

Regular Board Meeting  
October 13, 2015  
Board Conference Room

Call to Order:

President Nick Aguinaga called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room, whereupon roll was subsequently taken. Leroy Duncan, Rebecca Leggett, Scott Miner, Melissa Walter-Bock, and Nick Aguinaga answered the roll call to establish a quorum. Absent: Jennifer Murray and Mark St. Peters. Present were administrators and/or directors John Pearson, Leigh Robinson, Kevin Gockel, Adam Miller, and Gerry Mattix-Wand. Charlie Hoffman, Tom Dale, and Ed & Rosalie Huebener were present in the audience.

Board Correspondence:

None.

Public Comments:

Rosalie Huebener, a grandparent of a student, asked the Board and administration about the proposed bond sale. She also inquired about student performance, college admissions and vocational education offerings at EAWR, to which Dr. Pearson, Mrs. Robinson, and President Aguinaga gave various responses.

Tom Dale, a community member, inquired about enrollment projections, the district's deficit, and offered suggestions for cost savings on health insurance and addressing expenditures.

President Aguinaga thanked the citizens for their suggestions and/or expressions of concern.

Minutes:

Motion by Mrs. Murray; second by Mr. Minor, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meetings of August 4, 2015 and August 11, 2015. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Approve Payment of District Bills and Quick Pays:

Motion by Mr. Duncan; second by Ms. Leggett, that the payment of bills as presented in the amount of \$113,551.76 be authorized; that salaries for the month of September in the amount of \$438,884.87 and bills quickly paid for the month of September in the amount of \$96,030.94 be approved and that October salaries and bills to be paid quickly

be authorized. Aye: Mr. Duncan, Ms. Leggett, Mr. Miner, Mrs. Murray, Mr. St. Peters, Ms. Walter-Bock, and Mr. Aguinaga. Nay: None. Motion Passed.

Public Hearing Concerning the Intent of the Board to Sell Not to Exceed \$1,500,000 of Alternate Revenue Bonds of the District for Educational Purposes:

At 6:23 o'clock P.M., the President announced that the next agenda item for the Board of Education was a public hearing (the "*Hearing*") to receive public comments on the proposal to sell \$1,500,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) (the "*Bonds*") for educational purposes and explained that all persons desiring to be heard would have an opportunity to present written or oral testimony with respect thereto.

The President opened the discussion and explained that the reasons for the proposed issuance of the Bonds were as follows: To help meet the ordinary educational expenses of the District

Whereupon the President asked for additional comments from the members of the Board of Education. Additional comments were made by the following:

None

Written testimony concerning the proposed issuance of the Bonds was read into the record by the Secretary and is attached hereto as *Exhibit I*.

None

Whereupon the President asked for oral testimony or any public comments concerning the proposed issuance of the Bonds. Statements were made by the following:

None

The President then announced that all persons desiring to be heard had been given an opportunity to present oral and written testimony with respect to the proposed issuance of the Bonds.

Member Leggett moved and Member Duncan seconded the motion that the Hearing be finally adjourned.

After a full discussion thereof, the President directed that the roll be called for a vote upon the motion.

Upon the roll being called, the following members voted AYE: Duncan, Leggett, Miner, Walter-Bock, and Aguinaga

The following members voted NAY: None.

Whereupon the President declared the motion carried and the Hearing was finally adjourned.

Other business not pertinent to the conduct of the Hearing was duly transacted at said meeting.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

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Secretary, Board of Education

Strategic Plan Quarterly Review:

Dr. Pearson led the Board through a review of the Board's goals for 2015 and progress on those goals. He specifically observed that, since some elements of the Fiscal Plan had been put on hold last spring - pending the consolidation election - that the Board should spend some time in the December and January Board Meetings (including the Strategic Planning session scheduled in late January) to take the elements discussed in 2015 and refine them as a part of the new 2016 Fiscal Plan.

Other goals were reviewed, with some being “on-going” types of goals and others being completed or near completion.

Media Center Guidelines Reviewed:

Motion by Mr. Duncan; second by Ms. Leggett, to declare that the Board has duly reviewed the Illinois School Library Association Media Center Guidelines. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

FOIA Officers Named:

Motion by Ms. Walter-Bock; second by Mr. Miner to re-appoint Dr. Pearson and Mrs. Carla Guthrie as FOIA Officers. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Review Student-Athlete Drug Testing Policy:

President Aguinaga opened the discussion by remarking how he thought the drug testing policy was effective and cost-efficient. Ms. Walter-Bock asked if EAWR was still the only public high school in Madison County that drug tests athletes, to which the superintendent replied, “Yes, I think that’s still true.”

After some general discussion about the policy, there was a consensus to leave the policy as is.

Hear 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Board Policy Revisions:

Supt. Pearson noted that, since the Board reviewed each of the IASB-recommended policy revisions last week (as the first reading), he would only address any questions or concerns about specific policies at this session. There were no questions or concerns expressed by Board members.

The policy revisions would, therefore, be recommended for adoption at the November 10<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

Principal’s Report:

Mrs. Robinson reported on the following:

*Upcoming dates to remember*

Oct	16	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter
	21	Parent/Teacher Conferences
	22	Parent/Teacher Conferences

	23	No School
	30	11:15 Student Dismissal—SIP Day for Faculty
Nov	6	School Play
	7	School Play

### *Committees*

Focus groups will continue to meet throughout the 2015-16 school year.

### *Miscellaneous*

Teachers have all set initial growth targets. Mid point assessments will be administered this week and next week.

EAWR has administered the first round of STAR testing and teachers have been given access to the data.

Mrs. Robinson also gave an update regarding the recent Homecoming / Spirit week's activities and supplied some photographs. She remarked about how great the student participation was in the Spirit Week assemblies and at the Coronation Dance.

### Superintendent's Report:

The superintendent noted that he had no report, since he had earlier discussed the Strategic Plan at length.

### Executive Session:

Motion by Mr. Duncan; second by Ms. Leggett, to adjourn to executive session to: a) Discuss individual student matters, b) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District, c) Discuss collective bargaining matters, and d) Discuss pending or current litigation. Aye: Mr. Duncan, Ms. Leggett, Mr. Miner, Ms. Walter-Bock, and Mr. Aguinaga. Nay: None. Motion Passed at 6:55 p.m.

### Come Out of Executive Session:

Motion by Ms. Leggett; second by Ms. Walter-Bock, to come out of executive session. Aye: Mr. Duncan, Ms. Leggett, Mr. Miner, Ms. Walter-Bock, and Mr. Aguinaga. Nay: None. Motion Passed at 7:03 p.m.

Action Items:

Motion by Mr. Duncan; second by Ms. Walter-Bock, to hire Jesse Daniels of Wood River as Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, pending adequate participation numbers. Coach Daniels also serves as a History Teacher, Student Council Sponsor, and Asst. Boys Soccer Coach. He had previously served as an assistant girls basketball coach. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Motion by Ms. Leggett; second by Mr. Miner, to hire Kathy Kearby of Hartford as a part-time Cook 2. Mrs. Kearby had previously been employed in that position a few years ago and returns to the high school. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Motion by Mr. Duncan; second by Ms. Walter-Bock, to approve the destruction of the audio recordings of the Executive Session Minutes of April 2014. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Adjournment:

Motion by Ms. Leggett; second by Mr. Duncan, to adjourn. Motion Carried Voice Vote at 7:05 p.m.