

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**September 18, 2007**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges opened its meeting by honoring Harry Hillis, Jr. for his forty years as Secretary to the Board. In September 1967, the college district was created and Mr. Hillis was selected as the first secretary. Present to honor Hillis was Kent Wattleworth, the only remaining member of that first Board. Hillis commented on the changes he had seen over the years and thanked everyone for the opportunity he had been given to serve as secretary.

An operating funds budget of \$28,607,667 has been adopted by the Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District No. 529 for the fiscal year July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

The budget was adopted at the regular meeting Tuesday, September 18, at Olney Central College, following a public hearing held before the board meeting. It includes \$25,728,714 in the Education Fund and \$2,878,953 in the Operations and Maintenance Fund. These are the two principal operating funds of the IECC district.

Revenue for the Education Fund is from the following sources: Local taxes \$1,875,000, state government \$13,226,714, student tuition and fees \$10,407,000, investments \$150,000, sales and service fees \$20,000, miscellaneous revenue \$50,000, for total receipts of \$25,728,714.

Expenses in the Education Fund are budgeted as follows: Salaries \$15,285,203, employee benefits \$1,546,160, contractual services \$462,342, material and supplies \$1,376,141, travel and conference-meeting expense \$225,563, fixed charges \$239,977, utilities \$217,156, capital outlay \$92,700, miscellaneous expenses \$6,283,472, for total expenditures of \$25,728,714.

Revenue for the Operations and Maintenance Fund is from the following sources: Local taxes \$790,000, state government \$2,018,953, investments \$35,000, building rental \$35,000, for total receipts of \$2,878,953.

Expenses in the Operations and Maintenance Fund are budgeted as follows: Salaries \$940,178, employee benefits \$144,844, contractual services \$236,761, materials and supplies \$164,120, travel and conference-meeting expense \$6,500, fixed charges \$157,100, utilities \$1,138,950, capital outlay \$88,000, staff development \$2,500, for total expenditures of \$2,878,953.

Also approved were fiscal year budgets for the following special funds: Operations and Maintenance Restricted Fund \$648,641, Bond and Interest Fund \$1,402,763, Auxiliary Fund \$5,089,834, Audit Fund \$69,327, Liability, Protection and Settlement Fund \$624,122.

A resolution was adopted to provide for a public hearing on the district's estimated tax levy, to be certified in 2007 and payable in 2008. The hearing will be at Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel,

Tuesday, October 16 from 6 to 6:30 p.m. The estimated tax levy is \$3,530,000, plus an extension for bond and interest payments of \$764,063.

The annual financial audit of community college district accounts for the past fiscal year, as prepared by Clifton, Gunderson & Co., Springfield, 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 2008. The out-of-district cost per semester hour is \$187.52. Chargeback reimbursement per semester credit hour is \$84.08. Cost per semester credit hour for out-of-state and international students is \$234.34.

The trustees approved Capital Project Application forms and resolutions for twelve Phase 9 construction projects totaling \$3,630,400, to be funded by Protection, Health and Safety bonds. The projects are:

1. Storm Water Remediation: \$121,000
2. Plumbing and Electrical Surveys: 38,500
3. ADA Compliance Work: 467,800
4. HVAC Replacements & Upgrades: 1,149,500
5. Roof Replacements: 471,800
6. Combustible Wall Panel Replacement: 150,300
7. New/Upgrade Toilets: 90,800
8. Asbestos Abatement/Replacement: 515,900
9. Site Lighting Upgrade: 198,500
10. Door & Window Replacement/Repair: 219,900
11. Carpet Replacement: 32,700
12. Install/Expand Energy Management Systems: 173,700

The project applications will be submitted to the Illinois Community College Board for approval. If approved by ICCB, the Board of Trustees will issue the bonds and proceed with the projects.

An agreement was approved for the Lincoln Trail College to lease two 12 passenger vans, which will be purchased by the LTC Foundation.

A \$65 fee was approved for a course which allows new and currently licensed real estate brokers to comply with a statutory requirement for continuing education. Students who complete the course are required to pass a state examination. The state requires that the fee be submitted within 48 hours after completing the exam.

The trustees approved an increase from \$35 to \$50 for international students to submit an application for admission to IECC, effective Spring Semester 2008.

Action was taken to extend the sublease with Clay Fayette Shelby Counties Economic Development Corporation to June 20, 2008 and to increase monthly rent for space at 216 E. Main St., Olney, from \$200 to \$300. The district also operates a CEFS Economic Development Corporation facility at Lincoln Trail College. Because space allotted to this facility has decreased dramatically in recent months, the district and CEFS have agreed to terminate the lease and provide the space to CEFS at no cost.

An affiliation agreement and an observation agreement for the IECC Associate Degree Nursing Program were approved with the After School Community Enrichment Program (ACE) in Robinson.

The 2007 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.

A transfer agreement with Eastern Illinois University was approved. In October of 2003, IECC and the Board of EIU approved a transfer agreement to allow a smooth transfer of students into Eastern Illinois University's Board of Trustees Bachelor of Arts Degree. In August 2007, EIU asked to revise this Transfer Agreement to reflect the new degree, the Bachelors of Arts in General Studies Degree. This agreement will minimize duplication of instruction and build on community college and university learning experiences.

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

An articulation agreement, in Agri-Business, was approved between IECC and Illinois State University in Normal. Purpose of the agreement is to provide that individuals graduating with an Associate degree from a campus of IECC will be eligible to complete the requirements for a Bachelor of Science degree in Agri-Business at Illinois State.

Three articulation agreements were approved with Indiana State University, in Human Resource Development, Career & Technical Education Non-Teaching, and Administration of Justice. Purpose of these agreements is to provide that individuals graduating with an Associate degree from a campus of IECC will be eligible to complete the requirements for a Bachelors degree in the three areas at Indiana State.

The bids of Illini Builders, Olney, for completion of Phase 8 PHS carryover construction work, including sidewalk repairs at FCC, OCC and WVC, and plumbing and ventilation upgrades at LTC, OCC and WVC. The firm's bid for general work is \$113,643 and for mechanical work \$123,576.

Robert Foerster was employed as Coordinator in the Administration of Justice Program at Olney Central College.

Kara Rodgers was employed as Director of Admissions and Career Advisor at Frontier Community College.

Nicole Weber was employed as Program Advisor in the Educational Talent Search Program.

The resignation of Kenneth Cantu was accepted as LTC Food Service Technology Instructor at the Lawrence Correctional Center.

Directors of the Learning Resource Centers at each of the four colleges presented a review of library services offered by IECC, including the new consortium on Academic & Research Libraries (CARLI). CARLI allows IECC student to have access to over 32 million items.

Current full-time non-bargaining unit personnel were granted a 4% overall pay increase effective September 3.

All trustees were present at the September meeting.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, October 16, at 7 p.m. at Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel.