

From the EAWR #14 Board ...

Regular Board Meeting December 11, 2018

What follows is an unofficial summary of the East Alton - Wood River Community High School District #14 Board of Education Regular Meeting of December 11, 2018.

Football Team Recognition

Coach Garry Herron and eight of his senior football players were recognized last night by Asst. Principal / AD Kevin Gockel for their third successive IHSA playoff appearance.

2018 Oiler Football

Seniors:	Reggie Newtall	(2 Years)
	Phil Tierney	(2 Years)
	Marc St. Peters	(4 Years)
	Mark Vann	(4 Years)
	Hunter Roberts	(4 Years)
	Hunter Morales	(4 Years)
	Dominic Scroggins	(4 Years)
	Shawn McKee	(4 Years)
	Adam Newberry	(4 Years)
	Geoffrey Martinez	(4 Years)
	Zachary Gibbs	(3 Years)

In the four years these student/athletes have worn the Maroon & Gold, EAWR has seen some of the best seasons and records the football program has experienced. This group is only the second senior class in school history to have been to the playoffs three years in a row. In those three years, they put up the highest point total in a three-year span, racking up 892 points. They have been good leaders, not only on the field, but in the classroom as well. They finished these three years of Varsity ball with a 19-11 record, which is one-win shy of the 2001-02 senior class.

Mr. Gockel noted that there were a lot of people who didn't think that the playoffs would be possible this year, since we graduated almost all of our starters, but these kids rose to the occasion. They won the first Conference Championship since 2006 in the Prairie State Conference. They defeated Marquette this year for the first time since the 2006 season. This group of seniors had a good mix of football IQ, strength, athleticism, and grit. They played every down like it was their last, which is one of the reasons for their success. This group also gave Carlinville all the game they wanted in the first round of the playoffs. No team from the SCC during Carlinville's regular season had stayed as close to that 9-0 and eventual state

semifinal team, when one remembers that the Oilers were only trailing 14-8 in the 3rd Quarter. Coach Herron observed,

“What these guys accomplished in that game, proves this program is going in the right direction. That game showed people that we belong in the playoffs. The result was not what we hoped for, but it’s another step in the learning process of what a successful playoff team we are becoming in football. Making the IHSA playoffs is not an easy task, these guys helped do it for three years in a row and were a part of the rejuvenation of the football program here at EAWR. My only hope is that the younger guys watched and learned from these seniors, and the seniors of the past, and learned from their mistakes and keep this program going in the right direction.”

The Board congratulated the senior members of the 2018 football team with a round of applause.



Adopt 2018 Levy

Dr. Pearson had no further comments beyond what was stated in the Levy Hearing, except to recommend adoption of that levy.

Motion by Mrs. Bartels; second by Mrs. Duncan, to adopt the Levy as presented in the Levy Hearing. Aye: Ms. Bartels, Mr. Duncan, Mr. St. Peters, and Mrs. Murray. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Accept Proposal from Heartland Turf Farms for Football Field Re-Seeding

Mr. Gockel amplified what Supt. Pearson reported to the Board last Tuesday. Namely, he described the weed and old grass killing of the current surface; the “sprigging” of the field with a specialized Bermuda grass for this area; the growth phase of spraying and fertilizing of the new turf; and the idea that – in the following year – the contractor may have to come in for some spot “sprigging” or maintenance. He also gave his own observation of the quality work that this company did on a soccer field in Collinsville. Mr. St. Peters inquired about upkeep and replacement of any worn spots, to which Mr. Gockel noted might be handled in the next year. Mrs. Bartels observed that it should be better to have one contractor responsible for the grass, installation, labor, and upkeep.

Motion by Mr. St. Peters; second by Mr. Duncan, to approve the football field re-seeing proposal with Heartland Turf Farms. policy revisions as presented. Aye: Ms. Bartels, Mr. Duncan, Mr. St. Peters, and Mrs. Murray. Nay: None. Motion Carried. Motion Carried.

Approve Facility Use Request: Roughnecks Wrestling Tourney

Head Wrestling Coach, Tim Donohoo, has requested to use Memorial Gymnasium on Sunday, January 6, 2019, for his 2nd annual junior wrestling tournament. He has agreed to the standard requirement to offset District custodial overtime charges and has provided the appropriate liability insurance certificate.

Motion by Mrs. Bartels; second by Mr. Duncan, to approve the facility use request for the Roughnecks Wrestling Club to use Memorial Gym on January 6, 2019. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Principal’s Report

Although Mrs. Robinson could not attend, Mr. Gockel gave a quick update of happenings at EAWR:

Upcoming dates to remember

- Dec 13 Christmas Concert
- Dec 14 Staff Luncheon provided by the Mannie Jackson Student Committee and covered by those grant funds
- Dec 20-21 Final Exams for the 1st Semester

Miscellaneous

Mr. Gockel reported that the MORP Dance was a success with upwards of 140 attendees.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Pearson asked the Board members if they could free up a few minutes for a Special Meeting to approve the emergency Life Safety Resolution to replace the inoperative water heater that services both the Main and South Buildings (with the exception of the kitchen, which has its own water heater). He anticipated the meeting to last under five minutes.

After some discussion, the four members in attendance settled on Monday, December 17, 2018 at 6:15 p.m. President Murray asked the superintendent to contact the other members via email about that special meeting.

Following Executive Session ...

Motion by Mr. Duncan; second by Mrs. Bartels, to approve the retirement incentive for Mary Walker, Teacher. She submitted her irrevocable retirement notice, noting her intention of retiring at the end of the 2022-23 school year. Aye: Ms. Bartels, Mr. Duncan, Mr. St. Peters, and Mrs. Murray. Nay: None. Motion Carried.