

## From the EAWRCHS Board ...

### Regular Board Meeting

June 14, 2016

What follows is an unofficial summary of the East Alton - Wood River Community High School District #14 Board of Education Regular Meeting of June 14, 2016.

#### Conduct Public Hearing to Discuss Proposed Health - Life, Safety Amendment to Address the Substantial, Immediate, and Otherwise Unavoidable Threat to the Health, Safety, or Welfare of Pupils Due to Disrepair of the EAWR Track

President Aguinaga convened the public hearing regarding the proposed Life, Safety project and expenditure of Life, Safety funds to repair, re-coat, and re-stripe the track. Superintendent Pearson noted that the hearing was duly noticed in the Telegraph.

Mr. Aguinaga asked for comments from the public. No comments were made.

Therefore, President Aguinaga considered the hearing was concluded and closed the Hearing.

#### Consider and Award Bid for Track Project

Architect Randy Mitchell presented his recommendation for the track work bid to Byrne & Jones Construction of St. Louis. They were the low bidder at \$98,000 for the project, with the next lowest bidder (Hellas of Texas) coming in at \$126,000. He noted that this company does good work and has experience in track work around the area. Dr. Pearson pointed out that Byrne & Jones was the contractor that last re-coated and re-stripped the track in 2007.

Mr. St. Peters asked why he thought the low bidder came in so much lower than the second bidder. Mr. Mitchell observed that the other two bidders were from out of state (Texas or Maryland) and would incur higher travel costs for labor, whereas Byrne & Jones is a local outfit.

Mrs. Murray inquired about the timetable for completion and the penalty for not completing on time. Dr. Pearson noted that a liquidated damages' daily penalty of \$200 was listed in the RFP's sent to the contractors and would be in the contract.

He also observed that the representative for Byrne & Jones asked when they could get in, with the upshot being that they might be able to start even before the projected start date from the architect - hopefully by the end of June or first week of July.

The Board approved a motion to award the bid for the track work to Byrne & Jones at the stated base bid of \$98,000.

### Ascertain and Adopt Prevailing Wage

The Board voted to adopt the prevailing wage rates for the latest month posted on the IDOL Website, which is the July 2015 prevailing wages for Madison County. Dr. Pearson observed that the updated prevailing wage rates would be in effect later this summer, with those wages being the ones that a contractor would have to pay, as a minimum, to its workers. These old rates are being adopted simply due to the statutory requirement that taxing bodies must adopt those rates at every June Board meeting.

### Approve Amended FY 2016 Budget

The Board adopted the amended FY 2016 Budget, as presented at the Budget Hearing earlier this evening.

### Principal's Report

Mrs. Robinson reported on the following:

#### *Upcoming dates to remember*

July 1 Last Day of Summer School

#### *Committees*

Math and ELA will be meeting over the summer to work on curriculum.

#### *Miscellaneous*

MJCH—the student team will be meeting over the summer to plan activities and expenditures for the upcoming school year.

Spirit Club—senior members of spirit club will meet over the summer to plan activities for the fall season, as well as, the first pep assembly.

## Review and Approve Student-Parent Handbook Revisions for 2016-17

Mrs. Robinson presented a review of the substantive changes, as produced by the work of the Student-Parent Handbook Committee, as well as some administrative changes to align the Handbook with Board policy and suggested handbook language from the IPA.

They are as follows:

### Handbook Changes for 2016-17

Page #	Change	Rationale
15	Lunch Price from \$2.50 to \$2.60	Increase needs to occur to comply with federal rules.
20	Electronic Device Section	Needed updated because language hasn't been changed in multiple years. New language matches up with current practice.
29	Unexcused absences change from zero credit to half credit for work missed when unexcused.	Consequence for missing school unexcused but allows for some credit in terms of make up work.
31	Add PARCC Exemption	Created new exemption for students taking PARCC for 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester senior year.
34	Legging language	Board language change
45	Student Code of Conduct—change to out of school suspensions based on SB100	Law change in terms of issuing OSS. Also consequences changed for other infractions based of SB 100.
46	STOP Program—alternative to suspensions	Alternative program for OSS at the alternative school in Troy, IL. Students assigned to the STOP Program will receive full credit.
52	Parking Fee Increase from \$25 to \$35	Board decision to increase fee.

\*\*\*Please note that these are not all handbook changes. Handbook changes are underlined in the online handbook.

\*\*\*There are multiple school board polices that must be added to this year's handbook. The board has adopted the policies.

After some discussion, the Board approved the changes to the EAWR Student-Parent Handbook for 2016-17, as presented.

## Superintendent's Report

Dr. Pearson noted that he had discussed the city's proposal to open the west gate to the Memorial Gym Parking Lot so as to facilitate entry for folks headed to the City Aquatic Center, next door. This would hopefully assist in the increase of visitors to the Aquatic Center from out of town. He reported that he had earlier denied the request due to the desire by the high school to cut down on through traffic as well as making it more difficult for folks to loiter, perform unsavory acts, and leave trash behind.

During this first round of discussion, Dr. Pearson reported that someone from the city noted that the Gym lot was actually city property. The superintendent responded to that observation by researching the issue at the Wood River Township Assessor's office, as well as the GIS plat maps located on-line. He reported to the Board that, indeed, the entire parking lot was on park/city property and had probably been that way since the Memorial Gym lot was built (1950) and perhaps going back to the beginnings of the high school and the swimming pool in the early 1920's. He suspected that there was either a formal inter-governmental agreement between the city and the school district made back in those days (which he has never seen) or a "handshake agreement" to allow the school district to use that property for its gym and student parking, and likely sharing parking in that lot with the swimming pool patrons.

He noted that the school district and the city had long cooperated in the use of city ball diamonds, high school tennis courts and all-weather track, and the pool/Roundhouse parking lot for gym overflow parking, and the gym parking lot being used for overflow of pool parking. The school district has always paid for the maintenance of that parking lot, the lighting, security cameras, trash removal, etc. as well as the tennis courts. The city split the recent tennis court renovation cost (50/50) with the high school, with the high school maintaining the nets, the surface, and paying for the lighting of the courts during tennis season for community use.

Given all of that history of cooperation and facility-sharing, Dr. Pearson responded to Mayor Akers that the high school was willing to open that gate for a trial period, re-visit the decision in about a month, and see if any problems arose. The Mayor was agreeable to that solution.

This discussion prompted a question from Ms. Leggett and Mr. St. Peters about whether there are some old board minutes showing this arrangement (or an agreement) and, if they cannot be produced, a new agreement memorializing this city-high school arrangement with the parking lot

Dr. Pearson reported that the district had just received its first 2015 tax collection from the County Treasurer, which represented a very small portion of the amount extended (about 0.6%).

### Following Executive Session ...

Five-year contracts for the Assistant Principal / AD and the Superintendent were approved. They would be effective from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021.

The Board also approved a motion to offer the district health insurance benefit to two full-time employees (as defined by the Affordable Care Act) not previously covered: The 7.5 Hour Custodian and the Permanent Substitute Teacher. Notification would be given to the Union regarding this decision.