

Regular Board Meeting
June 9, 2015
Board Conference Room

Call to Order:

President Nick Aguinaga called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m. in the Board Room, whereupon roll was subsequently taken. Rebecca Leggett, Jennifer Murray, Mark St. Peters, and Nick Aguinaga answered the roll call to establish a quorum. Absent: Leroy Duncan and Melissa Walter-Bock. Present were administrators and/or directors John Pearson, Leigh Robinson, Kevin Gockel, Adam Miller, and Gerry Mattix-Wand.

Board Correspondence:

None.

Minutes:

Motion by Mrs. Murray; second by Ms. Leggett, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meetings of May 5, 2015 and May 12, 2015. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Approve Payment of District Bills and Quick Pays:

Motion by Mr. St. Peters; second by Mrs. Murray, that the payment of bills as presented in the amount of \$48,258.76 be authorized; that salaries for the month of May in the amount of \$495,848.41 and bills quickly paid for the month of May in the amount of \$56,528.44 be approved and that June salaries and bills to be paid quickly be authorized. Aye: Ms. Leggett, Mrs. Murray, Mr. St. Peters, and Mr. Aguinaga. Nay: None. Motion Passed.

Ascertain and Adopt Prevailing Rate of Wages for June 2015:

Motion by Ms. Leggett; second by Mrs. Murray, to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has enacted “An Act regulating wages of laborers, mechanics, and other workers employed in any public works by the State, county, city, or any public body or any political subdivision or by anyone under contract for public works”, approved June 16, 1941, as amended, (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1987, Ch. 48, par. 39s-1 et seq. as amended by Public Acts 86-799 and 86-693), and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid Act requires that the Board of Education of School District #14 investigate and ascertain the prevailing rate of wages as defined in said Act for laborers, mechanics, and other workers in the locality of said School District #14 employed in performing construction of public works for said School District #14, exclusive of maintenance work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Education of School District #14:

Section 1: To the extent and as required by “An Act regulating wages of laborers, mechanics and other workers employed in any public works by State, county, city, or any public body or any political subdivision or by anyone under contract for public works”, approved June 26, 1941, as amended, the general prevailing rate of wages in this locality for laborers, mechanics, and other workers engaged in construction of public works coming under the jurisdiction of School District #14 is hereby ascertained to be the same as the prevailing rate of wages for construction work in Madison County area as determined by the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois as of June of the current year a copy of that reference. As required by said Act, any and all revisions of the prevailing rate of wages by the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois shall supersede the Department’s June determination and apply to any and all public works construction undertaken by School District #14. The definition of any terms appearing in this Resolution which are also used in the aforesaid Act shall be the same as in said Act.

Section 2: Nothing herein contained shall be construed to apply said general prevailing rate of wages as herein ascertained to any work or employment except public works construction of School District #14 to the extent required by the aforesaid Act.

Section 3: The Secretary of the Board of Education shall publicly post or keep available for inspection by any interested party in the Main Office of School District #14 this determination or any revisions of such prevailing rate of wages. A copy of this rate of wages then in effect shall be attached to all contract specifications.

Section 4: The Secretary of the Board of Education shall mail a copy of this determination to any employer, and to any association of employers and to any person or association of employees who have filed their names and addresses, requesting copies of any determination

stating the particular rates and the particular class of workmen whose wages will be affected by such rates.

Section 5: The Secretary of the Board of Education shall promptly file a certified copy of this Resolution with both the Secretary of State and the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois.

Section 6: The Secretary of the Board of Education shall cause to be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the area a copy of this Resolution, and such publication shall constitute notice that the determination is effective and that this is the determination of this public body.

ADOPTED this 9th day of June, 2015.

Nick Aguinaga, President
Board of Education

ATTEST:

Rebecca Leggett, Secretary
Board of Education

Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Conduct Public Hearing re: Continuation of Driver Ed. Fee of \$200:

President Aguinaga presided over the hearing, which is required to hold if the District wishes to continue charging over the statutory maximum of \$50 for Driver Ed. fees. The District had received two successive five-year waivers from the maximum limit and has charged its students \$200 for the last ten years (It should be noted that the majority of students have this fee waived due to their qualifications for fee waivers in all fees.). However, the General Assembly has replaced the waiver process with a required Board hearing to continue charging above \$50 (up to \$250 maximum).

The Board received no public comments during the hearing.

Approve Motion to Set Driver Education Fee at \$200:

Motion by Mr. St. Peters; second by Ms. Leggett, to approve the Driver Ed. fee at \$200.
Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Review Tentative Amended FY 2015 Budget:

Dr. Pearson reviewed the Tentative Amended FY 15 Budget. Most notable among the changes to the expenditure side of the budget is the increasing of the Special Education tuition accounts by an additional \$101,857 (from \$255,000 to \$356,857) and the transfer of \$125,932 from the Education Fund to Debt Service Fund, the latter of which is designed to move funds to cover the Chromebook lease-purchase and the Illinois Revolving Technology Loan. Accounting rules require those payments to be made from Debt Service, but the proceeds of those loans were originally booked in the Education Fund two years ago.

