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September 19, 2012
Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District No. 529 recognized Board secretary Harry Hillis for 45 years of outstanding service to the District. Hillis has been the only Board secretary since the District's creation. A cake in honor of Hillis said "45 years down, 45 to go". Hillis commented that "The first forty-five years have been pretty easy," The recognition came at the Board's regular meeting Tuesday, September 18, at Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel.

The Board of Trustees approved a new two-year contract with the Illinois Eastern Colleges Education Association. The contract was ratified by the Faculty Union on September 11. It calls for a 2.75% base salary increase for the 2012-2013 academic year, and a 2.75% increase for the 2013-2014 academic year. Among other topics addressed in the new contract are overload pay, summer school pay, health insurance, pay dates and various other items. The contract begins September 1, 2012 and expires at midnight on August 31, 2014, with no reopener.

The trustees also approved a 2.75% salary increase for all full-time IECC employees who are not members of the bargaining unit, effective September 1, 2012.

An operating funds budget of \$32,183,365 was adopted by the Board for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, following a public hearing. It includes \$28,891,138 in the Education Fund and \$3,292,227 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 \$2,615,000, state government \$11,149,610, student tuition and fees \$14,726,528, investments \$100,000, sales and service fees \$85,000, miscellaneous revenue \$170,000, for total receipts of \$28,846,138.

Estimated expenses in the Education Fund are budgeted as follows: Salaries \$15,625,720, employee benefits \$2,873,796, contractual services \$581,535, material and supplies \$1,769,357, travel and conference-meeting expense \$260,264, fixed charges \$167,740, utilities \$165,000, capital outlay \$193,300, miscellaneous expenses \$7,254,726, for total expenditures of \$28,891,138.

Estimated revenue for the Operations and Maintenance Fund is from the following sources: Local taxes \$1,100,500, state government \$2,162,727, investments \$25,000, building rental \$4,000, for total receipts of \$3,292,227.

Estimated expenses in the Operations and Maintenance Fund are budgeted as follows: Salaries \$858,190, employee benefits \$206,610, contractual services \$288,806, materials and supplies \$249,550, travel and conference-meeting expense \$8,250, fixed charges \$249,321, utilities \$1,336,000, capital outlay \$90,500, miscellaneous expenses \$5,000, for total expenditures of \$3,292,227.

Also approved were fiscal year budgets for the following special funds: Operations and Maintenance Restricted Fund \$1,500,000, Bond and Interest Fund \$1,861,250, Auxiliary Fund \$4,826,493, Working Cash Fund 20,000, Audit Fund \$71,523, Liability, Protection and Settlement Fund \$624,168.

Operating Fund revenue sources for the current fiscal year are tuition and fees 45%, state government 42%, local government 12%, miscellaneous sources 1%.

Revenue sources for the past fiscal year were tuition and fees 46%, state government 41%, local government 11%, miscellaneous sources 1%.

Expenditures by percentage: Instruction 41.31%, Academic Support 1.46%, Student Services 3.99%, PS/Continuing Education 0.23%, Operations & Maintenance (Ed. Fund) 0.33%, General Administration 5.38%, Institutional Support 16.76, Scholarship, Grants & Waivers 20.31%, operations & maintenance 10.23%.

A resolution was adopted to provide for a public hearing on the district's estimated tax levy, to be certified in 2012 and payable in 2013. The hearing will be at Frontier Community College, Fairfield, Tuesday, October 16 at 7 p.m. The estimated tax levy is \$4,030,000, plus an extension for bond and interest payments of \$864,875, for a total of \$4,894,875.

The annual financial audit of community college district accounts for the past fiscal year, as prepared by CliftonLarsonAllen, Peoria, 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 2013. The out-of-district cost per semester hour is \$245.96. Chargeback reimbursement per semester credit hour is \$119.76. Cost per semester credit hour for out-of-state and international students is \$310.05.

The 2012 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 2011-2012.

Total annual enrollment of credit students was 31,557, generating a total of 145,887 credit hours. In-district student residency enrollment comprised 68% of the total, while out-of-district students totaled 30%, 1% out-of-state students, and 1% foreign students.

The IECC district employees a total of 297 full-time faculty and staff, and 663 part-time faculty and staff. A total of \$12,419,087 in federal and state financial aid was received by IECC students in fiscal year 2011.

The trustees approved the IECC Self-Evaluation and Recognition Application for submission to the Illinois Community College Board. ICCB requires that community colleges apply for recognition to qualify for state funding. Recognition is a statutory term describing the status of a district which meets instructional, administrative, financial, facility and equipment standards by statute. On a five year cycle, ICCB conducts recognition evaluations to assure that each college is in compliance with these standards.

As required, the IECC District has reviewed the standards identified in the ICCB Recognition Manual and has determined that the District consistently exceeds or meets the standards required for recognition.

The trustees approved retention of First Mid-State, Inc., Bloomington, Illinois, as underwriter for the future issuance of Protection, Health and Safety bonds and Working Cash Fund Bonds. First Mid-State will make a debt analysis of bonds presently outstanding and the tax rates required to service both principal and interest payments of the proposed bonds.

They will recommend maturity schedules, prepare preliminary and final issuance statements, make recommendations as to possible issuance dates, and cooperate with the District's architect, attorneys and bond counsel. In addition, they will assist in meeting all disclosure requirements of the State of Illinois, the Securities Exchange Commission, and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. First Mid-State will coordinate the printing, distribution and bond closing, and act as underwriter for the issuer in the marketing of the bonds.

The Board also will retain the firm of Chapman and Cutler LLP, Chicago, Illinois, as bond attorneys to prepare the necessary legal documents for the proposed bond issue.

The Board adopted a resolution to join other taxing bodies in Jasper County in a second appeal of the property tax assessment of Ameren Energy Generating Company property in Jasper County. The appeal will be to the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board.

Dr. Kyle Kakac, M.D. and Dr. Christopher Ballard, M.D., were retained to oversee the medical aspects of the Emergency Response Training Program at Frontier Community College. They will instruct two paramedic courses per year and will act as medical directors of the program.

Beginning with the 2013 Summer Term, changes will be made to the Electronic Medical Records Program Handbook. The Exam fee will be increased from \$168 to \$273, which will allow students to take the Certified Billing and Coding Specialist test, the Clinical Medical Administrative Assistant test, and the Certified Electronic Health Records Specialist test. The program will also assess a \$5 Handbook fee.

The bid of McLean Implement, Wayne City, Illinois, was accepted for a new tractor-mower for Frontier Community College. The bid was \$8,452 for a new John Deere X740, including trade-in of the present equipment.

The \$47,429 bid of ProSource (F&G) Company, Urbana, Illinois, was accepted for a theatre sound system for Lincoln Trail College.

Megan Heindselman was employed as Nursing Instructor, effective October 1.

William (Derick) Robertson was employed as Bookstore Manager at Wabash Valley College, effective September 24.

The resignation of Janet Kinkade was accepted as Nursing Instructor, effective September 30.

The trustees appointed Board Secretary Harry Hillis as Election Clerk and Susan Renee Smith as Deputy Election Clerk for the April 9, 2013 Board of Trustees election.

All members of the Board of Trustees were present at the September meeting. All roll call votes were unanimous.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, October 16, at 7 p.m. at Frontier Community College, Fairfield.