safety project for heating ventilation and air conditioning work at Olney Central College and Wabash Valley College has been changed to bring the project costs in line with the approved budget. The trustees approved the change in the project scope.

The bid of Consolidated Communications, Mattoon, Illinois, \$97,087.62, was approved for a three-year maintenance contract for the IECC PBX system.

The bid of Phoenix Imaging and Office Products, Evansville, Indiana, \$9,000, was approved for a postage mailing system at the District Office.

The following bids were accepted for Protection Health and Safety Phase 8 compliance work:

Roof Work: Craftmasters, Inc., Decatur, Illinois, \$777,000.

Bleacher Work: Interkal, LLC, Kalamazoo, Michigan, \$139,328.

The holiday schedule for full-time employees of IECC for the 2006-2007 fiscal year was

approved.

Joint Agreements for education cooperation were approved with Lake Land College and Lewis and Clark College. Under the agreements the colleges agree to accept students in certain programs that are not offered by their home district.

Affiliation Agreements for the new Olney Central College Phlebotomy Program were approved with Clay County Hospital, Flora, Illinois, and Good Samaritan Hospital, Vincennes, Indiana. Under each of these agreements, the hospital agrees to make its facilities available to students and faculty involved with the Phlebotomy Program.

A change was approved to the student personnel policy regarding enrollment in on-line classes by students in the International Student Program.

An extension was approved to the existing Enterprise Zone in Mt. Carmel, to include the new strip mine being developed by Alcoa, which is located southwest of Mt. Carmel and includes approximately 490 acres. Property taxes are abated on real estate upon which new improvements are constructed for a period of five years.

Fees for the new Medical Assistant and Pharmacy Technician programs were approved, with a \$10 per lab hour fee, a \$5 handbook fee, and a \$15 per academic year liability insurance fee.

An Affiliation Agreement with Dialysis Center of Olney was approved.

An amendment to the existing contract with the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Education Association was approved, providing for conversion to a bi-weekly payroll cycle, effective with the 2006-2007 academic year.

Enrollment in the IECC District is up six percent over this same time one year ago. Enrollment is up 20 percent at Lincoln Trail College and 15 percent at Frontier Community College.

Matt Fowler, Dean of Instruction at Wabash Valley College, reviewed a new community education concept at WVC named Parenting University. It uses Adult Basic Education class offerings from the college that center around parenting skills. These courses are offered to the parents of students from kindergarten through third grade in the local school district. A Parenting Certificate program has been developed.

Dates, times and places were set for regular monthly meetings of the Board of Trustees for the 2006 calendar year as follows:

Tuesday, January 17, 2006, 7 p.m., Lincoln Trail College

Tuesday, February 21, 2006, 7 p.m., Olney Central College

Tuesday, March 21, 2006, 7 p.m., Wabash Valley College

Tuesday, April 18, 2006, 7 p.m., Frontier Community College

Tuesday, May 16, 2006, 7 p.m., Lincoln Trail College

Tuesday, June 20, 2006, 7 p.m., Olney Central College

Tuesday, July 18, 2006, 7 p.m., Wabash Valley College

Tuesday, August 15, 2006, 7 p.m., Frontier Community College

Tuesday, September 19, 2006, 7 p.m., Lincoln Trail College

Tuesday, October 17, 2006, 7 p.m., Olney Central College

Tuesday, November 21, 2006, 7 p.m., Wabash Valley College

Tuesday, December 12, 2006, 7 p.m., Frontier Community 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.

Anne Hustad was approved for a special assignment as Department Head of Nursing at Olney Central College.

The resignation of Amy Neikirk as Clinical Coordinator of Radiography, Allied Health, at Olney Central College, was amended to be effective January 30 rather than December 31.

Lisa Rauch was employed as Clinical Coordinator of Radiography, Allied Health, at OCC, effective January 3.

The resignation of Freda Neal, Nursing Instructor, was accepted, effective January 3.

The retirement of Don Mersinger, Ag Technology Instructor was withdrawn and he will continue to teach for another academic year.

All members of the Board of Trustees were present at the December meeting and all motions were approved by a unanimous vote.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, January 17, at 7 p.m. at Lincoln Trail College, Robinson.