Also, over a hundred smaller line item adjustments were made since the adoption of the original budget in September - in most funds and in some revenue accounts.

The Education Fund is projected to lose slightly over \$1 Million in this fiscal year - from a fund balance of \$796,000 down to a negative (\$218,000). The O&M Fund balance will lose about \$46,000 (from \$162,000 to \$114,000); and Transportation will lose about \$3,000 (from about \$136,000 down to \$133,000).

For the first time in many years, the end of the year combined deficit of the four Operating Funds (combined with Working Cash) are more than 1/3 of the Operating Fund projected fund balances, which has triggered a Budget Plan, according to state law. Even though the District still has some cash reserves on hand, Supt. Pearson reminded the Board that the continuing deteriorating condition of the Education Fund, in particular, will require that the Board of Education take some tough actions in terms of spending reductions and seeking additional revenue.

He reminded the Board of the upcoming Budget Hearing to be held on June 23, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in which the FY 2015 Amended Budget should be adopted.

Principal's Report:

Upcoming dates to remember:

June	1	Summer School Starts
July	2	Summer School Ends

Committees:

The school improvement committee will meet during the summer 2015.

Miscellaneous

Summer school has five regular education sections and six special education sections. There are approximately 150 seats in summer school (many students are taking two classes).

Teachers will be working on and submitting Type II and Type III assessments over the summer and the administrative team will be meeting to review them.

Mrs. Robinson has spoken with both Mark Begando from Lewis & Clark Jr. High and with Alyssa Smith from East Alton Middle School about incoming 9th graders from their respective schools, in order to improve 9th grade transition.

Discuss and Approve Student-Parent Handbook Revisions for 2015-16:

Mrs. Robinson briefed the Board regarding the minor revisions that the Student-Parent Handbook Committee is recommending for the 2015-16 Handbook. She outlined them on the table below:

Handbook Changes for 2015-2016

Page #	Change	Rationale
14	Take our PSAE requirement for Distinguished Grade	PSAE is no longer given and not enough info in terms of scoring has been provided for PARCC
20	Electronic Device Section— changed to confiscate when being used in class for non-education purposes opposed to just being displayed. Removed the laptop language since students all have Chromebooks. Added students are responsible for securing devices including PE.	Needed updated because language hasn't been changed in multiple years. Added additional information about securing devices because it is an ongoing issue.
34	Remove PSAE Exemption	The PSAE is no longer given therefore an exemption is not appropriate. If for any reason PARCC would provide a score for juniors we can discuss creating a new exemption.
49	Unauthorized videotaping/distribution of	Videotaping and posting unauthorized videos/pictures to

	videos, pictures, or other media that were taken on school property.	social media. Examples: Fights

Motion by Mrs. Murray; second by Ms. Leggett, to approve the revisions to the Student-Parent Handbook for 2015-16, as presented. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Superintendent's Report:

None.

Non-Agenda Discussion Item:

Mr. St. Peters asked Mr. Miller whether high school coaches receive information about incoming 9th graders from Junior Oiler coaches, much in the same way that teachers and guidance staff receive information about incoming 9th graders from the junior highs - all done in the spirit of helping them to have more success in high school. Mr. Miller responded that it varies by coaches and sport, with some high school coaches working more closely with the Junior Oiler programs and coaches in this regard than others.

Executive Session:

Motion by Mr. St. Peters; 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: Ms. Leggett, Mrs. Murray, Mr. St. Peters, and Mr. Aguinaga. Nay: None. Motion Passed at 7:28 p.m.

Come Out of Executive Session:

Motion by Ms. Leggett; second by Mr. St. Peters, to come out of executive session. Aye: Ms. Leggett, Mrs. Murray, Mr. St. Peters, and Mr. Aguinaga. Nay: None. Motion Passed at 7:45 p.m.

Action Items:

Motion by Mrs. Murray; second by Ms. Leggett, to approve the destruction of the audio recordings of the Executive Session Minutes of December 2013. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Motion by Ms. Leggett; second by Mrs. Murray, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of May 5, 2015 and May 12, 2015. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Motion by Ms. Leggett; second by Mrs. Murray, to appoint Mr. Scott Miner to the vacant Board seat, formerly held by Michelle St. Peters. Mr. Miner - a resident of Wood River, EAWR Alumnus (2013) and an SIUE student, also serves on the Wood River City Council. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Adjournment:

Motion by Mr. St. Peters; second by Ms. Leggett, to adjourn. Motion Carried Voice Vote at 7:55 p.m.