

Regular Board Meeting
July 10, 2018
Board Conference Room

Call to Order:

President Jennifer Murray called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room, whereupon roll was subsequently taken. Melissa Bartels, Missy Bell-Yates, Jamey Westbrook and Jennifer Murray answered the roll call to establish a quorum. Absent: Leroy Duncan, Mike Redman, and Mark St. Peters. Present were administrators and/or directors John Pearson, Leigh Robinson, and Gerry Mattix-Wand. Also attending was Tom Crabtree of Stifel. No other members of the public attended.

Board Communications:

None.

Public Comments:

None.

Minutes:

Motion by Mrs. Bell-Yates; second by Mrs. Bartels, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meetings of June 5, 2018 and June 12, 2018; the Special Meeting (Budget Hearing) of June 12, 2018; and the Personnel Committee Meeting of June 11, 2018. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Approve Payment of District Bills and Quick Pays:

Motion by Mrs. Bell-Yates; second by Mrs. Bartels, that the payment of bills as presented in the amount of \$54,512.08 be authorized; that salaries for the month of June in the amount of \$424,878.64 and bills quickly paid for the month of June in the amount of \$39,853.61 be approved and that July salaries and bills to be paid quickly be authorized. Aye: Mrs. Bartels, Mrs. Bell-Yates, Mr. Westbrook, and Mrs. Murray. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Resolution: Notice of Intent to Issue Working Cash Bonds:

Dr. Pearson and Tom Crabtree of Stifel shared some bond issuance scenarios with the Board and described the use of a proposed Working Cash bond issuance of \$2 Million. The scenario that the Board is being asked to consider is one in which new bonds would be issued in 2019 that would have the advantage of being timed with the retirement of the 2016 bonds in December 2018. Together with the proposed \$1 Million in proposed

Funding Bonds, District operating and cash flow needs could be met, with only a projected six-cent increase in the total Debt Service rate.

After some discussion, the President announced that in view of the current financial condition of the District, the Board of Education would consider the adoption of a resolution declaring its intention to issue \$2,040,000 working cash fund bonds pursuant to Article 20 of the School Code and directing that notice of such intention be published.

Whereupon Member Bartels presented and the Secretary read by title a resolution as follows, a copy of which was provided to each member of the Board of Education prior to said meeting and to everyone in attendance at said meeting who requested a copy:

RESOLUTION declaring the intention to issue \$2,040,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds of Community High School District Number 14, Madison County, Illinois, for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of said School District, and directing that notice of such intention be published in the manner provided by law.

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Whereas, pursuant to the provisions of Article 20 of the School Code of the State of Illinois, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto (the "Code"), a fund to be known as a Working Cash Fund (the "Fund") may be created and maintained in and for Community High School District Number 14, Madison County, Illinois (the "District"), in the manner prescribed in the Code, for the purpose of enabling the District to have in its treasury at all time sufficient money to meet demands thereon for expenditures for corporate purposes; and

Whereas, the District has heretofore created and maintained such Fund in the manner prescribed by the Code; and

Whereas, under the provisions of the Code, the Board of Education of the District (the "Board") is authorized to incur an indebtedness and issue bonds as evidence thereof (the "Bonds") for the purpose of increasing the Fund; and

Whereas, the Board has determined and does hereby determine that it is advisable, necessary and in the best interests of the District that the Fund be increased and that the District incur an indebtedness and issue Bonds as evidence thereof in the amount of \$2,040,000 for said purpose; and

Whereas, before such Bonds may be issued for said purpose, the Board must adopt a resolution declaring its intention to issue such Bonds for said purpose and direct that notice of such intention be published as provided by law:

Now, Therefore, Be It and It Is Hereby Resolved by the Board of Education of Community High School District Number 14, Madison County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Preambles. The Board hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Resolution are full, true and correct and does incorporate them into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Declaration of Intent. The Board hereby declares its intention to avail of the provisions of the Code, and to issue Bonds in the amount of \$2,040,000 for the purpose of increasing the Fund and enabling the District to have in its treasury at all time sufficient money to meet demands thereon for expenditures for corporate purposes.

Section 3. Notice of Intent. In accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, notice of said intention to avail of the provisions of Article 20 of the Code and to issue Bonds for the purpose of increasing the Fund shall be given by publication of such notice at least once in the Alton Telegraph, the same being a newspaper of general circulation in the District.

