

Regular Board Meeting
August 9, 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, Amy Harding, Jennifer Murray, Mike Redman, Mark St. Peters, and Nick Aguinaga answered the roll call to establish a quorum. Absent: Rebecca Leggett. Present were administrators and/or directors John Pearson, Leigh Robinson, Kevin Gockel, and Gerry Mattix-Wand. In the audience was a member of the community, Charlie Hoffman.

Public Comments:

None.

Minutes:

Motion by Mrs. Murray; second by Mr. Duncan, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meetings of July 5, 2016. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Approve Payment of District Bills and Quick Pays:

Motion by Mr. St. Peters; second by Mr. Duncan, that the payment of bills as presented in the amount of \$34,836.55 be authorized; that salaries for the month of July in the amount of \$399,144.52 and bills quickly paid for the month of July in the amount of \$163,034.78 be approved and that August salaries and bills to be paid quickly be authorized. Aye: Mr. Duncan, Ms. Harding, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Redman, Mr. St. Peters, and Mr. Aguinaga. Nay: None. Motion Passed.

Authorize Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment:

Motion by Mrs. Murray; second by Mr. Duncan, to declare that the six 1980's vintage gas and electric stoves in the former Home Economics Room are surplus and obsolete and to authorize the superintendent to dispose of said equipment. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Discuss and Approve Lease-Purchase Agreement for Chromebooks and Bags with The Bank of Edwardsville:

Motion by Mr. Duncan; second by Mrs. Murray to approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR
LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of East Alton-Wood River High School District #14, Madison County, Illinois (the “District”) has determined that it is advisable, necessary and in the best interest of the District to lease/purchase certain items of equipment for the use of the school district; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-22.25a of *The School Code*, 105 ILCS 5/10-22.25a, as amended, authorizes the Board of Education to obtain personal property by lease, with or without an option to purchase, for a period not to exceed 5 years, or by purchase under an installment contract extending over a period of not more than 5 years, provided at least 2/3 of the board members authorize such a transaction and the interest rate does not exceed the maximum rate authorized in the Bond Authorization Act of the State of Illinois, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education does not have sufficient funds on hand to pay the cost of purchasing certain items of equipment for use of the school district and it is necessary that the Board of Education enter into a Lease Purchase Agreement (the “Lease”) with The Bank of Edwardsville providing for the lease/purchase of such equipment by the District and the payment by the District of certain payments thereunder; and

WHEREAS, said items of equipment, software and licenses (the “Equipment”) is more particularly described as 200 ASUS Chromebooks Model #C202SA–Y502 & 150 Bump Armor Carrying Cases.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of East Alton-Wood River High School District #14, Madison County, Illinois, that:

Section 1: The preambles of this Resolution are hereby incorporated into this text as is set out herein in full.

Section 2: It has been and is hereby determined by the Board of Education that it is advisable and necessary that the Equipment be leased by the District, all as hereinabove described in the preambles of this Resolution, and for that purpose the District enter into the Schedule in substantially the form presented to this meeting and subject to legal counsel’s final approval.

Section 3: From and after the effective date of this Resolution, the President and Secretary of the Board of Education be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Schedule, subject to final review by legal counsel, and to do all things necessary and essential to effectuate the provisions of the Lease and Schedule,

including the execution of any documents and certificates incidental thereto or necessary to carry out the provisions thereof.

Section 4: It is hereby found and determined that the Lease and Schedule are in the best interests of the District and that no person holding any office of the District, either by election or appointment, is in any manner interested, either directly or indirectly, in his/her own name or in the name of any other person, association, entity, trust or corporation, in the Lease and /or the Schedule.

Section 5: The District shall, and the official agents and employees of the District are hereby authorized and directed to, take such further action and execute such other documents, certificates and instruments as may be necessary or desirable to carry out and comply with the intent of this Resolution, and to carry out, comply with and perform the duties of the District with respect to the Lease and Schedule.

Section 6: The District hereby designates the Lease as a qualified tax exempt obligation pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The officers of the District are authorized to execute appropriate certifications in connection therewith.

