

## From the EAWR #14 Board ...

### 1<sup>st</sup> Regular Board Meeting

December 5, 2017

What follows is an unofficial summary of the East Alton - Wood River Community High School District #14 Board of Education 1st Regular Meeting of December 5, 2017.

#### Seating of New Board Member

President Jennifer Murray administered the Oath of Office to the newest school board member, Jamey Westbrook. He was subsequently seated. Mr. Westbrook enters board service due to the vacancy created by the resignation of Zach Butkovich. The Board welcomed Mr. Westbrook with a round of applause.

#### Review of Agenda Items for the December 12, 2017 Regular Meeting

*Discuss Adoption of 2017 Tax Levy.* Dr. Pearson reported that his recommendation for the figures found in the estimated 2017 Levy delivered in November had not changed, since the Board had tentatively approved it. The Board would be asked to adopt the 2017 Levy at the December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

*School Calendar for 2018-19.* The superintendent reminded the Board that District #15 had requested a change in the joint calendar that was tentatively approved by the three board presidents and superintendents. He observed that the change was feasible and that he would be recommending the 2018-19 calendar reflecting the desired change at the Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

*Hear 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Policy Changes.* Dr. Pearson asked Board members if anyone had any questions or concerns with the policy revisions, as discussed at the November 2017 meetings. Since there were no concerns, he reminded the Board that they would be asked to adopt these policy revisions (as stated on the Agenda) on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

*Risk Management Plan Revision:* The current Risk Management Plan does not specifically specify security gates and fencing or buzzer entry systems as a part of its security system (which is an objective of the current Risk Management Plan). The Board has been working on a plan – in cooperation with the City of Wood River – to cover the cost of and erect vehicle and sidewalk gates to improve school security and to reduce and/or manage risk that could conceivably be caused by unauthorized persons intruding between buildings during the school day. Dr. Pearson displayed recommended language to amend the Risk Management Plan, accordingly.

*Curriculum Addition:* Mrs. Robinson reviewed a request for a new Social Studies class, “Honors Ancient World Civilizations,” a proposed semester-long class that would provide an elective for freshmen and sophomores enrolled in Honors English to have another more rigorous social studies course opportunity during their 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade years. The addition of this course would not cost the District since it was replacing another elective that did not have the same rigorous standards of writing and research. The Board would be asked to approve this at the December 12<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting.

### Following Executive Session ...

The Board made a number of appointments:

Jesse Daniels was appointed as the new Saturday Scholars Sponsor. He replaces Laura Blair, who had earlier resigned.

The Board also appointed the following as Volunteer, Non-Paid, Assistant Drama Sponsors: Nathan Watsek, Josh Geil, Darick Earney, Blake Barnes, and Miranda Morse. These persons will be assisting paid drama staff with all aspects of drama production, including rehearsal, performances, costumes, and set construction.

Finally, the Board approved the vacancy posting for Drama Sponsor, which was created by the resignation of Chris Jones as Call Director.