

## From the EAWRCHS Board ...

### Regular Board Meeting

January 5, 2016

What follows is an unofficial summary of the East Alton - Wood River Community High School District #14 Board of Education Regular Meeting of January 5, 2016.

### Public Hearing Concerning Intent of Board to Sell Not to Exceed \$1,600,000 Funding Bonds

The President announced that the next agenda item for the Board of Education was a public hearing (the "Hearing") to receive public comments on the proposal to sell \$1,600,000 Funding Bonds (the "Bonds") for the purpose of paying claims against the District and explained that all persons desiring to be heard would have an opportunity to present written or oral testimony with respect thereto. He opened the discussion and explained that the reasons for the proposed issuance of the Bonds were as follows: The purpose of the funding bond issuance is to pay claims against the District.

No additional comments were made by board members or members of the public, nor was any written testimony submitted.

The President then announced that all persons desiring to be heard had been given an opportunity to present oral and written testimony with respect to the proposed issuance of the Bonds.

A motion was made and accepted to adjourn the hearing.

### Hear Preview of January 12, 2016 Regular Meeting

*Parameters Resolution/Bond Issuance:* The superintendent reminded the Board that the "parameters resolution" would be on the Agenda for January 12th. This resolution would be one of the final steps in issuing the Funding Bonds, for which the hearing was held earlier this evening. Dr. Pearson shared the "term sheet" with the Board for informational purposes. President Aguinaga inquired about the dates for the "bid closing" and "bids due," noting that there might be a typo. Mr. McCarthy of Stifel noted that "bid approval" date (January 12th) was, in actuality, the adoption of the bond issuance parameters resolution with the "bids due" date reflecting the deadline for bidders to submit their proposals to Stifel (January 20th). The Board thanked Mr. McCarthy for his presence at the hearing and the Board meeting.

*Strategic Plan Update - 2015:* Supt. Pearson noted that he would prepare the 4th quarter update on the 2015 Strategic Plan at the January 12th Regular Meeting.

*Discuss and Approve Curriculum Council Recommendations:* Mrs. Robinson reported that the district's Curriculum Council would not be recommending any new course changes. However, the administration - working with Guidance and the math department - are exploring a possible third year math course that would be an additional option besides Algebra II for some students. She anticipates having that recommendation for Board approval in February.

*Second Reading of Policy Revisions: 6.190 and 7.160:* Although Policy 6.190 is merely a change to bring the policy manual into alignment with the Handbook, Policy 7.160 (Dress Code) would be a substantive change. In that context, the Board discussed the issue of girls' leggings and whether they should be formally accepted into the dress code. Currently, the administrative practice (with tentative Board approval last summer) is to allow girls to wear those, as long as they meet the color requirements and are not worn distastefully. The Board would be asked to formally approve the guideline on leggings - effective with the 2016-17 school year - at the January 12th meeting. Mrs. Robinson reported that she would investigate some other area high schools and middle schools on their respective guidelines regarding this garment.

*First Reading of Numerous Proposed Policy Revisions:* The superintendent is recommending 68 policy revisions, which are designed to bring the Board policy Manual up to date, in terms of recommendations from the PRESS policy service of the Illinois Association of School Boards. Due to the large number of revisions, he further recommended that the Policy Committee meet sometime in January to review these, rather than spending Board meeting time poring through all of these.

After some discussion with the Policy Committee members, it was agreed that the Policy Committee would schedule a meeting for Wed., January 20, 2016 at 6:00. The Committee would then bring its recommendation regarding the proposed policy revisions for the Board's approval at the February 2016 Regular Meeting.

*Goal-Setting Meeting:* The Board selected Saturday, January 23, 2016, 8:30 a.m. for its annual goal-setting "retreat." That meeting would generate the basic outline of the 2016 Strategic Plan.

### Action Items Following Executive Session ....

The Board approved a motion to move current volunteer Asst. Wrestling Coach, Eric Huebner, to a paid status, due to the Wrestling participation numbers being acceptable.