

## From the EAWRCHS Board ...

### Regular Board Meeting January 13, 2015

What follows is an unofficial summary of the East Alton - Wood River Community High School District #14 Board of Education Regular Meeting of January 13, 2015.

#### Board Communications

Supt. Pearson read a letter from an alumnus, Barbara (Clinton) Gillespie regarding the desire to donate the flag to the school that was presented to the family after her father's funeral. Her father, Bob Clinton was an EAWR Board member in the 1980's as well as a member of the Class of 1946. He was a big fan of EAWR and the Oilers and it was Mrs. Gillespie's wish that this flag be flown from one of the school flagpoles. Dr. Pearson informed the Board that this flag would be the next one to fly, when a replacement flag is necessary.

#### Review 4th Quarter Update: 2014 Strategic Plan

The Board had earlier reviewed the updated status of the goals of the last 2014 Strategic Plan Update at the December 6th Meeting. Due to the fact that there were no questions or concerns from board members in the interim, Dr. Pearson did not further elaborate on that previous report. He did remind the Board that they would be asked to generate a new set of goals for 2015 at the upcoming Board planning meeting, which will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. The administration would also bring some ideas and goals to that meeting for discussion and possible inclusion in to the 2015 Strategic Plan.

#### Long-Term Budget Projections

In a similar vein, the superintendent asked the Board if there were any discussion or points of concern over the budget projections, which were shared at the December 6th meeting. Mr. Duncan asked to confirm if the projections were for three years, instead of the former practice of five-year projections, to which Dr. Pearson responded in the affirmative. When one considers that consolidation may be around the corner and the fact that the state's funding commitment is questionable, going out more than three years doesn't seem to make as much sense, as it used to.

He did remind the Board that it would need to address revenue and expenses at the goal-setting meeting, even though some of the revenue ideas (such as issuing

Working Cash Bonds) should be held in abeyance until the election results are known this April.

## Hear 2nd Reading and Adopt Policy Revisions

The Board approved the following policy revisions: 2.140 (Board Communications); 2.140E (Board Communications); 2.250-E2 (Web-Posted District Reports); 4.45 (Insufficient Funds Checks and Debt Recovery) and Associated Procedures and Exhibits; 4.110 (Transportation); 4.120 (Food Services); 5.10 (Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment); 5.30-AP1 (Admin Procedures - Interview Questions); 5.185 (FMLA); 5.220 (Substitute Teachers); 5.259 (Leaves of Absence); 6.60 & 6.60-AP (Curriculum Content); 6.280 (Grading and Promotion); 6.300 and 6.300-E2 (Graduation Requirements); 6.310 (Alternative Courses ...); 6.340 (Student Testing Program); 7.50 (School Admissions and Transfers); 7.100 (Immunizations); 7.220 (Bus Conduct); 7.270 and 7.270-AP1, AP2, and Ex. 1 (Administering Medicines to Students).

## Principal's Report

### Upcoming dates to remember

Jan 19 MLK Day  
30 11:15 Student Dismissal – SIP Day for Faculty  
Feb 10 Renaissance Assembly – 1:30 p.m.

### Committees

Focus groups will meet monthly during the 2014-2015 school year. Career Day is tentatively scheduled for April 24th.

### Miscellaneous

Mrs. Robinson led the staff in assessment training on January 5th.

The Joint Committee will continue to meet to discuss the new teacher evaluation model and student growth.

## Superintendent's Report

Mr. Mattix-Wand reported that the District had undergone network issues today. Even though the network is functioning for the most part, there needed to be a deeper analysis to establish a long-term fix for some of the network issues experienced today. Mr. Duncan inquired about Chromebook breakage issues, to which Mr. Mattix-Wand replied were down about 20% from this point last year.

The superintendent reminded the Board about the goal-setting session for January 24, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.

### Action Items ...

The Board approved the hiring of Mr. Garry Herron, of Wood River, as the new Head Football Coach and Special Education Aide. Mr. Herron, a resident of Wood River, is a 2002 alumnus of EAWR and a former assistant football coach at EAWR, Jerseyville, and Roxana, with 11-years of high school football coaching experience. The Aide position will be effective with the start of the 2015-16 school year.