

## From the EAWR #14 Board ...

### 1<sup>st</sup> Regular Board Meeting March 5, 2019

What follows is an unofficial summary of the East Alton - Wood River Community High School District #14 Board of Education 1st Regular Meeting of March 5, 2019.

#### Approval Facility Use Request: WBGZ Radio to Use Auditorium for Awards Ceremony

Dr. Pearson recommended that the Board grant the request from Nick Darr, General Manager of WBGZ Radio, to use the Auditorium for the annual Scholar-Athlete awards ceremony, He reminded the Board that they approved this use last year, and that the radio station will cover custodial overtime and provide a certificate of liability insurance.

The Board approved the facility use request from WBGZ Radio, pending receipt of the certificate of insurance and agreement to reimburse the District for its custodial overtime costs.

#### Review of Agenda Items for the March 12, 2019 Regular Meeting

*Renew Annual Membership in the IHSA.* The Board would be asked to formally approve its membership in the Illinois High School Association, the state's interscholastic athletic and activities association. This is a perfunctory and annual motion.

*Discuss ID Badge Policy.* The Board reviewed a preliminary draft of the ID Badge policy and procedures. The superintendent noted that the administrators had not reviewed some of the day to day procedures at this point, but they would discuss those in detail prior to the March 12th meeting. The draft policy calls for ID Badges (photo ID's) to be worn by all students and staff; displayed on a lanyard; and worn during school time. It is still yet to be determined if the badges will necessarily be used other than for identification and security purposes, although the badges can easily be equipped with bar codes for lunch line and library scanning.

Wearing photo ID badges is fairly standard for most high schools in the area. The Board listed this policy as a goal in its Goal-Setting meeting last month to be implemented in the 2019-20 school year.

The quote received recently from a vendor shows the start-up cost to be about \$7,800, with a recurring estimated annual cost for supplies (lanyards, cards, printer toner, etc.) between \$500-600.

*Policy Revision: 4.175.* In reviewing policies concerning background checks and convicted child sex offenders, Dr. Pearson noted a copy of the PRESS service's recommended 4.175, which was not in the Policy Manual, and for which he could not find any record of adoption in the minutes.

Despite the fact that District already does the criminal background screenings specified in the draft policy (4.175) and has some redundant language in other policies, he is recommending to the Board that it go ahead and adopt this stand-alone policy regarding this subject. This policy language had its first reading at the February meeting.

*Chromebook Take-Home Policy.* Another goal that the Board set in February was to revise the Chromebook take-home program such that all students may take the Chromebooks home during the year, without paying the former damage waiver charge of \$25 per year.

However, the Board also wished to offer a similar protection plan for Chromebook repairs as an option – also at the price of \$25 per year. The administration will also discuss some options internally regarding the specifics of the proposed protection plan, with a further discussion at the March 12th meeting.

Mr. Duncan inquired about the policy allowing seniors who had a record of no damage being allowed to keep their Chromebooks after graduation. The superintendent noted that this was still a part of the policy and had no recommendations for changing that. Another discussion was held about what the protection plan would and would not cover. The superintendent reminded the Board that it could change the dollar amount of the optional protection plan and what it should cover in terms of damage, repairs, et al. He also reminded the Board that it had the program where the District also has a maintenance agreement for \$19 per machine that covers repair costs, too.

*Strategic Plan for 2019.* The Board would be provided a draft copy of the Strategic Plan at next week's meeting.

*Miscellaneous.* Mrs. Robinson reminded the Board that we need a couple of Board members to assist this Thursday evening at the National Honor Society Induction ceremony. That event is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., on Thursday, March 7th, in the Courtyard.