Section 7: All resolutions or other proceedings in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed and this Resolution shall be effective forthwith upon its adoption.

Upon motion by Member Duncan, to adopt the above Resolution, seconded by Member Murray, and after a full and complete discussion of said Resolution, the President directed the Secretary to call the roll for a vote upon said motion and upon the roll being called, the following members voted AYE:

Aguinaga, Duncan, Murray, St. Peters, Harding, Redman

The following Members voted NAY: None

The following Members were absent: Leggett

The President declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted this 9th day of August, 2016.

President, Board of Education
East Alton-Wood River High School District #14

Madison County, Illinois

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Education
East Alton-Wood River High School District #14
Madison County, Illinois

Presentation of Tentative FY 17 Budget:

Dr. Pearson gave an overview of the FY 17 District Budget. Among the highlights of the presentation were:

The Education Fund is projected to lose \$858,728 (Expenses of \$5,369,803 outpacing revenues of \$4,511,175). This has been a trend over the last few budget cycles, mostly due to the loss of general state aid because of marked decreases in enrollment and - until this year - a stagnant tax base. Although the District has downsized in the coming year with the reduction of a P.E. teacher and administrator, more and deeper personnel reductions would be needed to slow that loss.

The O&M Fund is projected to lose \$15,737 and the Transportation Fund to lose about \$42,000. The size of the Transportation Fund loss is largely due to a \$25,000 reduction in Special Ed. Transportation aid (Earlier, the Transportation Fund was expected to lose just \$17,000). Working Cash, of course, still remains healthy with a fund balance of just under \$2 Million.

Since the combined funds' projected losses exceed 1/3 of the projected June 30, 2017 Fund Balance, the ISBE budget form triggers a requirement to complete a "deficit reduction plan," which is a three year budget projection that forecasts and states an outline of a plan to reduce the Operating Fund deficit to under the 1/3 calculation. The Deficit Reduction Plan - as proposed by the superintendent and to be adopted by the Board with the Budget adoption in September - projects some planned attrition cuts via retirement and some very modest growth calculations in revenues and expenses. It also includes the likelihood of another bond issuance in 2018-19.

There are some pieces of good news, however. The new "Mark-to-Market" program through the Egyptian Trust will save the District and its employees about 5% in premium costs compared with last year. Also, the District received good news from IMRF, with a lowered employer contribution rate that effectively lowered IMRF expenses by over 10% this coming year.

The tentative FY2017 Budget will be on display beginning with this Friday (8/13/16) for 30 days, with the Budget Hearing scheduled for Sept. 13, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Approve Application for Recognition of Schools:

Motion by Mr. St. Peters; second by Mr. Duncan, to approve the Application for Recognition of Schools” with the Illinois State Board of Education. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Principal’s Report:

Mrs. Robinson reported on the following:

Upcoming dates to remember

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| Aug | 8 | First Day of Football Practice |
| | 10 | First Day of All Practices |
| | 11 | All School Registration |
| | 19 | Freshmen Orientation |
| | 19 | Maroon and Gold Game |
| | 22 | 1 st Day All Students |

Committees

Math and ELA will be meeting over the summer to work on curriculum.

Miscellaneous

Online registration has been very successful. As of this morning a total of 90 students have completed online registration.

MJCH—the team has met two times to discuss plans for the upcoming school year. The team plans to attend the September 6th

Spirit Club—senior members of spirit club meet on August 1st to plan activities for the fall season, as well as, the first pep assembly.

EAWR is partnering with Collinsville and WRH for the Madison County Institute on October 7th.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Mattix-Wand gave an update on the Sprint Wi-Fi “hotspots” and their proposed use to help spread Internet Access to those students who may not have wireless connectivity at home. The school has purchased four devices (at \$75 each) and he has tested them. He reminded the Board that Sprint is offering these to schools (with a limit of 100 units) to distribute how they see fit, and will free wireless access for four years on each device. The administration is considering issuance guidelines and a pricing proposal for parents - perhaps like the Chromebook damage waiver is assessed, with the devices to be checked-out in August and returned to the school at the end of the school year.

