

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**September 20, 2011**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**

An operating funds budget of \$32,677,557 has been adopted by the Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community College District No. 529 for the fiscal year July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

The budget was adopted at the regular meeting Tuesday, September 20, at Olney Central College, following a public hearing. It includes \$29,296,035 in the Education Fund and \$3,381,522 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 \$2,570,000, state government \$10,992,296, student tuition and fees \$14,771,000, investments \$100,000, sales and service fees \$25,000, miscellaneous revenue \$185,000, for total receipts of \$28,643,296.

Operating Fund revenue sources for the current fiscal year are tuition and fees 46%, state government 41%, local government 11%, miscellaneous sources 2%.

A resolution was adopted to provide for a public hearing on the district's estimated tax levy, to be certified in 2011 and payable in 2012. The hearing will be at Wabash Valley College, Tuesday, October 18 at 7 p.m. The estimated tax levy is \$4,020,000, plus an extension for bond and interest payments of \$1,861,250, for a total of \$5,881,250.

The annual financial audit of community college district accounts for the past fiscal year, as prepared by Clifton, Gunderson & Co., Springfield, was reviewed. The auditors issued a clean opinion on the District's internal controls and compliance with Federal regulations. There were no findings or questioned costs. 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 2012. The out-of-district cost per semester hour is \$226.61. Chargeback reimbursement per semester credit hour is \$102.42. Cost per semester credit hour for out-of-state and international students is \$298.78.

The 2011 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.

Total annual enrollment of credit students was 31,382, generating a total of 153,991 credit hours. Full-time Equivalency enrollment totaled 5,133. In-district student residency fall 2010

enrollment comprised 57% of the total, while out-of-district students totaled 41%, 1% out-of-state students, and 1% foreign students.

The IECC district employs a total of 302 full-time faculty and staff, and 674 part-time faculty and staff. A total of \$13,360,441 in federal and state financial aid was received by IECC students in fiscal year 2010.

The Fact Book shows that online course enrollment has increased from 3,356 students in 2006 to 5,431 students in 20110.

A resolution was adopted providing for the abatement of 40% of real estate taxes payable to the college district by Champion Laboratories, Inc. for a period of five years. Champion Laboratories has indicated that if the taxing bodies involved abate taxes to be collected, Champion will plan to spend between \$4 million and \$6 million on infrastructure improvements at its Albion, Illinois facility. These expenditures will allow Champion to maintain its existing work staff and allow additional new jobs.

Board Policy relating to Board of Trustees Meetings and Minutes was revised to add a provision requiring Board members and other designated employees to take and pass annual training in the Illinois Open Meetings Act. The revision is required by legislation passed by the Illinois General Assembly requiring such training of all community college trustees and school board members.

The trustees acted to add six Indiana counties to those already designated as paying an Indiana county tuition rate of \$114 per semester hour, rather than the regular tuition of \$71 per semester hour. Currently students in the 12 Indiana counties of Clay, Daviess, Gibson, Greene, Knox, Parke, Pike, Posey, Sullivan, Vanderburgh, Vigo, and Warrick have a designated Indiana County tuition rate.

To facilitate entrance into District programs of interest to Indiana students, the District will add the six additional counties of Dubois, Martin, Owen, Putnam, Spencer, and Vermillion to this special tuition rate. The District's action is similar to other institutions of higher education.

Four affiliation agreements were approved for health care related programs with the following agencies:

1. Physician Services of Southern Illinois, Mt. Vernon: Medical Office Assistant Program.
2. Jasper County Supervisor of Assessments Office, Newton: Administrative Information Technology Program.
3. Wayfair Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Fairfield: Associate Degree Nursing and Practical Nursing Programs.
4. Paris Community Hospital, Paris: Phlebotomy Program.+

In personnel matters, the Board approved a 4% pay raise for staff, effective September 1. The District continues to operate with 23 staff vacancies. Salary expenses have been reduced \$700,000 over the prior fiscal year's expenses.

In other personnel action, Katie Hinderliter was employed as Administrative Assistant to the President of Wabash Valley College, effective October 11.

Deborah Hunley was employed as Office Assistant at Olney Central College, effective September 21.

Jana Shain was employed as TRiO Upward Bound Counselor, District Office/Lincoln Trail College, effective September 22.

Jamie Turpin was employed as Administrative Assistant, Frontier Community College, effective September 27.

Jennifer Stroughmatt was employed as Student Advantage Network Counselor, effective September 23.

Marsha Heath was employed as Coordinator, Outreach Services, Frontier Community College, effective October 1.

Chris Cantwell, change of status from Associate Dean, Academic & Student Support services to Dean, Academic and Student Services/Chief Academic Officer, effective September 21.

Amy Loss, change of status from Advisor, FCC to Coordinator, Registration & Records, FCC, effective October 24.

Lona Peavler, change of status from Payroll Clerk to Payroll Supervisor, effective September 21.

The resignation of Greta Tracy as Office Assistant at the District Office, effective October 4.

The retirement of Judith Riggs as Food Service Manager at Wabash Valley College was accepted, effective January 1, 2012.

The retirement of Sheri Bayne as Office Assistant at Lincoln Trail College was accepted, effective December 1.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, October 18, at 7 p.m. at Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel.