

From the EAWRCHS Board ...

Regular Board Meeting

October 6, 2015

What follows is an unofficial summary of the East Alton - Wood River Community High School District #14 Board of Education Regular Meeting of October 6, 2015.

Hear Preview of October 13, 2015 Regular Meeting

Conduct Bond Issue Notification Act (BINA) Hearing: The superintendent reminded the Board that it would conduct the BINA hearing for the \$1.5 Million in Alternate Bonds. He reported that the notice for the hearing was published in the Telegraph on Saturday, Oct. 3rd.

Student-Athlete Drug Testing Policy: Dr. Pearson noted that President Aguinaga had requested to have this item placed on the Agenda. Mr. Aguinaga observed that, since there are some newer members on the Board and because they hadn't looked at this issue for some time, it might behoove the Board to review the policy and program.

Ms. Walter-Bock commented that there was talk that some students knew how to evade detection. Mr. Miller and Dr. Pearson remarked about some of the features of the testing program, which are meant to deter that sort of evasion, but also noted that no system or set of procedures was perfect. The superintendent also reminded the Board that the police don't stop enforcing a law, simply because they cannot catch everyone.

A general discussion was had about the costs of the program (slightly over \$6,000 per year), how it works in practice, and its deterrence of some drug use. The Board decided to leave this item on the October 13th Agenda in case there was need for further discussion.

First Reading of Board Policy Revisions: The Board reviewed twenty policy revisions, as proposed by the IASB policy service, to which the Board subscribes. The superintendent led the review with a summary of the changes in each of the policies and the rationale for the proposed changes or revisions.

The Board would be asked to adopt the revisions at the November 10th Regular Meeting, after the second reading.

Following Executive Session

The Board approved the hiring of an Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, pending adequate participation numbers.

The Board adopted a memorandum of understanding with Local #3401 of the Illinois Federation of Teachers making a one-time, non-precedent-setting exception to contract language with regards to the sick leave balloon grant for teacher Joe Parmentier.

The Board also approved a memorandum of understanding with Local #3401 allowing a one-time, non-precedent-setting exception regarding the accumulation of comp time for Susan Ledford for an extra-duty assignment in lieu of pay.

The Board set salary and wage increases for all administrative and support staff employees who are not members of the bargaining unit, awarding a 2 ½% increase over 2014-15 salaries and wages (The percent increase was identical to the recent contract settlement with the IFT.).

Finally, five-year performance-based employment contracts were awarded to Supt. John Pearson and Asst. Principal Kevin Gockel.