

1st Regular Board Meeting Minutes
June 7, 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. Rebecca Leggett, Scott Miner, Jennifer Murray, and Nick Aguinaga answered the roll call to establish a quorum. Absent: Mark St. Peters and Leroy Duncan. Present were administrators John Pearson, Leigh Robinson, Kevin Gockel, and Gerry Mattix-Wand. Also present was Amy Harding.

Seat New Board Member:

President Aguinaga administered the Oath of Office and seated new EAWR Board member, Ms. Amy Harding, of Hartford, to the seat recently vacated by the resignation of Melissa Walter-Bock. The Board welcomed Ms. Harding.

Public Comments:

Although there were no public comments, Mrs. Murray questioned the administration about her concerns over two athletic scheduling issues: 1) The scheduling of the softball regional game during the same days as graduation and 2) The scheduling of a boys baseball game on the same day of the athletic awards ceremony.

With regards to the first issue, Mrs. Robinson and Mr. Gockel responded that the IHSA Regional softball game had been moved up to 3:00 at Southwestern High School, so the girls could return in ample time to attend graduation. Indeed, Mrs. Robinson had been informed by the Athletic Director that the softball bus returned back to the high school around 5:30 p.m. Although some seniors returned home with their parents (and in accordance with long-standing district policy and procedures), the bus made it back in plenty of time for any girl to return home and then head back to the high school for the 7:30 Graduation.

Further, Mrs. Robinson had informed all of the seniors on the softball team that, if the bus returned late from the game, they would be exempted from the expectation given to the rest of the graduates regarding their "line-up" time, and that graduation could even be delayed for 10-15 minutes beyond 7:30, if necessary. In regards to a particular senior involved in an accident, it is the administration's understanding that the wreck occurred after the team arrived back home, and that this student had driven to a relative's house in Godfrey in her car in the time between her arrival back at EAWR and Graduation.

Concerning the second issue, Mr. Gockel responded that the baseball game had been re-scheduled before, so as to give the boys the opportunity to play for the conference

championship, and that date was the only feasible date for Mr. Miller to arrange to get that game in.

Adopt MISSVIC Renewal Resolution:

Motion by Ms. Leggett; second by Mrs. Murray, to adopt the following resolution, as recommended by the Superintendent:

RESOLUTION: TO CONTINUE THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019

Based on Article 6.11.5 of the amended Mississippi Valley Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement dated July 1986 it is necessary for the participating districts to take necessary action to extend the term of said Pool, not to exceed three years, and must be voted on by the Board members of both the Pool and the District Boards of Education. It is recommended the following resolution be approved.

WHEREAS, The Mississippi Valley Intergovernmental Cooperative having been duly formed and organized on July 1, 1986 is now in its thirtieth year; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary for both the Pool and District Boards to vote to continue the operation of the Mississippi Valley Intergovernmental Cooperative every three years; and.

WHEREAS, The Mississippi Valley Intergovernmental Cooperative is providing a much needed service to its members;

THEREFORE, It is approved that the Mississippi Valley intergovernmental Cooperative continue to operate during the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

Attested:

School Board President

School Board Secretary

Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Hear Preview of June 14, 2016 Regular Meeting:

Public Hearing and Bid Award for Track Repair and Renovation: Dr. Pearson shared the timetable for this summer's repairs and re-coating work for the Orv Yocum Track. The architect is applying for Life Safety grant approval for the project, with the requirement that a public hearing be held. The hearing will take place within the school board meeting next Tuesday (June 14th) and was duly noticed in the Telegraph.

The superintendent noted that the bid opening was to be held on June 9th and that the bid award recommendation would be coming to the Board, also next Tuesday night.

Prevailing Wage Rate Adoption: The superintendent observed that the June 2016 Prevailing Rate of Wages was not published on the Illinois Dept. of Labor Website. Usually, those wage rates are posted in early June. He observed that he might have to call the DOL for guidance.

Amended FY 16 Budget Approval: Dr. Pearson reminded the Board that it would be asked to approve the Amended FY 2016 Budget next Tuesday. He would have a summary of the major changes to some expenditure budget lines for next week's budget hearings, with the vast majority being some adjustments to current budget numbers.

Student-Parent Handbook Revisions: Principal Robinson reported that she would present a summary of the Handbook changes to the Board, with most changes in the Code of Conduct reflecting changes brought about by Senate Bill 100.

Senate Bill 100: Dr. Pearson reported that, although the District has already completed the policy updates brought about by SB 100's changes regarding suspensions and expulsions, a recent Hodges, Loizzi workshop in Edwardsville demonstrated the need to fine tune some internal procedures related to brainstorming and cataloging alternative disciplinary measures and interventions. This work will likely be performed this summer, in advance of the Sept. 15th deadline for the new statutory requirements to take effect.

Executive Session:

Motion by Mrs. Murray; second by Mr. Miner, 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: Ms. Harding, Ms. Leggett, Mr. Miner, Mrs. Murray, and Mr. Aguinaga. Nay: None. Motion Passed at 6:25 p.m.

Come Out of Executive Session:

Motion by Mr. Miner; second by Mrs. Murray, to come out of executive session. Aye: Ms. Harding, Ms. Leggett, Mr. Miner, Mrs. Murray, and Mr. Aguinaga. Nay: None. Motion Passed at 7:28 p.m.

Action Items:

Motion by Mrs. Murray; second by Ms. Leggett, to approve salary and wages increases for all non-union staff with the same percent increase awarded to union personnel (2 ½ %), with the exception of 4% increases to Shone Fry, Cafeteria Director, and Carla Guthrie, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and the Athletic Director. Aye: Ms. Leggett, Mr. Miner, Mrs. Murray, and Mr. Aguinaga. Nay: None. Abstain: Mrs. Harding.

Adjournment:

Motion by Mrs. Murray; second by Mr. Miner, to adjourn. Motion Carried Voice Vote at 7:35 p.m.