

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 16, 2018
Board of Trustees Meeting
Illinois Eastern Community Colleges

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District No. 529 met Tuesday night, October 16th at IECC West Richland Center, Noble, Illinois and certified the district's tentative levies for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019.

A resolution was adopted to provide for a public hearing on the district's estimated tax levy, to be certified in 2018 and payable in 2019. The hearing will be at Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel, Tuesday, November 20, at 7 p.m. The estimated tax levy is \$4,918,500, plus an extension for bond and interest payments of \$2,160,925, for a total of \$7,079,425.

The college district's annual financial report for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2018 was approved to be filed with the Illinois Community College Board.

In a continued effort to ensure district policies remain in compliance with recently approved laws, trustees revised the policies addressing Nondiscrimination and Open Admission.

Trustees approved a Health Savings Account contribution of \$1,000 for each eligible employee who is enrolled in the District's Qualified High Deductible Health Plan for calendar year 2019.

A contract was approved with MBS Textbook Exchange for software and hardware necessary to operate the college bookstores.

The District recognizes the role the colleges play as community resources and strive to make their facilities and equipment available for public use. Trustees approved a necessary increase in usage fees for facilities such as playing fields, theaters, and swimming pools.

Popularity and student demand for the current meal plan prompted the Board to approve the addition of an expanded meal plan and associated fees.

Affiliation agreements were approved by the Board with area health care facilities for OCC's Phlebotomy Program and OCC's Medical Assistant Program.

A change in status was approved for Andrea Puckett from Coordinator of Financial Aid, at OCC to Director of Financial Aid at the District Office, effective October 17, 2018.

Employment was approved for Sarah Holtz as Assistant Program Director of Cosmetology, effective October 17, 2018 and for Hayden McDuffee, Coordinator, Literacy Development, at FCC, effective November 1, 2018.

The Board ratified the retirement of Stephen Questelle, Workforce Education Instructor, effective January 1, 2019.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held at Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel, on Tuesday, November 20th, at 7:00 p.m.