

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**JUNE 16, 2020**

**Board of Trustees Meeting**

**Illinois Eastern Community Colleges**

**This meeting was conducted by telecommunication means - Zoom**

Trustees expressed appreciation to Marilyn Holt for serving as Interim CEO for the past year following the retirement of long time CEO Terry L. Bruce. Dr. Ryan Gower began his duties in the top leadership role as Chancellor of the IECC District on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

In an on-going effort to ensure District policies are up to date to serve students and meet requirements of Federal and Illinois State Statutes, the Board approved revisions to four policies and adopted one new policy.

The updated Distance Delivery Education Plan was approved. The revisions to support and promote district-wide distance delivery opportunities were made in response to the needs of the students and communities IECC serves.

Lease agreements were renewed for off campus locations where IECC programs are offered.

A Memorandum of Agreement for professional development with the District's IECEA faculty union members was approved. This agreement covers professional development coursework to enhance skills needed for distance learning instruction.

The Board approved a one year renewal of the District's Property, Casualty, and Liability Insurance coverage.

Authorization was given to begin the process for the issuance of Taxable General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) for the IECC Community College District. A bond hearing will be held at the July 21, 2020 Board of Trustees meeting.

Approval was given for an extension to the Flora West Side Central TIF District.

Trustees approved the recommendation of the bid committee to accept bids for two items. Approved was the bid for purchase of Lincoln C300 Welders from Stumpf Welding for a total of \$101,213.28. These welders will be for the OCC Welding Program at Olney Central College and the West Richland Center. Trustees also approved the bid for purchase of sod and sod installation for the Lincoln Trail College Soccer Field. The sod and installation bid recommendation was for Freeman Athletic Fields at a total cost of \$38,479.00.

Affiliation agreements were approved with Lavender Ridge in Olney for Lincoln Trail College and Olney Central College's Basic Nurse Assistant Program and for Clay County Hospital in Flora for Frontier Community College's Emergency Response Program.

A resolution was adopted authorizing the permanent transfer of approximately \$120,000 in interest earned in the Working Cash Fund to the General Fund.

A resolution was adopted authorizing inter-fund loans during the 2021 fiscal year, with the loans to be repaid to the original fund within one year.

A public hearing on the community college district budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 was set for Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at the hour of 7:00 p.m., at Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel, Illinois. The tentative budget will be available for public inspection at the District Business Office, 233 East Chestnut Street, Olney, on or after Wednesday, August 5, 2020.

A resolution was adopted to authorize certain expenditures from the Operations and Maintenance Fund, such as custodial salaries and utility bills.

Trustees conducted a semi-annual review of closed session minutes. Under the Open Meetings Act, the board is required to examine closed session minutes at least twice a year.

Under Personnel actions the Board approved Special Assignments for fiscal year 2021 for all four colleges, including lead instructors, advisors, coordinators, managers, directors and some athletic personnel.

Dr. Bradley Logsdon was employed as a Physical Sciences Instructor at LTC, effective August 13, 2020. Casey Wyllie was employed as Interim Head Men's Basketball Coach at OCC, effective June 17, 2020.

A change in status was approved for two current IECC employees. Dennis York from Coordinator of Industrial Training at LTC to Broadband Telecom Instructor at LTC, effective August 13, 2020. A change in status was approved for Sheryl Childers from Administrative Assistant in the Human Resources Department at the District Office to Executive Assistant to the Chancellor at the District Office, effective June 8, 2020.

Resignation ratifications were approved for Michael Burris, Men's Basketball Head Coach at OCC, effective May 27, 2020 and for Lacey Shalenko, Head Women's Basketball Coach at WVC, effective June 13, 2020.

Retirement ratifications were approved for three employees. Marilyn Holt as Interim Chief Executive Officer at the District Office, effective June 21, 2020; for Pamela Swanson-Madden as Program Director of International Student & Director of District Student Recruitment at the District Office, effective July 1, 2020; and for Amy Loss as Coordinator of Registration & Records at FCC, effective October 1, 2020.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at Lincoln Trail College in Robinson.