Section 4. Form of Notice. The notice of intention to issue the Bonds shall be in substantially the following form:

**NOTICE OF INTENTION OF
COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 14,
MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
TO ISSUE \$2,040,000
WORKING CASH FUND BONDS**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that on the 10th day of July, 2018, the Board of Education (the “*Board*”) of Community High School District Number 14, Madison County, Illinois (the “*District*”), adopted a resolution declaring its intention and determination to issue bonds in the aggregate amount of \$2,040,000 for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District, and it is the intention of the Board to avail of the provisions of Article 20 of the School Code of the State of Illinois, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, and to issue said bonds for the purpose of increasing said Working Cash Fund. Said Working Cash Fund is to be

maintained in accordance with the provisions of said Article and shall be used for the purpose of enabling the District to have in its treasury at all time sufficient money to meet demands thereon for expenditures for corporate purposes.

A petition may be filed with the Secretary of the Board (the “*Secretary*”) within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice, signed by not less than 817 voters of the District, said number of voters being equal to ten percent (10%) of the registered voters of the District, requesting that the proposition to issue said bonds as authorized by the provisions of said Article 20 be submitted to the voters of the District. If such petition is filed with the Secretary within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice and on or before the 6th day of August, 2018, an election on the proposition to issue said bonds shall be held on the 6th day of November, 2018. If such petition is filed with the Secretary within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice and after the 6th day of August, 2018, an election on the proposition to issue said bonds shall be held on the 26th day of February, 2019, unless none of the voters of the District are scheduled to cast votes for any candidates for nomination for, election to or retention in public office at said election, in which case an election on the proposition to issue said bonds shall be held on the 2nd day of April, 2019. The Circuit Court may declare that an emergency referendum should be held prior to any of said election dates pursuant to the provisions of Section 2A-1.4 of the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended. If no such petition is filed within said thirty (30) day period, then the District shall thereafter be authorized to issue said bonds for the purpose hereinabove provided.

By order of the Board of Education of Community High School District Number 14, Madison County, Illinois.

DATED this 10th day of July, 2018.

Missy Bell-Yates
Secretary, Board of Education,
Community High School District Number 14,
Madison County, Illinois

Jennifer Murray
President, Board of Education,
Community High School District Number 14,
Madison County, Illinois

Section 5. Further Proceedings. If no petition signed by the requisite number of voters is filed with the Secretary of the Board within thirty (30) days after the date of the publication of such notice of intention to issue the Bonds, the Board shall, by appropriate proceedings to be hereafter taken, fix the details concerning the issue of the Bonds and provide for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on the same.

Section 6. Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

Section 7. Repealer and Effective Date. All resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed and that this Resolution be in full force and effect forthwith upon its adoption.

Adopted July 10, 2018.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

Member Duncan moved and Member Bartels seconded the motion that said resolution as presented and read by title be adopted.

After a full and complete discussion thereof, the President directed the Secretary to call the roll for a vote upon the motion to adopt said resolution.

Upon the roll being called, the following members voted AYE: Westbrook, Bell-Yates, Bartels, Duncan, and Murray.

The following members voted NAY: None

Whereupon the President declared the motion carried and said resolution adopted, and in open meeting approved and signed said resolution and directed the Secretary to record the same in full in the records of the Board of Education of Community High School District Number 14, Madison County, Illinois, which was done.

Resolution: Notice of Intent to Issue Funding Bonds:

The President announced that in view of the current financial condition of the District, the Board of Education would consider the adoption of a resolution declaring its intention to issue \$1,000,000 funding bonds pursuant to Article 19 of the School Code and directing that notice of such intention be published.

Whereupon Member Bartels presented and the Secretary read by title a resolution as follows, a copy of which was provided to each member of the Board of Education prior to said meeting and to everyone in attendance at said meeting who requested a copy:

RESOLUTION setting forth and describing in detail claims heretofore authorized and allowed for proper school purposes which are presently outstanding and unpaid, declaring the intention to issue \$1,000,000 bonds for the purpose of paying claims against Community High School District Number 14, Madison County, Illinois, and directing that notice of such intention be published as provided by law.

