

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 15, 2020
Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community College District No. 529 adopted an operating fund budget of \$30,215,713 for fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, at the regular meeting Tuesday, September 15th at Wabash Valley College. The budget was adopted following a public hearing. The budget includes \$26,462,914 in the Education Fund and \$3,752,799 in the Operations and Maintenance Fund. These are the two principal operating funds of the IECC district.

The 2020 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.

A hearing on the of intent to issue Funding Bonds in the amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 was held.

In a continual effort to best serve the students of the IECC District, the Board of Trustees is addressing and adjusting issues to safely respond to the COVID19 Pandemic. The Board accepted the IECC Return to Play document which provides specific guidelines in response to the COVID19 Pandemic for the District's athletic programs for Fall 2020 and Spring 2021. The Board approved a Memorandum of Agreement with the District's Faculty Bargaining Unit for Academic Year 2020-2021 for adjustments in office hours to more safely accommodate students.

Employee health and dental insurance rates were approved for the 2021 calendar year.

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 2021.

Revisions were approved to bring the withdrawal policy and the grading section in the IECC Catalog into agreement with previously Board approved adjustments.

Approval was given for a lease between IECC and MRM3 LLC for the Wabash Valley College Cafeteria.

Trustees approved a bid for projects to be completed at the LTC Performing Arts Building. The Bid Committee approved the amount of \$853,800 for L.J. Swingler & Sons, Inc. of Teutopolis, Illinois.

Affiliation Agreements were approved with area health care facilities for the IECC Nursing Program and for FCC's Emergency Response Training Program.

The Board approved the employment of Diana Dietrich as Bookkeeper at the District Office, effective September 28, 2020.

A resignation was accepted from Jennifer Stroughmatt as Retention Coordinator at Wabash Valley College, effective September 13, 2020.

Two retirements were accepted from Julie Higginbotham, Assistant Dean of Student Services at Lincoln Trail College, effective January 1, 2021 and from Jeanette (Jan) Wiles, Assistant Dean of Student Services at Frontier Community College, effective January 1, 2021.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, October 20, at 7:00 p.m. at Frontier Community College, Fairfield, Illinois.