

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 17, 2013
Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District No. 529 adopted a budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014, following a public hearing at the regular meeting Tuesday, September 17, at Frontier Community College, Fairfield.

Estimated revenue for the Education Fund is from the following sources: Local taxes \$2,645,000, state government \$12,181,847, student tuition and fees \$14,435,594, investments \$75,000, sales and service fees \$75,000, miscellaneous revenue \$175,000, for total receipts of \$29,587,441.

Estimated expenses in the Education Fund are budgeted as follows: Salaries \$15,970,747, employee benefits \$2,594,533, contractual services \$543,853, material and supplies \$1,518,249, travel and conference-meeting expense \$306,848, fixed charges \$160,963, utilities \$175,905, capital outlay \$160,000, miscellaneous expenses \$7,480,956, for total expenditures of \$28,912,054.

Operating fund revenue sources for the past fiscal year were tuition and fees 45%, state government 42%, local government 12%, miscellaneous sources 1%.

A resolution was adopted regarding the district's estimated tax levy, to be certified in 2013 and payable in 2014. The estimated tax levy is \$4,112,500, plus an extension for bond and interest payments of \$2,001,075. Since the estimated tax levy does not exceed 105% of the previous year's extension, exclusive of bond and interest costs, a hearing on the tax levy is not required. The tax levy will be adopted at the October 15 regular meeting.

The annual financial audit of community college district accounts for the past fiscal year, as prepared by CliftonLarsonAllen, 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 2014. The out-of-district tuition rate per semester hour is \$261.97. Chargeback reimbursement per semester credit hour is \$130.61. Tuition rate per semester credit hour for out-of-state and international students is \$322.52.

The 2013 IECC 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 covered, in most cases, is academic year 2012-2013.

Total annual enrollment of credit students was 31,188, generating a total of 136,303 credit hours. In-district student residency enrollment comprised 64% of the total, while out-of-district students totaled 33%, out-of-state students 2%, and foreign students 1%.

In FY 2013, the district awarded 377 Associate Degrees in Transfer programs, 230 Associate Degrees in Career and Technical Education programs, and 552 Certificates.

Airtex Products in Fairfield has agreed to provide a soccer field for Frontier Community College. The trustees approved an indemnification agreement with Airtex for this property to be added to IECC's liability coverage

An Intergovernmental Agreement was approved regarding a settlement with Ameren Generating Company in Jasper County regarding Ameren's property tax assessment for the years 2009-2012. Ameren has disputed with the Jasper County Board of Review and Property Tax Appeal Board concerning the assessment for those years. Under the agreement, taxing bodies in Jasper County are or will be liable to Ameren for a payment totaling \$4-million to be paid by the taxing districts in eight equal annual payments of \$500,000, a proportionate share of which will be paid on an annual basis by each taxing district.

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges total liability is \$295,640, to be paid in eight annual payments of \$36,955 for the years 2013-2020.

Under Illinois law, individuals will be allowed to carry a concealed weapon if they complete an approved concealed carry course and receive a certificate from an approved provider. IECC has submitted and had a course approved by the Illinois Community College Board and certified instructors will be retained to teach this course. The trustees approved a fee of \$130 for this course, in addition to the standard tuition rate.

An observation agreement with Building Blocks Day Care, Princeton, Indiana, was approved for the Associate Degree in Nursing Program. An affiliation agreement with Crawford County Memorial Hospital, Robinson, was approved for the Associate Degree in Nursing Program.

The low bid of AMKUS Rescue Systems, Downers Grove, was approved for extrication equipment for the Workforce Education Emergency Preparedness Department. The bid was \$16,947.75. The current equipment is approximately 10 years old and has seen extreme use.

The bid of Gano Welding Supply, Charleston, was accepted for a CNC Machine for the Welding Program at Lincoln Trail College. The bid was \$15,595.45 and will be paid through a Department of Labor grant.

This piece of equipment will enable the students within the Lincoln Trail College Welding program to experience the technical advantages of a cutting system, the daily application within the workforce to assist with employment opportunities and will also enable the instructors of the welding program to utilize a faster cutting system for the daily needs of cutting metal and project supplies.

Rodney Hanner was employed as Manufacturing Project Coordinator, District Office, effective September 23.

A change in employment status was approved for Veralee Atkins, from TRiO Talent Search Advisor, to TRiO Talent Search Director, District Office, effective September 18.

A change in employment status was approved for Laurie Perry, from Administrative Assistant, Small Business Development Center, to Administrative Assistant, Human Resources, District Office, effective September 18.

A change in employment status was approved for Karen Souder, from Administrative Assistant, Human Resources, to Administrative Assistant, Small Business Development Center, District Office, effective September 18.

The resignation of Courtney Yost, Coordinator, Outreach Services, Frontier Community College, was ratified effective September 16.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, October 15, at 7 p.m. at Lincoln Trail College, Robinson.