

From the EAWRCHS Board ...

Regular Board Meeting

April 11, 2017

What follows is an unofficial summary of the East Alton - Wood River Community High School District #14 Board of Education Regular Meeting of April 11, 2017.

Student Recognition

Mrs. Parmentier displayed the 1st Place Sr. Olympiad Trophy, which a group of our seniors won recently in Edwardsville. What made it especially eventful is the fact that they beat Edwardsville and Granite City teams for the 1st Place award! Victoria Kallal was the only student able to be present at the Board meeting, but represented the students that did attend the competition. Although other EAWR students competed in the event (in teams of four), the EAWR Team that finished with the 1st Place trophy was Haley Shewmake, Brendan Allen, Drew Sobol, and Carly Campbell.

The Sr. Olympiad competition is an annual event bringing high school and middle school teams together to engage in problem-solving skills, with the use of minimal resources. The Board is very proud of all of the EAWR students that competed in this event and in this tremendous accomplishment!

Hear First Reading of the Following Board Policy Revisions

The Board completed the first formal reading of policy revisions, as recommended by the IASB PRESS service: 2.100: Board Member Conflict of Interest; 4.15: Identity Protection; 5.120: Employee Ethics, Conduct, and Conflict of Interest; 6.70: Teaching About Religions; and 7.100: Health Examinations, Immunizations, and Exclusion of Students. The Board will be asked to approve these policies on their second reading at the May 9, 2017 Regular Meeting.

ACS Facility Use Request: Relay for Life

The Board approved the facility use request of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life group to use Memorial Stadium and Track on June 3, 2017, on the condition that custodial costs are reimbursed back to the District.

Hear 1st Quarter Strategic Plan Report

Dr. Pearson gave a review of the progress made towards many of the goals established at the February 2017 Board meeting and that were previously discussed at the January Goal-Setting meeting. A copy of that report will be made available on the Documents page of the District Website.

Tech Report (Mr. Mattix-Wand)

Mr. Mattix-Wand gave a series of recommendations of purchases that would need to be approved by the Board at the May 2, 2017 meeting, which would be in time for him to submit those purchase requests on the e-Rate application due on May 5th.

Those tech items to be purchased through e-Rate discounts include: Switch upgrades and power supplies, primarily to the East Building; and eight new battery backups. All of those equipment purchases total just under \$19,000, with the discounts making the District's share just under \$4,000. He also informed the Board that we would be getting the 2nd of 5 years of 80% discounts on Internet access; with 20% discounts on our regular (POTS) telephone service and VoIP phone access.

The second half of his report involved the proposed upgrading of the camera system with six additional cameras to the network. Although TechElectronics bid for the cameras and their installation were about \$1,000 higher than the lower bidder (C&C Group), TechElectronics prices included them coming into the school and performing the video server upgrades, with the C&C bid had Mr. Mattix-Wand performing those upgrades (Mr. Mattix-Wand noted that he would feel more comfortable with TechElectronics performing those, since he had no experience with upgrading that video system server, and since TechElectronics specializes in that sort of work.

The cabling work necessary to run the new cameras was bid out, as well, with NetCom's bid of \$3,285 coming in lower than JF Electric's bid of \$3,900. Although the JF Electric bid included the use of the CAT-6 cable (instead of the current CAT-5 cable in use with the current video system), Mr. Mattix-Wand noted that the system has been running fine with the CAT-5 cable and that the CAT-6 would seem to be an unnecessary expense.

The camera system upgrades - being a part of the school's security system - would be funded by the Tort Fund.

Finally, Mr. Mattix-Wand was pleased to announce that the same version of the ASUS Chromebook, which was lease-purchased for the current crop of freshmen and which has been a very durable and reliable machine, has come in \$30 per unit cheaper than last year's bid (\$167 vs. \$199 for the same machine in 2016). With the \$24 license fee for each device and the \$29.30 cases, those 200 new Chromebooks would cost slightly over \$44,000, about \$6,000 cheaper than in 2016!

The Board would be asked to take action on these at the May 2nd Regular Meeting. Supt. Pearson noted that he would give the Bank of Edwardsville a call to see if they could work a similar deal with the District on the Lease-purchase as was arranged last year. The Board would use the proceeds from the Lease-Purchase Levy to pay for the Chromebook purchases.

Principal's Report

Mrs. Robinson reported on the following:

Upcoming dates to remember

April 14-17 Spring Break
25 ISA and SAT Make Up Test
28 Career Day—11:25 Dismissal

Committees

Focus groups continue to meet throughout the 16-17 school year. Career Day is planned for April 28th.

Miscellaneous

- Tri-district articulation—ELA/math teachers will meet on May 16th
- SAT was administered on April 5th and 128/131 juniors were in attendance and took the test. The 3 students who were absent will test on April 25th.
- Career Day is April 28th from 8-11:25 a.m. There are 28 presenters scheduled to be on campus and 3 of our own teachers will serve as the keynote speaker.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Pearson observed that, although Mr. Mattix-Wand had been authorized by him to purchase and install a new amplifier for the Memorial Gym (which is designed to re-pair the previously working intercom system), he did not that they were exploring a longer-term solution of a wireless PA system to replace the old DuKane wired system, which would accomplish the goals of improving the PA system

throughout the campus, and what would likely be a much more reasonable approach than trying to revamp or replace that current wired system. There will be more to come on that ...

[Ms. Leggett arrived at 6:44 p.m.]

The superintendent also observed that the Foundation Board would need to meet in the next few weeks to decide what to do with its proceeds and cash on hand with regards to donation to the school for A/C window units. Even though the recent Cash Raffle sale did not meet sales expectations, the help of some large private donations towards the A/C units will likely allow all of the top floor classrooms to have A/C units installed - assuming the District pays for the electrical upgrades for some 220V lines to be installed in several of the larger classrooms.

The Foundation Board would have to decide how much - if any - it wanted to save back from its discretionary funds for other miscellaneous charitable purposes. Then, the District would then know how many units it could count on to install.

Dr. Pearson noted that the May 2nd Meeting would begin with the current set of Board members, and, after conducting the actions items under its purview (Minutes and Bills) would adjourn sine die to its re-organization meeting. At that point, officers would be elected and dates for future meetings would be set. Then, the new Board would take up the regular business of the Board for the remainder of the Agenda.

He observed that the official certification of the winners by the County Clerk (the election official in Madison County) would happen on or about April 26th, with the official canvass posted on the Clerk's Website about 2 days later. That canvass would be the basis for the Board to re-organize itself, even though the winners have been made known unofficially since the election.

The Board was reminded that the CAP at the Phillips 66 Refinery would be offering it's annual refinery tour, and dinner/report on Thursday, May 4th. Board members should let the superintendent know if they wish to attend this nice event.

Following Executive Session ...

The Board appointed Kyle Duncan to be its next Head Golf Coach. He replaces the retiring Dave Sobol in that position.

The Board also appointed Tim Donohoo as Head Wrestling Coach. He replaces the retiring Dave Sobol in that position.

Finally, the Board named Joe Parmentier as Head Girls Basketball Coach. He replaces Emily VanNatta, who recently resigned.