

Regular Board Meeting  
September 13, 2016  
Board Conference Room

Call to Order:

President Nick Aguinaga called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. in the Board Room, whereupon roll was subsequently taken. Leroy Duncan, Amy Harding, Mike Redman, Mark St. Peters, and Nick Aguinaga answered the roll call to establish a quorum. Absent: Rebecca Leggett and Jennifer Murray. Present were administrators and/or directors John Pearson, Kevin Gockel, and Gerry Mattix-Wand. In the audience was Telegraph reporter, Scott Cousins.

Board Communications:

None.

Public Comments:

None.

Designate Active Secretary:

Supt. Pearson noted that, since both the Secretary and the Secretary pro tem were absent from the meeting, the Board would need to designate someone as “Acting Secretary.”

Motion by Mr. Duncan; second by Mr. Redman, to designate Mark St. Peters as Acting Secretary for the duration of this meeting. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Minutes:

Motion by Mr. St. Peters; second by Mr. Duncan, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meetings of August 2, 2016 and August 9, 2016. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Approve Payment of District Bills and Quick Pays:

Mr. St. Peters inquired as to a bill paid to some football referees who were double-booked by accident. Mr. Gockel responded with his interpretation of what likely happened, which was that former AD, Adam Miller, may have inadvertently neglected to notify referee crews after a Prairie State Conference switch of home/road assignments, and then booked some games with new crews of referees.

Dr. Pearson noted that he had directed that the extra payment be reimbursed from an activity fund account, so that regular athletic funds would not be impacted.

Motion by Mr. Duncan; second by Mr. St. Peters, that the payment of bills as presented in the amount of \$84,122.78 be authorized; that salaries for the month of August in the amount of \$397,958.60 and bills quickly paid for the month of August in the amount of \$174,880.02 be approved and that September salaries and bills to be paid quickly be authorized. Aye: Mr. Duncan, Ms. Harding, Mr. Redman, Mr. St. Peters, and Mr. Aguinaga. Nay: None. Motion Passed.

Approve FY 2017 District Budget:

Following a discussion of the budget during the Budget Hearing earlier this evening, Dr. Pearson recommended the Board adopt the FY 2017 Budget as presented in the hearing.

Motion by Mr. St. Peters; second by Mr. Redman, to adopt the FY 2017 Budget, as presented in the preceding Budget Hearing. Aye: Mr. Duncan, Ms. Harding, Mr. Redman, Mr. St. Peters, and Mr. Aguinaga. Nay: None. Motion Passed.

Interfund Loan Resolutions (2017-1 and 2017-2):

Motion by Mr. St. Peters; second by Mr. Duncan, to adopt the following resolutions:

**RESOLUTION 2017-1**

**WHEREAS**, a Working Cash Fund has been created for School District #14, Madison, County, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, the District does not now have in its treasury sufficient money to meet all ordinary and necessary disbursements for salaries and other purposes, and it is necessary to transfer sums from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund to meet demands thereon for ordinary and necessary expenditures therefrom:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Education of School District #14, Madison County Illinois, as follows:

**Section 1.** That the School Treasurer be authorized to transfer \$1,000,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund as needed to meet all ordinary and necessary expenses.

**Section 2.** That the transfer from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund, made by authority of this resolution, shall be deemed to have been transferred in anticipation of the collection of the taxes levied for the Education Fund.

**Section 3.** That when the proceeds of any taxes, in anticipation of which transfers from the Working Cash Fund have been made, have been received by the

School Treasurer, said Treasurer is hereby directed to apply such proceeds until all amounts that have been transferred from such Working Cash Fund have been restored.

Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education

### **RESOLUTION 2017-2**

**WHEREAS**, a Working Cash Fund has been created for School District #14, Madison, County, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, the District does not now have in its treasury sufficient money to meet all ordinary and necessary disbursements for salaries and other purposes, and it is necessary to transfer sums from the Working Cash Fund to the Debt Service Fund to meet demands thereon for ordinary and necessary expenditures therefrom:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Education of School District #14, Madison County Illinois, as follows:

**Section 1.** That the School Treasurer be authorized to transfer \$50,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Debt Service Fund as needed to meet all ordinary and necessary expenses.

**Section 2.** That the transfer from the Working Cash Fund to the Debt Service Fund, made by authority of this resolution, shall be deemed to have been transferred in anticipation of the collection of the taxes levied for the Bond & Interest Fund.

**Section 3.** That when the proceeds of any taxes, in anticipation of which transfers from the Working Cash Fund have been made, have been received by the School Treasurer, said Treasurer is hereby directed to apply such proceeds until all amounts that have been transferred from such Working Cash Fund have been restored.

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Aye: Mr. Duncan, Ms. Harding, Mr. Redman, Mr. St. Peters, and Mr. Aguinaga. Nay: None. The Resolutions are adopted.

BuyBoard Agreement:

Dr. Pearson recommended that the Board approve a motion to join the BuyBoard purchasing cooperative, which is a free purchasing service available to all member districts of the Illinois Association of School Boards. Joining this cooperative does not compel the District to purchase any or all items through the cooperative. However, it can serve as another resource for the District to maximize its purchasing options and to save money when purchasing.

