

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**September 21, 2004**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**

An operating funds budget of \$24,423,813 has been adopted by the Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District No. 529 for the fiscal year July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005.

The budget was adopted at the regular meeting Tuesday, September 21, at Lincoln Trail College, Robinson, following a public hearing held before the board meeting. It includes \$21,814,127 in the Education Fund and \$2,609,686 in the Operations and Maintenance Fund. These are the two principal operating funds of the IECC district.

Also approved were fiscal year budgets for the following special funds: Operations and Maintenance Restricted Fund \$950,000, Bond and Interest Fund \$1,538,907, Auxiliary Fund \$4,415,747, Audit Fund \$93,711, Liability, Protection and Settlement Fund \$1,105,508.

Revenue for the Education Fund is from the following sources: Local taxes \$1,800,000, state government \$11,570,436, student tuition and fees \$8,273,691, investments \$60,000, sales and service fees \$30,000, miscellaneous revenue \$80,000, for total receipts of \$21,814,127.

Expenses in the Education Fund are budgeted as follows: Salaries \$13,186,189, employee benefits \$1,583,012, contractual services \$560,581, material and supplies \$1,151,615, travel and conference-meeting expense \$215,539, fixed charges \$208,529, utilities \$135,562, capital outlay \$387,267, miscellaneous expenses \$4,385,833, for total expenditures of \$21,814,127.

Revenue for the Operations and Maintenance Fund is from the following sources: Local taxes \$760,000, state government \$1,814,686, investments \$5,000, building rental \$30,000, for total receipts of \$2,609,686.

Expenses in the Operations and Maintenance Fund are budgeted as follows: Salaries \$862,933, employee benefits \$156,015, contractual services \$245,228, materials and supplies \$150,300, travel and conference-meeting expense \$6,500, fixed charges \$133,020, utilities \$959,200, capital outlay \$91,550, staff development \$4,940, for total expenditures of \$2,609,686.

A resolution was adopted to provide for a public hearing on the district's estimated tax levy, to be certified in 2004 and payable in 2005. The hearing will be at Frontier Community College, Fairfield, Tuesday, October 19 from 6 to 6:30 p.m. The estimated tax levy is \$3,330,000, plus an extension for bond and interest payments of \$1,337,490.

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.

Wage increases of 3 percent were approved for full-time non-bargaining unit staff and 3 percent plus \$200 for staff making less than \$20,000 effective September 1, 2004.

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

A Program Articulation agreement was approved with Eastern Illinois University for a B.A. degree in Communication Studies with Electronic Media Production.

Minor changes were approved to the clinical education affiliation agreement with St. Mary's Hospital, Centralia, IL, and to the clinical education agreement with St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Hospital, Evansville, IN.

A revision to the annual Illinois Community College Board Certification of Chargeback document was approved for fiscal year 2005. The per capita cost is \$231.94. Chargeback reimbursement per semester credit hour is \$95.65.

Lisa Ewing was employed as an Office Assistant at Wabash Valley College.

Kimberly Billington was employed as a custodian at Olney Central College.

All members of the Board of Trustees were present and all votes were unanimous.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, October 19, at 7 p.m. at Frontier Community College, Fairfield.