

1st Regular Board Meeting
August 6, 2019
Board Conference Room

Call to Order:

President Jennifer Murray called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. in the Board Conference Room, whereupon roll was subsequently taken. Melissa Bartels, Leroy Duncan, Mark St. Peters, and Jennifer Murray answered the roll call to establish a quorum. Absent: Missy Bell-Yates, Mike Redman, and Jamey Westbrook. Administrators and/or Directors present were John Pearson, Mark Beatty, and Gerry Mattix-Wand.

Public Comments:

No public comments.

Board Welcomes New Dean / Athletic Director.

The Board welcomed Mark Beatty, as the high school's new Dean / Athletic Director. Mr. Beatty comes to EAWR from Carrolton Schools, where he served as Athletic Director and Teacher. Previously, he served as a middle school teacher and coach in Bethalto. Mr. Beatty steps into a new position, which was not filled for the last three years, due to a desire to streamline administration. However, the Board determined this summer that it was in the best educational interests of the District to reinstate that position.

Review of Agenda Items for the August 13, 2019 Regular Meeting:

Approve Interfund Transfer from Ed. Fund to Debt Service Fund. The superintendent reminded the Board that it would again need to transfer the amount of the principal and interest for the recent Lease-Purchase Agreement with The Bank of Edwardsville from the Education Fund to the Debt Service Fund, and then re-pay the bank for that amount from Debt Service. The amount to be transferred is \$48,285. He reported that the interest rate/finance charges came to about \$88 for that brief "loan."

Hear Tentative Budget Presentation for FY 2020: Dr. Pearson reported that he would have the draft budget ready to be put on public display by Sunday, August 11, 2019, and then would review that with the Board next Tuesday night. The statute requires that the budget be put on public display for 30 days prior to the budget hearing, which is scheduled for Sept. 10th.

Approve of WRFD/Ambulance Arrangement for Home Varsity Football Games- 2019. We are awaiting a proposal from WRFD Chief Brendan McKee for using firefighters as

reserve EMT's if an Alton Memorial Hospital Ambulance cannot be on-site. Hopefully, that arrangement can be finalized on August 13th.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Pearson provided an update on the restroom renovation work as well as the football field turf issues on the sideline areas. The restroom renovation close-out walk-through and meeting will be held this Friday (Aug. 9th). The vast majority of the restroom renovations are complete with some fixture installation and ceiling pad installation being completed in the next 2-3 days. Also, the new shower fixtures are still not installed in the PE locker area, but are expected to be finished this week, as well.

The football field sideline areas need additional watering since the added sprigs still may not be getting enough water from our existing sprinkler system. The maintenance crew will be setting up some surface-level sprinklers until the first football game. Also, the field is being mowed more frequently and a lot shorter as per the advice of Heartland Turf systems.

Mr. St. Peters asked if there was a "guarantee" on grass coverage from Heartland. The superintendent responded by saying that it would be hard to commit them to any specified length or coverage, due to the intervention of "Mother Nature." However, Heartland Turf believes that the new sprigs will spread better over the next few weeks.

CAVC Transportation Intergovernmental Agreement Adoption. The new superintendent at Collinsville Unit #10 wishes to memorialize our practice of allowing our CAVC bus driver to also haul non-EAWR students from CAVC to the building trades site every day. EAWR performs that service in exchange for a reduction of \$2,500 per year in its tuition charges. So, he will bring an agreement to the Board next Tuesday that puts that practice in written form.

IMRF Resolution. The Board will be asked to adopt an IMRF resolution that would memorialize current and past practice with what is counted as IMRF creditable earnings.

Executive Session:

Motion by Mr. St. Peters; second by Mr. Duncan, 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: Mrs. Bartels, Mr. Duncan, Mr. St. Peters, and Mrs. Murray. Nay: None. Motion Carried at 6:25 p.m.

Come Out of Executive Session:

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

Action Items:

Motion by Mrs. Bartels; second by Mr. St. Peters, to employ Mark Piazza of Bethalto as a Custodian / Bus Driver. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Motion by Mr. St. Peters; second by Mr. Duncan, to employ Rebecca Gleason of Hartford as a part-time Cook. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Adjournment:

Motion by Mr. St. Peters; second by Mrs. Bartels; to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried Voice Vote at 7:01 p.m.