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Whereas, pursuant to the provisions of Article 19 of the School Code of the State of Illinois, as amended (the "Code"), Community High School District Number 14, Madison County, Illinois (the "District"), is authorized to issue bonds to pay claims against the District; and

Whereas, the District has presently outstanding and unpaid claims (the "Claims"), all of the Claims having been heretofore authorized and allowed for proper school purposes; and

Whereas, the Board of Education of the District (the "Board") has determined and does hereby determine that it is necessary and in the best interests of the District that the Claims be paid from proceeds of bonds in the principal amount of \$1,000,000 (the "Bonds"); and

Whereas, before the Bonds can be issued pursuant to the Code, the Board must examine and consider the Claims and must adopt a resolution declaring the Claims to be authorized and allowed for proper school purposes, set forth and describe in detail the Claims, declare its intention to issue the Bonds for the purpose of paying the Claims and direct that notice of such intention to issue the Bonds be given as provided by law; and

Whereas, the Board has examined and considered the Claims:

Now, Therefore, Be It and It Is Hereby Resolved by the Board of Education of Community High School District Number 14, Madison County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Preambles. The Board hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Resolution are full, true and correct and does incorporate them into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. The Claims. The Claims are set forth and described in detail on Exhibit A attached hereto, and it is hereby found, determined and declared that the Claims are presently outstanding and unpaid, were heretofore authorized and allowed for proper school purposes and constitute valid and binding obligations of the District.

Section 3. Declaration of Intent. The Board does hereby determine and declare its intention to avail the provisions of Article 19 of the Code and to issue Bonds in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the purpose of paying the Claims.

Section 4. Notice of Intent. In accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, notice of said intention to avail of the provisions of Article 19 of the Code and to issue the Bonds shall be given by publication of such notice once in the Alton Telegraph, the same being a newspaper of general circulation in the District.

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MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**TO ISSUE \$1,000,000
FUNDING BONDS**

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A petition may be filed with the Secretary of the Board (the “*Secretary*”) within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice, signed by not less than 817 voters of the District, said number of voters being equal to ten percent (10%) of the registered voters of the District, requesting that the proposition to issue said bonds as authorized by the provisions of said Article 19 be submitted to the voters of the District. If such petition is filed with the Secretary within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice and on or before the 6th day of August, 2018, an election on the proposition to issue said bonds shall be held on the 6th day of November, 2018. If such petition is filed with the Secretary within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice and after the 6th day of August, 2018, an election on the proposition to issue said bonds shall be held on the 26th day of February, 2019, unless none of the voters of the District are scheduled to cast votes for any candidates for

nomination for, election to or retention in public office at said election, in which case an election on the proposition to issue said bonds shall be held on the 2nd day of April, 2019. The Circuit Court may declare that an emergency referendum should be held prior to any of said election dates pursuant to the provisions of Section 2A-1.4 of the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended. If no such petition is filed within said thirty (30) day period, then the District shall thereafter be authorized to issue said bonds for the purpose hereinabove provided.

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DATED this 10th day of July, 2018.

Missy Bell-Yates
Secretary, Board of Education,
Community High School District Number 14,
Madison County, Illinois

Jennifer Murray
President, Board of Education,
Community High School District Number 14,
Madison County, Illinois

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Adopted July 10, 2018.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

Member Bell-Yates moved and Member Westbrook seconded the motion that said resolution as presented and read by title be adopted.

After a full and complete discussion thereof, the President directed the Secretary to call the roll for a vote upon the motion to adopt said resolution.

Upon the roll being called, the following members voted AYE: Bell-Yates, Westbrook, Bartels, Duncan, and Murray.

The following members voted NAY: None.

Whereupon the President declared the motion carried and said resolution adopted, and in open meeting approved and signed said resolution and directed the Secretary to record the same in full in the records of the Board of Education of Community High School District Number 14, Madison County, Illinois, which was done.

Conduct Public Hearing and Approve Application for Waiver Renewal:

The superintendent reviewed the current waiver that the District is under that allows a non-resident full-time employee the opportunity to enroll his/her child at EAWR without a tuition charge. This waiver was granted by the General Assembly in 2014 and continues through the end of the 2018-19 school year.

He recommended that the Board – if it is still in favor of this waiver – to apply for a renewal of the five-year waiver. The Board reviewed the documents that were provided in their meeting packet.

Dr. Pearson reminded the Board that it had duly noticed this hearing regarding the proposed waiver, as specified in the law. That included letters sent to the local union officers, Rep. Bristow and Sen. Haine, and a notice in the Telegraph.

President Murray asked for any public comments at this hearing. No citizens were present at the hearing, so there were no public comments forthcoming.

