

Regular Board Meeting
May 10, 2016
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, Jennifer Murray, Mark St. Peters, and Nick Aguinaga answered the roll call to establish a quorum. Absent: None. Present were administrators and/or directors John Pearson, Leigh Robinson, Kevin Gockel, Adam Miller and Gerry Mattix-Wand. No audience was present.

Board Correspondence:

Mr. St. Peters inquired about installing light bulbs in some empty light fixtures in the Auditorium. These light bulbs are clear low wattage bulbs and are used as accent lights in the rear of the theatre. The administration noted that it would pass on that work order to Jeff Foxall, Maintenance Director.

Public Comments:

None.

Minutes:

Motion by Mr. St. Peters; second by Mr. Duncan, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meetings of April 5, 2016 and April 12, 2016. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Approve Payment of District Bills and Quick Pays:

Motion by Ms. Leggett; second by Mrs. Murray, that the payment of bills as presented in the amount of \$33,602.63 be authorized; that salaries for the month of April in the amount of \$449,139.70 and bills quickly paid for the month of April in the amount of \$136,574.52 be approved and that May salaries and bills to be paid quickly be authorized. Aye: Mr. Duncan, Ms. Leggett, Mr. Miner, Mrs. Murray, Mr. St. Peters, and Mr. Aguinaga. Nay: None. Motion Passed.

Approve Final 2015-16 Calendar:

Motion by Mr. St. Peters; second by Mr. Miner, to approve the draft of the final 2015-16 school calendar, as presented. The final calendar does not include unused snow days with the last day of school scheduled for May 24, 2016. However, that final calendar

will not filed until the last day of school, pending any unusual use of an emergency day between now and May 24th. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Approve Lunch Fee Increase for 2016-17:

Dr. Pearson reported that Cafeteria Director, Ms. Shone Fry, was recommending a 10-cent lunch price increase, which would put EAWR in line with Federal school lunch aid requirements for minimum lunch price.

Mr. Duncan proposed an increase of \$2.75, so that the District could go a little longer without raising it again. After some general discussion, no motion was offered to that effect.

Motion by Mr. St. Peters; second by Mr. Duncan, to increase the lunch price - as per the recommendation - from \$2.50 to \$2.60, effective with the 2016-17 school year. Aye: Mr. Duncan, Ms. Leggett, Mr. Miner, Mrs. Murray, Mr. St. Peters, and Mr. Aguinaga. Nay: None. Motion Passed.

Hear 2nd Reading of and Adopt Board Policy Revisions:

Superintendent Pearson reminded the Board that most of the policy revisions were oriented towards Senate Bill 100 language, and that these changes addressed the sweeping changes to the discretionary authority of school boards and administrators to issue suspensions and expulsions.

Motion by Mr. Duncan; second by Mr. St. Peters, to adopt the policy changes as presented and as reviewed at the April Board meeting. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Principal's Report:

Mrs. Robinson reported on the following:

Upcoming dates to remember

May	11	Senior Assembly— 1:15 pm
	11	POPS Concert— 7:00 pm
	12/13	Senior Finals
	18	Graduation— 7:30 pm
	23/24	Underclass Finals
	31	Start of Summer School

Committees

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

Miscellaneous

MJCH—EAWR’s student team was awarded the \$3000 grant through the Mannie Jackson Center. The team will present their project on Thursday, May 12th at the Mannie Jackson Center.

Science Assessment—The State Science Assessment was administered last week to all students in biology.

Community Service Update—Mrs. Robinson currently has three community service opportunities available just this week for students.

Zero Hours	0%
Under Half	0%
Over Half	1%
Done	99%

Mrs. Robinson and the superintendent also thanked those Board members for donating their copies of the Oiler Yearbook back to some seniors who did not have the wherewithal to order a yearbook on their own.

Superintendent’s Report:

Dr. Pearson announced a free Senate Bill 100 training for school board members, which is being sponsored by the ROE. The training will be held in Edwardsville, likely at the Madison County Administration Building Board Room. The training will be presented by one of the attorneys from Hodges, Loizzi, et al., a school law firm.

He also reported on attending a press conference at the State Capitol press room, in support of the General Assembly and the Governor’s need to agree to settling the budget stalemate and to appropriate enough funds to fully fund the recommended Foundation Level amount (which has been pro-rated due to insufficient appropriations). He was invited to the press conference by State Representative Dan Beiser (D-Alton) to stand with other superintendents and their respective legislators who were standing together to support such legislation.

He also reported that some districts were already contemplating strategies should the General Assembly and the Governor not agree on either a FY 17 budget by the start of the 2016-17 school year, or, at the least, make another appropriation bill similar to the summer of 2015.

Executive Session:

Motion by Mr. Duncan; second by Mr. St. Peters, 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, Mrs. Murray, Mr. St. Peters, and Mr. Aguinaga. Nay: None. Motion Passed at 6:40 p.m.

Come Out of Executive Session:

Motion by Mr. Duncan; second by Mr. St. Peters, to come out of executive session. Aye: Mr. Duncan, Ms. Leggett, Mr. Miner, Mrs. Murray, Mr. St. Peters, and Mr. Aguinaga. Nay: None. Motion Passed at 7:00 p.m.

Action Items:

Motion by Mrs. Murray; second by Mr. Miner, to approve the destruction of the audio recordings of the Executive Session Minutes of November 2014. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Motion by Mr. St. Peters; second by Mr. Duncan, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of April 5, 2016 and April 12, 2016. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Motion by Ms. Leggett; second by Mrs. Murray, to approve the 1st Semester Leave of Absence request of Mrs. Heather Kamp, Science Teacher for personal reasons. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Motion by Mr. Duncan; second by Mr. St. Peters, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the position to be known as Athletic Event Coordinator and its pay structure. The position would be an assistant to Mr. Gockel beginning in 2016-17, and would help absorb some of the AD duties currently performed by Mr. Miller. However, since the Board is not filling that position due to budget-cutting purposes, this part-time position will help absorb those set-up and associated duties, while reducing the strain on the remaining administrators' work-load. The union had already signed the MOU. A vacancy posting would be made, with the job description included. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Motion by Mrs. Murray; second by Mr. Miner, to appoint Steve Roustio of Granite City as a non-paid, volunteer Asst. Boys Basketball Coach. Coach Roustio was most recently

the Head Boys Basketball Coach at Granite City High School and resigned that position last month.

Motion by Mrs. Murray; second by Mr. Duncan, to appoint Mrs. Amy Harding to the vacant seat on the board, recently made vacant by the resignation of Melissa Walter-Bock. Mrs. Harding currently serves on the Wood River - Hartford Elementary District #15 Board of Education.

Adam Miller Presentation:

President Nick Aguinaga presented a plaque of appreciation to outgoing Dean/Athletic Director, Adam Miller and thanked him for his excellent service to EAWR High School. Board members and the administrators all wished Mr. Miller well in his new career at CM High School in Bethalto, as its Athletic Director.

Committee Reports:

None.

Adjournment:

Motion by Mr. St. Peters; second by Mr. Duncan, to adjourn. Motion Carried Voice Vote at 7:09 p.m.