

From the EAWRCHS Board ...

1st Regular Board Meeting

June 6, 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 June 6, 2017.

Discuss and Approve Application for Life Safety Amendment re: Bleacher Repairs

Dr. Pearson shared the need for an amendment to the current Ten Year Plan for some bleacher repairs, as recommended by one of the engineers of Hurst-Rosche, who conducted the required bleacher inspection earlier in 2017.

The repairs - as quoted by Bulte Company - would be to fix some mechanisms in the pullout bleachers in the Memorial Gym, as well as the purchase of 40 end caps for some football grandstand bleachers. The end caps may prevent someone injuring themselves on the sharp edges of some of the bleachers.

Mr. St. Peters asked why only 40 end caps would be purchased, since there were more bleachers than that. Dr. Pearson noted that he would look into that. Mr. Duncan suggested that, when the work was actually approved by ISBE, that an order covering all of the bleachers be included.

The Board adopted a motion to apply for a Life Safety Amendment with ISBE.

Review of Agenda Items for the June 13, 2017 Regular Meeting:

Ascertain and Approve Prevailing Wage Rates. The superintendent reminded the Board that it would need to ascertain and approve the Prevailing Rates of Wages for contracted employees at next week's meeting. He noted that the Board had no discretion in approving these and was a perfunctory action handled every year.

Adopt Amended Draft FY 17 Budget. Dr. Pearson reported that he changed only four expenditure line items since the first draft of the amended budget was put on display. The biggest change was the addition of about \$40,500 in TRS "Excess Sick Leave" penalty costs. This was already known, but was unclear - until a call to the auditor - as to which fiscal year the expense should be posted. Even though the actual check would not be issued until July, the auditor observed that it should be posted in Fiscal Year 2017.

Handbook Changes for 2017-18. Mrs. Robinson reported that she would have the handbook changes for the Board's review and approval at the June 13th Regular Meeting. The Handbook Committee had wrapped up these recommended changes shortly before the end of the school year.

Video System Upgrade. Dr. Pearson and Mr. Mattix-Wand noted that they would attempt to have a recommendation for the additional six cameras by next Tuesday. The seeming lowest quote was from C&C Group of St. Louis, but a further conversation was likely necessary before a recommendation could be made to the Board.

TIF #2 - Wood River - Meeting. Superintendents Anderson and Pearson have recently met with the Mayor, City Manager, and Finance Director of the City of Wood River to discuss the City's request for letters of support for the extension of TIF #2 for an additional 12 years. The extension request would go before the General Assembly for approval, with the letters of support to be sent to the presumed sponsors, Senator Haine and Representative Beiser.

Following Executive Session ...

The Board offered employment the following coaches: Mary Broadway as Asst. Girls Basketball Coach; Gavin Wiss as Asst. Boys Basketball coach; and Allison Turner as Asst. Cheerleading Coach.

The Board also voted to offer employment to Shelly Moore as Science Teacher and Kyndal Norton as Theatre Director (Co-Drama Sponsor), effective with the start of the 2017-18 school year.

New five-year employment contracts were offered to Mr. Kevin Gockel as Asst. Principal / Athletic Director and to Dr. Pearson as Superintendent, effective July 1, 2017.

The Board approved the salary of Superintendent's Secretary Carla Guthrie at \$37,273 for 2017-18 and also awarded 1.5% increases to all of the other non-union employees and administrators.