Motion by Mrs. Bell-Yates; second by Mr. Duncan, to apply for a renewal of the five-year waiver, as discussed and recommended. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Adopt Revised Title I Schoolwide Plan for 2018-19:

Supt. Pearson noted that the “Every Student Succeeds Act” (ESSA) requires that the District review, revise, and re-submit their “Schoolwide plans” under ESSA. The Board adopted the original Schoolwide Plan back in May 2010.

As was the case with the previous document, the Plan embodies the needs assessment and recommended student learning goals and programs, as determined by the School Improvement Team, Administration, and the Title I Committee.

Dr. Pearson reviewed the Plan with the Board and recommended that the Board adopt the revised Schoolwide Plan for Title I.

Motion by Mrs. Bartels; second by Mrs. Bell-Yates, to adopt the revised Title I Schoolwide Plan for 2018-19, as presented. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Chromebook Lease-Purchase Agreement:

This action item was tabled due to documents not being ready from the bank. It was anticipated that they might be ready next week.

After some discussion, the Board set a tentative date for a special board meeting, which would be held on Tuesday, July 17th, at 8:00 a.m.

Hear 2nd Reading of and Adopt Recommended Board Policy Revisions:

Dr. Pearson briefed the Board on several policy revisions, as follows:

- Policy 4.80 (and its supporting procedures documents) is designed to bring GATA-recommended enhancements to District fiscal practices.
- Policy 5.20 is an updated set of investigative prompts and questions, when investigating workplace harassment allegations.
- Policy 6.135 is the result of a new mandate, in which Districts have to adopt policies, which reflect its “accelerated placement program.” For EAWR and most districts, this simply means that the policy must state that the District offer program and class opportunities for gifted and advanced students. EAWR has offered these courses for many years.
- Policy 6.250 reflects recent legislation, which allows for the Board to utilize the volunteer services of a community person in the area of counseling of students in traumatic or crisis intervention, provided he/she meets specified state standards.
- Policy 7.315-AP is a set of guidelines for student distribution of non-school related materials, customized for high schools.
- Policy 7.340 has revised footnotes and legal citations that reflect current language on student records access and what constitutes student records and their handling.

Motion by Mrs. Bell-Yates; second by Mr. Westbrook, to approve the policy revisions as recommended. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Principal's Report:

Upcoming dates to remember ...

August	1 & 2	New Students to the District Registration
	6	Start of Football/Golf
	8	Start of all Fall Sports
	13	All School Registration

Committees

No report.

Miscellaneous

Mrs. Robinson reported on progress made with the new POP Program (Parent Outreach Program). She observed that at least eight 9th grade parents had signed up to attend the orientation and welcoming program, which was designed to help transition of incoming 9th graders to the high school. The funding for this comes from the Healthy Communities Grant.

The first set of meetings will be July 16 with the principal making personal phone calls to parents inviting them to the series of "get acquainted" sessions.

MJCH Grant: Mrs. Robinson reported that the Mannie Jackson Center for the Humanities Grant was providing a \$1,000 grant this year, to promote positive messages at school. She reported on ideas of welcoming positive messages that could be paid for under the grant.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Pearson gave an update on summer work around the campus:

- He reported that Ameren had just removed the power pole that was in the planned location for the new Memorial Stadium PA system. The security (dusk-to-dawn) light is being moved to another close-by pole. Gerry Mattix-Wand noted that the MER – the builder of the speaker array platform – has been notified that they can begin their erection of the platform. He also reported that Wegman had also been informed, so that it can make its preparations for its boring and cabling work.
- The replacement fire alarm system work is nearing completion. Most of the peripherals have been installed, and Wegman will need to just install the main

alarm panel. However, there will likely be a change order requested with the contractor (Wegman) for some heat detectors that had not been on the original plans and shop drawings, but may need replacement. The majority of that potential extra work could be in the attic of the Main Building.

Committee Reports:

Mr. Duncan, Chair of the Personnel Committee, reminded the Board that the Personnel Committee would meet with the union representatives in the first negotiations session on a successor bargaining agreement. That will be held on Thursday, July 19th at 6:00 p.m.

Executive Session:

Executive Session was tabled.

Action Items:

Motion by Mrs. Bell-Yates; second by Mr. Duncan, to approve the destruction of the audio recordings of the Executive Session of January 2017. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Motion by Mrs. Bell-Yates; second by Mr. Westbrook, to approve the executive session minutes of June 5, 2018 and June 11, 2018 (Personnel Committee Meeting). Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Adjournment:

Motion by Mrs. Bell-Yates; second by Mr. Westbrook, to adjourn. Motion Carried Voice Vote at 7:22 p.m.