

Regular Board Meeting
September 8, 2015
Board Conference Room

Call to Order:

President Nick Aguinaga called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. in the Board Room, whereupon roll was subsequently taken. Leroy Duncan, Rebecca Leggett, Scott Miner, Jennifer Murray, Mark St. Peters, Melissa Walter-Bock, and Nick Aguinaga answered the roll call to establish a quorum. Absent: None. Present were administrators and/or directors John Pearson, Leigh Robinson, Kevin Gockel, Adam Miller, and Gerry Mattix-Wand. No audience was present.

Board Correspondence:

None.

Public Comments:

None.

Minutes:

Motion by Mrs. Murray; second by Mr. Minor, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meetings of August 4, 2015 and August 11, 2015. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Approve Payment of District Bills and Quick Pays:

Motion by Mr. Duncan; second by Ms. Leggett, that the payment of bills as presented in the amount of \$198,387.79 be authorized; that salaries for the month of August in the amount of \$392,706.47 and bills quickly paid for the month of August in the amount of \$80,569.78 be approved and that September salaries and bills to be paid quickly be authorized. Aye: Mr. Duncan, Ms. Leggett, Mr. Miner, Mrs. Murray, Mr. St. Peters, Ms. Walter-Bock, and Mr. Aguinaga. Nay: None. Motion Passed.

Adopt FY 2016 District Budget:

No changes or amendments were made to the recommended budget at or following the earlier Budget Hearing.

Motion by Ms. Leggett; second by Mr. St. Peters to adopt the FY 2016 District Budget as presented. Aye: Mr. Duncan, Ms. Leggett, Mr. Miner, Mrs. Murray, Mr. St. Peters, Ms. Walter-Bock, and Mr. Aguinaga. Nay: None. Motion Passed.

Approve Interfund Loan Resolutions:

Motion by Mr. Duncan; second by Ms. Walter-Bock to adopt the following Resolutions:

RESOLUTION 2016-1

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 8th day of September 2015

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

RESOLUTION 2016-2

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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Presentation of Teacher - Administrator Salary and Benefit Report:

Dr. Pearson presented the mandated certified staff salary and benefit report, which will be posted on the District Website, and filed with the Illinois State Board of Education.

Motion by Mr. St. Peters; second by Mrs. Murray to approve the posting of the Teacher Salary and Benefit Report for 2015. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Authorize Disposal of Obsolete and Surplus Cafeteria Equipment:

Dr. Pearson reported that new Cafeteria Director, Shone Fry, recommended the disposal of the following - all of which haven't worked for many years and for which there is no use: Two stand-alone freezers, one stand-alone mixer, and one ice cream machine.

Motion by Mr. Duncan; second by Mr. St. Peters to authorize the disposal of the designated obsolete and non-working equipment from the Cafeteria. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Approve Application for ROE Institute Grant:

Motion by Ms. Leggett; second by Ms. Walter-Bock to approve the application for a \$539 grant from the Madison County ROE to fund expenses for the January 4, 2016 Teacher Institute.

Principal's Report:

Mrs. Robinson reported on the following:

Upcoming dates to remember

Sept	18	1 st Coronation Assembly
	23	Renaissance Assembly—1:30pm
	25	11:15 Student Dismissal—SIP Day for Faculty
Oct	1	Blood Drive

Committees

Focus groups will continue to meet throughout the 15-16 school year.

The school improvement team will meet on September 21 to plan SIP activities.

Miscellaneous

Teachers have submitted Type II and Type III assessments and SLOs. Pre-assessments will be given between September 14-September 25.

EAWR has purchased STAR assessments through Renaissance Learning, which is an assessment program to progress monitor students. A team has been meeting to discuss the initial testing at EAWR.

Mrs. Robinson briefed the Board on the first two weeks of school, which have gone very well.

She also discussed a potential issue with “hoodies,” since these hooded sweatshirts on the market rarely have logos or printing that technically match the size requirements of the current dress code. Even though students won’t likely be wearing sweatshirts for awhile, she desired some Board feedback on her recommendation to allow these sweatshirts with the larger logos and printing, as long as they met the color requirements in the dress code, and contained no language that runs counter to the dress code.

After some discussion, there was a consensus of the Board to accept the administrative change to the logo rule for hooded sweatshirts.

Superintendent’s Report:

Dr. Pearson discussed the potential effects of the current PTELL legislation on the Board’s future levying and tax rates, should either one of the current bills in the General Assembly are signed into law. To supplement that discussion, he distributed a presentation from Stifel that outlined PTELL’s effects.

The Board also reviewed a slide show describing a possible referendum in the County for the County School Facilities Tax.

Mr. Mattix-Wand gave an update to the Board about current Chromebook use, especially noting the number of students who had purchased the \$30 damage waiver. There are about 160 students who have not purchased the waiver and, thus, may not take the Chromebooks off school property after the end of the day.

He also reported that the District recently had its “e-Rate” applications approved for telecommunications expenses (which is being phased out in the next few years) and an 80% discount on battery backups and wireless access points (routers). The budget calls for the purchases of these major equipment items, all for “20 cents-on-the-dollar.”

Executive Session:

Executive Session was tabled.

Action Items:

Motion by Mr. Duncan; second by Mr. St. Peters, to approve the destruction of the audio recordings of the Executive Session Minutes of March 2014. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Motion by Ms. Leggett; second by Mrs. Murray, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of August 4, 2015 and August 11, 2015. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Adjournment:

Motion by Mr. Duncan; second by Mr. St. Peters, to adjourn. Motion Carried Voice Vote at 7:37 p.m.