Motion by Mr. Duncan; second by Mr. St. Peters, to authorize the membership in the BuyBoard Cooperative. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Approve Inter-Governmental Agreement with Village of Hartford:

The superintendent discussed the proposed agreement between the Village of Hartford and both of the school districts that would effectively allow the school districts to potentially receive payments from the new Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District at the former Chemetco site. TIF Districts - under the law - collect tax revenue that would normally be extended and paid to the taxing bodies and deposit those tax revenues into a special municipality fund. Monies from that special TIF fund can be used for making infrastructure improvements to the properties within the TIF District that will encourage or incentivize businesses and industry to improve the property.

The agreement would allow the school districts to receive 5% of annual revenues if the TIF first meets the threshold of \$200,000 of tax revenue going to the Village's TIF fund. Those funds would be used for capital expenses.

Dr. Pearson thanked the Village of Hartford for its consideration of the needs of the school districts in offering this agreement.

Motion by Mr. Redman; second by Mr. Duncan, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Hartford, as presented. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Principal's Report:

Mrs. Robinson reported on the following:

*Upcoming dates to remember*

Sept	22	Renaissance Assembly - Auditorium -1:30 p.m.
	23	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Midterm
	30	11:15 Student Dismissal—SIP Day for Faculty (WRPD)
Oct	7	Madison County Institute--Collinsville
	8	Coronation—7:30 pm
	10	Columbus Day—No School

*Committees*

- Math and ELA will be meeting over the summer to work on curriculum.
- SIT Team will meet on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

*Miscellaneous*

MJCH—kick off week was very successful.

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

Enrollment is currently at 547 on campus.

Mr. Duncan asked about the enrollment, and the effect on the IHSA classification system, to which Mr. Gockel noted that, in Golf, we did move up to 2A (the middle classification), but that every other sport would stay as is. Dr. Pearson reminded the Board that the classifications used this year (2016-17) are based on the Fall Housing Report from Sept. 30, 2015.

Also, Mr. Gockel reported on a meeting that is being organized to have representatives of the Wood River Police Department to meet with our teachers to orient them to the latest methods and ideas that will help staff and students in an active shooter / intruder situation. These new methods are arising out of real-world lessons learned by police and other first responders to such events in the last few years.

Superintendent's Report:

The superintendent reported that the “golf cart” utility vehicle has ceased to work, and - given its age and costs of repairs - needs to be replaced with a new utility vehicle for campus hauling. Normally, the district has two of these vehicles at its disposal for

hauling big trashcans, athletic equipment, and other items, using the John Deere Gator as its primary hauling vehicle.

Mr. Gockel and Mr. Foxall have been checking prices on line for either used vehicles or new vehicles, with the goal of keeping the price down. After looking at several types of these utility vehicles, one brand new vehicle was found that met the price goal. It is a new "Big Horn" UTV that is equipped with an optional "dump bed" that should meet the needs.

As the Board viewed an on-line photo of this model, Mr. Gockel noted that the dealer would offer us \$200 off the listed price, which was \$4,199. Mr. Foxall travelled over to Columbia, Missouri to view the vehicle, which was the lowest-priced new UTV they could find, and was even cheaper than some used models they had researched.

Second, the board heard an idea from the administration that, given the early dismissals for heat, perhaps it wouldn't be a bad idea for the district to experiment with some low cost portable room A/C units, just to see if they would work and what the impact on the utility bill might be. The thought would be to purchase 1-2 Honeywell (or equivalent) portable units to place in one-two of our top floor classrooms. These newer versions of these floor-based units have improved, with the vent hose now being used not just for exhaust, but also for dispersing the condensate to the outside - in other words, no separate hose is necessary.

Motion by Mr. Duncan; second by Mr. St. Peters, to authorize the purchase of the UTV and for some A/C units that could be purchased within the budget amount of \$5,000.

Aye: Mr. Duncan, Ms. Harding, Mr. Redman, Mr. St. Peters, and Mr. Aguinaga. Nay: None. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Finally, President Aguinaga indicated that he would represent the school board at the annual Region III Governing Board meeting to be held on Sept 21, 2016, 6:00 p.m. at Castelli's Moonlight.

#### 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, Mr. Redman, Mr. St. Peters, and Mr. Aguinaga. Nay: None. Motion Passed at 6:48 p.m.

#### Come Out of Executive Session:

Motion by Mr. St. Peters; second by Mr. Duncan, to come out of executive session.

Aye: Mr. Duncan, Ms. Harding, Mr. Redman, Mr. St. Peters, and Mr. Aguinaga. Nay: None. Motion Passed at 7:23 p.m.

Action Items:

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

Motion by Mr. Redman; second by Mr. St. Peters to approve the Executive Session Minutes of August 2, 2016 and August 9, 2016. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Motion by Mr. Duncan; second by Mr. Redman, to set the substitute classroom aide pay rate at \$10 per hour, and - after two weeks or longer on the same assignment were worked - \$12 per hour. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Adjournment:

Motion by Mr. St. Peters; second by Mr. Duncan, to adjourn. Motion Carried Voice Vote at 7:25 p.m.