

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Illinois Eastern Community College District #529
October 19, 2021
Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board authorized District Administration to take steps to schedule a Tax Levy Hearing. The hearing is to be held November 16, 2021, at the hour of 6:15 p.m. local time, at Olney Central College, Olney, Illinois. Adoption of the proposed tax levy will be considered at the November 16th Board of Trustees meeting following the public hearing. The estimated tax levy resolution was approved by the Board of Trustees at the regular meeting held Tuesday, October 19th, at Lincoln Trail College, Robinson.

A settlement agreement between the District and Vistra Energy, owners of the coal-fired power plant located in Newton, Illinois was approved. Vistra has announced plans to retire the final operating unit in Newton by the year 2025.

Trustees approved an amendment to the District's 403(b) Plan to allow qualified participants to withdraw funds from the plan to cover approved expenses related to the birth or adoption of a child.

A bid by Laerdal Medical Corporation was approved in the amount of \$72,527.77 for the purchase of two whole body manikins for instructional use in the Physical Therapy Assistant Program located at Wabash Valley College. A bid submitted by John Flach Builders of Teutopolis, Illinois was approved in the amount of \$232,200.00 for cost of a remodeling project in the former swimming pool area at Wabash Valley College.

Fourteen affiliation agreements were approved between the District and area health care providers.

In an on-going effort to ensure district policies remain up to date and in compliance with state and federally approved laws, trustees approved revisions to the current policies on Sex Offender Registration, Student Conduct, Tobacco/Smoke Free Campus and Academic Standing.

An agreement was approved between the District and Wabash Area Development Incorporated's Head Start Program for the Small World Child Care Center, located on the campus of Wabash Valley College.

Employment was approved for the following individuals. Joseph Myers, Workforce Education Instructor, effective November 1, 2021; Holly Burns, TRIO Upward Bound Counselor, Wabash Valley College, effective October 25, 2021; Dakoda Hulett, Groundskeeper at Olney Central College, effective October 25, 2021; Whitney McCullough, TRIO Upward Bound Counselor, Lincoln Trail College, effective October 25, 2021; Tiffany Starwalt, Student Services Specialist, Olney Central College, effective October 25, 2021; Robin Zachary, Custodian, Lincoln Trail College, effective October 25, 2021; Cathy Ziegler, Student Services Specialist, Lincoln Trail College, effective October

25, 2021.

Temporary employment was approved for the following individuals. Tyler Akers, Site Facilitator, effective October 1, 2021; Tyler Beehn, Site Facilitator, effective October 1, 2021; Wanda Jones, Site Facilitator, effective October 13, 2021; and Zachary Wingert, Site Facilitator, effective September 28, 2021.

A change in status was approved for Ashley Bigard from Advising Specialist for the Title III Program at Olney Central College to Project Director for the Title III Program at Olney Central College, effective October 25, 2021,

Resignation ratifications were approved for Brittany Caparas, Nursing Instructor located at Lincoln Trail College effective December 4, 2021; Tyler Burr as Coordinator of Public Information & Marketing at Wabash Valley College effective January 15, 2022; Christina Nation as Office Assistant at Frontier Community College effective October 9, 2021; Kimberly Hambleton as Workforce Education Program Assistant effective October 27, 2021.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, November 16th, at 6:15 p.m. at Olney Central College, Olney.