

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**September 15, 2009**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**

An operating funds budget of \$32,447,950 has been adopted by the Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District No. 529 for the fiscal year July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

The budget was adopted at the regular meeting Tuesday, September 15, at Frontier Community College, Fairfield, following a public hearing held before the board meeting. It includes \$27,958,877 in the Education Fund and \$4,489,073 in the Operations and Maintenance Fund. These are the two principal operating funds of the IECC district.

Estimated revenue for the Education Fund is from the following sources: Local taxes \$2,075,000, state government \$13,417,877, student tuition and fees \$12,221,000, investments \$110,000, sales and service fees \$35,000, miscellaneous revenue \$100,000, for total receipts of \$27,958,877.

Estimated expenses in the Education Fund are budgeted as follows: Salaries \$15,920,349, employee benefits \$1,979,691, contractual services \$480,785, material and supplies \$1,521,025, travel and conference-meeting expense \$281,616, fixed charges \$215,559, utilities \$164,726, capital outlay \$225,162, miscellaneous expenses \$7,169,964, for total expenditures of \$27,958,877.

Estimated revenue for the Operations and Maintenance Fund is from the following sources: Local taxes \$885,500, state government \$2,563,573, investments \$35,000, building rental \$5,000, for total receipts of \$3,489,073.

Estimated expenses in the Operations and Maintenance Fund are budgeted as follows: Salaries \$938,115, employee benefits \$156,629, contractual services \$287,524, materials and supplies \$172,618, travel and conference-meeting expense \$6,500, fixed charges \$188,420, utilities \$1,569,950, capital outlay \$1,850,536, staff development \$2,500, for total expenditures of \$4,489,073.

Also approved were fiscal year budgets for the following special funds: Operations and Maintenance Restricted Fund \$687,567, Bond and Interest Fund \$1,595,120, Auxiliary Fund \$5,495,280, Audit Fund \$50,127, Liability, Protection and Settlement Fund \$1,667,376.

The trustees were informed that the only significant change between the tentative budget adopted in August and the final budget is a reduction of approximately \$236,000 in revenue received from the State in credit hour reimbursement and equalization grants. This reduction occurred when the Governor rescinded 2% of community college funding state-wide.

Revenue sources for this fiscal year are: State government 51%, tuition and fees 39%, local government 9%, miscellaneous sources 1%.

Expenditures by percentage: Instruction 40.44%, Academic Support 1.60%, Student Services 3.75%, PS/Continuing Education .21%, Operations & Maintenance .37%, General Administration 6.06%, Institutional Support 13.29%, Scholarship, Grants & Waivers 20.45%, Education Fund Total 86.17%, Operations & Maintenance Fund Total 13.83%.

A resolution was adopted to provide for a public hearing on the district's estimated tax levy, to be certified in 2009 and payable in 2010. The hearing will be at Lincoln Trail College, Robinson, Tuesday, October 20 from 6 to 6:30 p.m. The estimated tax levy is \$3,980,000, plus an extension for bond and interest payments of \$1,563,781, for a total of \$5,543,781.

The annual financial audit of community college district accounts for the past fiscal year, as prepared by Clifton, Gunderson LLP, was reviewed. The audit was accepted for submission to the Illinois Community College Board.

The annual Illinois Community College Board Certification of Chargeback document was approved for fiscal year 2010. The out-of-district cost per semester hour is \$198.15. Chargeback reimbursement per semester credit hour is \$89.59. Cost per semester credit hour for out-of-state and international students is \$249.04.

The 2009 IECC Institutional Fact Book containing basic information about the community college district was adopted. The book gathers information from various sources into one central document regarding students, enrollment history, degrees and certificates granted, financial aid received and distributed, and the district's annual budgets and operation. The time period of statistical data covered by the Fact Book is FY09 from July 1, 2008 to August 30, 2009.

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

A revision was approved to the Board's Family Medical Leave Policy, outlining the conditions and procedures under which the CEO and Director of Human Resources approve Family Medical Leave requests. The CEO will then annually report to the Board the number of FMLA leaves granted, along with a summary of the nature of the requests and the reason for the approval.

An agreement was approved with the Lawrence County Votech Center at Lawrenceville for Frontier Community College to teach an Automotive Service Specialist Certificate Program there. The program was developed by Frontier College.

An Investment Committee was approved to monitor the performance of 403b funds invested in the IECC District's investment portfolio. District employees can contribute to a 403b account if they desire to do so. The 403b Investment Committee is comprised of the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Director of Human Resources, and the four IECC College Presidents.

The trustees approved agreements for the Wabash Valley College Foundation to lease two small diesel buses to WVC. The vehicles are a 2004 Ford E-350 Glaval Diesel Bus and a 2005 Ford E-450 Turtle Top Terra Transit Diesel Bus. The college has the option of purchasing the vehicles for \$1.00 each with the final payment on the leases. The vehicles can be repaired by the WVC Diesel Mechanic Program.

Seven affiliation agreements were approved for the Medical Office Assistant Program and the Administrative Information Technology Program, with the following agencies:

1. Southern Illinois Primary Care Associates, Albion.

2. Richland County Circuit Clerk, Olney.
3. Mt. Erie Elementary School, Mt. Erie.
4. Marshall Clinic, Marshall.
5. Richland County Health Office, Olney.
6. Southeastern Illinois Counseling Center, Olney.
7. Clay County Health Department, Flora.

Catherine Ross was employed as Nursing Instructor, effective October 19.

The employment status of Gayle Zaring was changed from Library Assistant to Administrative Assistant at Lincoln Trail College.

All trustees were present at the September meeting.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, October 20, at 7 p.m. at Lincoln Trail College, Robinson.