Dr. Pearson gave a report about the EAWR Foundation Board's decision to partially fund the purchase of new parent information folders (along with a donation from The Bank of Edwardsville), as well as the purchase of a 65-70” flat screen HD TV for the Cafeteria.

He reminded the Board about the Transgender Law Workshop scheduled for Wed. Sept. 14, 2016 at the Mannie Jackson Center in Edwardsville. He noted that Board members Rebecca Leggett and Amy Harding have been registered, and if anyone else is interested, he would be glad to reserve a spot for them at the workshop.

The Board viewed some “before & after photos” of the track. Everyone seems pleased with the new surface.

Finally, the architect, Maintenance Director Jeff Foxall and Dr. Pearson will meet next week to begin the planning for the next Ten-Year Life Safety Survey.

Executive Session:

Motion by Mr. St. Peters; second by Mr. Duncan, 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. Harding, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Redman, Mr. St. Peters, and Mr. Aguinaga. Nay: None. Motion Passed at 6:50 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. Harding, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Redman, Mr. St. Peters, and Mr. Aguinaga. Nay: None. Motion Passed at 7:12 p.m.

Action Items:

Motion by Mr. St. Peters; second by Mrs. Murray, to approve the destruction of the audio recordings of the Executive Session Minutes of February 2015. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Motion by Mr. Duncan; second by Mr. Redman, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of July 5, 2016. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Motion by Mr. St. Peters; second by Mrs. Murray, to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HONORABLE REDUCTION
OF EMPLOYMENT OF EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the “Board”) has the responsibility to manage and operate the East Alton-Wood River Community High School District No. 14, Madison County, Illinois (the “District”) including the hiring, reduction and dismissal of personnel; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined to decrease the total number of hours worked by certain educational support personnel, in accordance with § 5/10-23.5 of the *School Code* (105 ILCS 5/10-23.5) and Illinois law; and

WHEREAS, the educational support personnel employees with the shorter length of continuing service with the District, within the respective category of position, shall have their work schedule reduced first; and

WHEREAS, the Board has concluded that the employment of the educational support personnel named herein shall be honorably reduced effective thirty (30) days from the date written notice mailed or personal delivery receipt being acknowledged, informing SYLVIA FITZGERALD-BERRY that her hours are being reduced, in accordance with Section 10-23.5 of the *School Code* (105 ILCS 5/10-23.5).

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Education of the East Alton-Wood River Hartford Community High School District No. 14, Madison County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1: That, as a result of the decision of the Board to decrease the hours worked by, SYLVIA FITZGERALD-BERRY, an educational support person, who is employed by the District as HEAD COOK/COOK1, shall be reduced from a EIGHT (8) hour workday schedule to a SEVEN (7) hour workday schedule effective September 10, 2016 or thirty (30) days from the date written notice is mailed, whichever occurs last, informing her that her workday hours are reduced, all in accordance with § 5/10-23.5 of the *School Code* (105 ILCS 5/10-23.5) and Illinois law.

SECTION 2: The President and Secretary of the Board are authorized and directed to give the educational support personnel hereinabove set forth a written Notice and Statement of Honorable Reduction of Employment, by first-class mail and certified mail, return receipt requested at least thirty (30) days before the educational support personnel's reduction of employment, which notice directed to SYLVIA FITZGERALD-BERRY shall be substantially as set forth in **Exhibit A**, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 3: The Superintendent or designee shall also personally deliver a copy of said Notice to the educational support personnel with a signature receipt. Such notice shall be substantially in the form of **Exhibit B** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 4: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage.

ADOPTED this 9th day of August, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES: DUNCAN, HARDING, MURRAY, REDMAN, ST. PETERS, AND AGUINAGA

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: LEGGETT

By:

President, Board of Education of the East Alton-Wood River Community High School District No. 14, Madison County, Illinois

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Education of the East Alton-Wood River Community Unit School District No. 14, Madison County, Illinois

Adjournment:

Motion by Mr. Duncan; second by Mr. St. Peters, to adjourn. Motion Carried Voice Vote at 7:15 p.m.