

## From the District 14 Board ...

### Regular Board Meeting

November 10, 2015

What follows is an unofficial summary of the East Alton - Wood River Community High School District #14 Board of Education Regular Meeting of November 10, 2015.

#### Oiler Achievers

Mr. Gockel presented members of the Boys Soccer Team to the Board for recognition. These seniors enjoyed the following accomplishments:

- Two regional finals appearances (2014, 2015)
- 1st regional title in school history (2014)
- Two 3rd place finishes at the Carlinville Tourney (2014, 2015)
- 2nd place at Carlinville tourney (2013)
- 51 wins in 4 years, which was the most wins in a four-year span and was the best run since the 1981-84 teams

Coach Lawson observed, "The difference in performance has to be the team camaraderie and closeness that they have helped create. This group of seniors is the third in a row that has given more time and effort than I could ever hope for in building our program. They are one of the reasons why EAWR Boys Soccer is considered a top 1A program in our area.



The senior soccer players are: David Barrett, Nick Barrett, Cameron Foust, Josh Turner, Austin Nailor, Dalton Miller, Roger Garrison, Vincent Baldaino, and Brandon Beasley

### Audit Presentation:

Annette Hipkiss from Scheffel-Boyle presented the Audit Report to the Board for 2014-15. She observed the following:

- The District's Operating Funds (Ed., O&M, Transportation and Working Cash) had a combined negative deficit of -\$910,167, with the Education Fund losing slightly over \$1 Million. The Operating Fund Balance was under \$2 Million for the first time in many years (\$1,999,709).
- The Education Fund showed a negative fund balance for the first time in many years, ending up at -\$177,363.
- The Tort Fund gained over \$84,000 on its balance, bringing that to \$102,854.
- The District is now designated as under Financial Review with its rating of 3.20, the lowest in many years, primarily due to the losses in revenue and decreased fund balances overall.

She also reported to the Board that the District Position statement now must list the district's net pension liabilities to TRS (\$998,567) and IMRF (\$189,330), according to new accounting rules. These represent the liabilities (not actual expenditures) to those two pension systems and are now reflected for the first time in the statement of net position.

The Board thanked Mrs. Hipkiss and will file the accompanying Annual Financial Report with the state.

### Facility Use Request: Relay for Life

The Board approved the facility use request of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life to be held at Memorial Stadium on June 18, 2016. The ACS has agreed to pick up any custodial fees and has supplied the District with proof of liability coverage.

### Estimate Levy for 2015

Dr. Pearson presented the spreadsheet projections, showing the estimate of the 2015 Levy, with his recommendation that the restricted rate levies assume 5% growth in the equalized assessed valuation (EAV). He also suggested that, since the Tort Fund now had a healthy fund balance, its levy could be scaled back by \$80,000

from last year's levy, to \$400,000. On the other hand, the IMRF and Social Security Levies should be increased by \$20,000 each, since the fund balance of the IMRF Fund had decreased to slightly over \$14,000.

The superintendent noted that, even with the projected Funding Bund issuance (\$1.5 Million), the District's overall tax rate would be about \$2.38, and that assumed an assessed valuation that would actually decline by 2% from last year's. That overall tax rate of \$2.38 would be right in line with many of the recent tax rates.

The Board adopted a motion to estimate the 2015 Levy with the aforementioned EAV growth assumptions and levies in the restricted rate levies, \$400,000 in Tort and \$120,000 each in IMRF and Social Security Levies.

### Adopt Board Policy Revisions

The Board, on their second reading, approved the following board policy revisions, as suggested by the IASB PRESS service: 2.160 and 2.160-E (Board Attorney); 2.250 (Access to District Records); 2.260 & 2.260-AP-1 (Grievance Procedure); 3.40 (Superintendent); 3.50 (Admin. Personnel); 3.60 (Principal Responsibility); 5.40 (Communicable Disease); 5.50 (Drug & Alcohol-Free Workplace); 5.120 (Ethics & Conduct); 5.270 (At-Will Employment); 5.330 (Sick Days, et al); 6.15 (School Accountability); 7.10 (Equal Educational Opportunities); 7.40 (Non-Public Students); 7.190 AP-1 and AP-2 (Student Discipline); 7.310 (Restrictions on Publications); 7.325 (Student Fund-Raising); 8.10 (Connection with the Community); and 8.80 (Gifts to the District).

### Renewal of IEC / Nextera Energy Agreement

The District's membership in the Illinois Energy Consortium (IEC) and its contract for electricity with Nextera was renewed for a period of three years.

### Principal's Report

Mrs. Robinson reported on the following:

#### *Upcoming dates to remember*

Nov	11	Veterans Day—No school
	25	11:15 Student Dismissal—SIP Day for Faculty
	26-27	No School—Thanksgiving break
Dec	9	EAWR Christmas Party

### *Committees*

Focus groups will continue to meet throughout the 2015-16 school year.

### *Miscellaneous*

Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Gockel, and Mrs. Woodman went with 16 students to Beverly Farms on October 30th for a service activity.

Great job to Mr. Miller and EAWR as host of the volleyball super sectional on November 7th.

## Superintendent's Report

The superintendent noted that the football stadium handrails were expected to arrive by the end of November.

## Personnel Items

The Board accepted the resignation of Leon Wright as Frosh Boys Basketball Coach, with regrets. It also employed Mr. Garry Herron as Co-Head Bowling Coach, effective immediately.