

Regular Board Meeting  
October 9, 2018  
Board Conference Room

Call to Order:

President called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room, whereupon roll was subsequently taken. Melissa Bartels, Melissa Bell-Yates, Leroy Duncan, Jamey Westbrook, Mark St. Peters, and Jennifer Murray answered the roll call to establish a quorum. Absent: Mike Redman. Present were administrators and/or directors John Pearson, Leigh Robinson, and Kevin Gockel. Mike Roper and several members of the alumni football committee, as well as representatives from the Oiler Booster Club were also present.

Board Communications:

None.

Public Comments:

Mike Roper addressed the Board regarding a request for EAWR to hold the next Alumni Football Game at Memorial Stadium, Sept. 28, 2019. He spoke in general terms of the popularity of the event – both in 2017 at EAWR and the one recently held at Roxana. Mrs. Robinson addressed some “Facebook” comments in which some members of the community alleged that the high school administration rejected an attempt to host the 2018 game at EAWR. She noted that it was not true and that there had been no formal proposal from members of the alumni football committee to administrators or the school board.

The Board thanked Mr. Roper and took his request under advisement.

Minutes:

Motion by Mrs. Bell-Yates; second by Mr. Westbrook, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meetings of September 4, 2018 and September 11, 2018, as well as the Special Meeting (Budget Hearing) of September 11, 2018. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Approve Payment of District Bills and Quick Pays:

Motion by Mr. Duncan; second by Mrs. Bartels, that the payment of bills as presented in the amount of \$94,642.17 be authorized; that salaries for the month of September in the amount of \$433,370.13 and bills quickly paid for the month of September in the amount of \$329,712.04 be approved and that October salaries and bills to be paid

quickly be authorized. Aye: Ms. Bartels, Mrs. Bell-Yates, Mr. Duncan, Mr. St. Peters, Mr. Westbrook, and Mrs. Murray. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Conduct Annual Review of Media Center Guidelines:

As required by the stipulations of the Illinois State School Library Grant, Dr. Pearson briefly reviewed the Media Center Guidelines for the Board.

Motion by Mr. St. Peters; second by Mr. Duncan, to approve the review of the media guidelines as presented. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Appoint FOIA Officers for 2018-19 – Dr. Pearson and Mrs. Guthrie:

Motion by Mrs. Bartels; second by Mr. St. Peters, to appoint Dr. Pearson and Mrs. Guthrie as the District's FOIA officers. Their role would be to respond and document all FOIA requests. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Approve the Disposal of Obsolete and Surplus Equipment (1997 GMC Bus #3) and Authorize Administration to Dispose of Said Equipment:

Supt. Pearson reminded the Board that, since the District had recently purchased a newer used bus from Roxana Unit #1, they would not need to hang onto Bus #3, a 1997 GMC 65 passenger bus. He expressed the hope that a buyer can be found.

Motion by Mr. St. Peters; second by Mr. Duncan to declare the 1997 GMC Bus #3 as surplus and obsolete equipment and to authorize its disposal, as determined by the administration. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Hear 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Board Policy Revisions [7.20 (Harassment of Students Prohibited); 7.70 (Attendance & Truancy); 7.180 (Preventing Bullying); 7.250 (Student Support Services); 7.260 (Exemption from Physical Activity); 7.305 (Concussion Policy)]:

The superintendent noted that, since he reviewed these policy revisions at the Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting, he did not plan to review them again. No Board members had any questions regarding those policy updates.

The second reading and adoption would be held at the November 13<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting.

Interfund Loan Resolution: Working Cash Fund Loan of \$100,000 to Tort Fund:

Motion by Mr. Duncan; second by Mr. Westbrook, to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 2019-1**

**WHEREAS**, a Working Cash Fund has been created for School District #14, Madison, County, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, the District does not now have in its treasury sufficient money to meet all ordinary and necessary disbursements for salaries and other purposes, and it is necessary to transfer sums from the Working Cash Fund to the Tort Fund to meet demands thereon for ordinary and necessary expenditures therefrom:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Education of School District #14, Madison County Illinois, as follows:

**Section 1.** That the School Treasurer be authorized to transfer \$100,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Tort Fund as needed to meet all ordinary and necessary expenses.

**Section 2.** That the transfer from the Working Cash Fund to the Tort Fund, made by authority of this resolution, shall be deemed to have been transferred in anticipation of the collection of the taxes levied for the Education Fund.

**Section 3.** That when the proceeds of any taxes, in anticipation of which transfers from the Working Cash Fund have been made, have been received by the School Treasurer, said Treasurer is hereby directed to apply such proceeds until all amounts that have been transferred from such Working Cash Fund have been restored.

Adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education

Aye: Ms. Bartels, Mrs. Bell-Yates, Mr. Duncan, Mr. St. Peters, Mr. Westbrook, and Mrs. Murray. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Interfund Loan Resolution: Working Cash Fund Loan of \$50,000 to Debt Service Fund:

Motion by Mr. St. Peters; second by Mr. Westbrook, to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 2019-2**

**WHEREAS**, a Working Cash Fund has been created for School District #14, Madison, County, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, the Interfund Loan from the preceding fiscal year has been repaid back to the Working Cash Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the District does not now have in its treasury sufficient money to meet all ordinary and necessary disbursements for salaries and other purposes, and it is necessary to transfer sums from the Working Cash Fund to the Debt Service Fund to meet demands thereon for ordinary and necessary expenditures therefrom:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Education of School District #14, Madison County Illinois, as follows:

**Section 1.** That the School Treasurer be authorized to transfer \$50,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Debt Service Fund as needed to meet all ordinary and necessary expenses.

**Section 2.** That the transfer from the Working Cash Fund to the Debt Service Fund, made by authority of this resolution, shall be deemed to have been transferred in anticipation of the collection of the taxes levied for the Bond & Interest Fund.

**Section 3.** That when the proceeds of any taxes, in anticipation of which transfers from the Working Cash Fund have been made, have been received by the School Treasurer, said Treasurer is hereby directed to apply such proceeds until all amounts that have been transferred from such Working Cash Fund have been restored.

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Aye: Ms. Bartels, Mrs. Bell-Yates, Mr. Duncan, Mr. St. Peters, Mr. Westbrook, and Mrs. Murray. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Principal's Report:

Mrs. Robinson gave an oral report, which highlighted the following:

*I. Upcoming dates to remember*

Oct 16/17	Parent/Teacher Conferences
19	No School
26	11:25 Student Dismissal—SIP Day for Faculty

*II. Committees*

Focus groups – meet monthly

*III. Miscellaneous*

College Parent Night—September 26<sup>th</sup>—7 Colleges and around 40 people attended.

SIP Day September 28<sup>th</sup>—Training with the WRPD—Update

Coronation and Queen’s Dance was a success—357 students attended the dance. Congrats to Jordan Yenne, the new Queen of the Harvest!

Superintendent’s Report:

Dr. Pearson notified the Board that the Auditor from Scheffel-Boyle would present the District audit at the November 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

The superintendent will meet with Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Gockel and the teachers on the School Improvement Team to brainstorm ideas for the school’s Dashboard to “tell our story,” as well as to discuss the steps needed to engage the Quality Framework and needs assessment that will form the basis of our school plan to address the anticipated underperforming group. That designation will be announced in October to the District and on Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> to the public via the new interactive school report card site. He noted that this school improvement planning would form the biggest chunk of our strategic planning session next January and beyond.

Dr. Pearson reported on the firehouse sculpture dedication ceremony held last Saturday. He had given some remarks about the project to the audience there. The sculpture project was the brainchild of City Council member, Gale Ufert, and the desire to commemorate the bravery of fire fighters – specifically the tragic fire at the old Kumar’s Building, in which several fire fighters were in danger of losing their lives. The superintendent also was proud of how the school district, Wood River Rotary, the WRFD, Beautification Committee and many numerous private businesses came together in this common project. He commended Industrial Tech Teacher, Jake Sitze and his students for their shaping and welding most of the

sculpture, as well as recently-graduated student, Gracelin Rushing for her art design of the sculpture. He also noted the various businesses and groups that also helped with the project, including Wood River Rotary Club and Lewis & Clark College. Finally, he displayed some photos from the project and dedication.

Mr. Duncan commended the superintendent for his role at the ceremony.

Mrs. Murray inquired as to doing something cooperatively for the Wood River Police Department in a similar vein. The superintendent observed that no one has approached the high school along those lines, but he would be open to some sort of cooperative effort, if it arose.

Executive Session:

Motion by Mr. St. Peters; second by Mrs. Bartels, to adjourn to executive session to: a) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District, b) Discuss collective bargaining matters, c) Discuss individual student matters d) Discuss pending or current litigation, and e) Discuss emergency security procedures. Aye: Ms. Bartels, Mrs. Bell-Yates, Mr. Duncan, Mr. St. Peters, Mr. Westbrook, and Mrs. Murray. Nay: None. Motion Carried at 6:47 p.m.

Come Out of Executive Session:

Motion by Mrs. Bell-Yates; second by Mr. St. Peters, to come out of executive session. Aye: Ms. Bartels, Mrs. Bell-Yates, Mr. Duncan, Mr. St. Peters, Mr. Westbrook, and Mrs. Murray. Nay: None. Motion Carried at 7:25 p.m.

Action Items:

Motion by Mrs. Bartels; second by Mrs. Bell-Yates, to approve the destruction of the audio recordings of the Executive Session Minutes of April 2017. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Motion by Mrs. Bell-Yates; second by Mrs. Bell-Yates, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of September 4, 2018 and September 11, 2018. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Adjournment:

Motion by Mrs. Bell-Yates; second by Mr. Westbrook, to adjourn. Motion Carried Voice Vote at 7:27 p.m.