

From the EAWR #14 Board ...

Regular Board Meeting

July 9, 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 July 9, 2019.

Maintenance Director's Report

Mr. Foxall gave an update on summer maintenance activities, as well as updates on the football field "sprigging" and the restroom renovations. He noted that they think they have discovered the source of the water leaking into some of the Guidance Office areas and have addressed that problem. He also noted that they were planning on spray painting those unsightly bronze-colored metal plates that cover some of the East Building 1st floor windows (East side of building). He also reported that Heartland Sod company may come up to the football field and place new sprigs along the sides of the playing surface since they are not coming in as expected. Finally, the restroom renovation project is coming along, with much of the cement boards (to which the new ceramic wall tile will be placed) and the dropped ceiling frameworks already installed.

Mr. St. Peters asked about the flooring being installed, to which Mr. Foxall replied would be pretty much the last major work that will be done. Mrs. Murray asked Mrs. Robinson as to impressing upon the students about treating these new restrooms nicely. She responded with a plan to address that with the students upon their return.

The Board thanked Mr. Foxall for his report.

Set Graduation Date

The Board set Graduation on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 7:30 PM.

Revise EAWR Foundation By-Laws

The Foundation By-Laws need some clarity in its language. Dr. Pearson observed that the term of office was unclear as to whether annual appointments were necessary due to some conflicting three-year term language for the appointed Board

of Directors. Therefore, he suggested that the language be clarified that the Board appoint the Directors every three years and for a three-year term of office.

After some brief discussion, the Board approved the revisions in the Foundation's By-Laws, as recommended.

Re-Appoint Foundation Board Members

Due to the fact that the Board has not re-appointed incumbent Foundation Board members, the superintendent recommended that the Board re-appoint the following members for a three-year term, which would end June 30, 2022: Frank Akers, Benjy Bomkamp, Susan Broadway, Pat Droit, Bob Kasten, Mike Kelly, and Erin Phillips. The superintendent, principal, and school board president are automatically on the Foundation Board as long as they hold those offices.

The Board re-appointed the incumbent members to the EAWR Foundation Board of Directors: Frank Akers, Benjy Bomkamp, Susan Broadway, Pat Droit, Bob Kasten, Mike Kelly, and Erin Phillips.

Principal's Report

Mrs. Robinson noted the value of summer school make-up course and the Edgenuity platform in giving 5 seniors the chance to graduate this summer that weren't quite able to graduate at the end of last semester.

She also reported on the revival of the POP (Parent Orientation Program) activities, which will mirror some of the well-received freshmen parent and student orientation activities held in July and August of 2018. She observed that the awarding of the Healthy Communities Investment Grant for this summer has allowed the school to replicate the Freshmen Parent Welcome Night (complete with the food truck service) and to pay for some other giveaways to freshmen parents. The grant funds will also be used to pay staff to come in for the Parent Welcome Night, as well as some staff to assist Mrs. Robinson at some small group orientation sessions during the remainder of this summer. These grant funds will be combined with Title I carryover funds for these purposes.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Pearson reviewed the progress on the 2019 Strategic Plan, noting that some of the goals are making progress, with some other goals "back-burnered" for the present.

Following Executive Session

The Board took several personnel actions:

The Board offered a contract to Mark Beatty of Carrolton to be the new Dean / Athletic Director. Mr. Beatty has served the Carrolton School District as its Athletic Director and P.E. Teacher since 2016, as well as many years of teaching and coaching experience in the Bethalto Schools. The Contract salary is for \$70,000 plus fringe benefits.

Also, the Board appointed Sylvia Fitzgerald-Berry of Alton as its new Cafeteria Director. Ms. Fitzgerald-Berry has been serving as EAWR's Interim Cafeteria Director since March and previously was employed as its Head Cook.

The Board also employed Mike McBrien and Sarah Beiermann as Classroom Aides. Mike is currently employed as JV Volleyball Coach at EAWR and resides in Godfrey. Sarah has been a substitute teacher and an aide in several area school districts and resides in Cottage Hills.

Fred Trebing of Edwardsville was employed as a Custodian / Bus Driver, to begin immediately.

Dave Determan of Wood River was hired as a Part-Time Bus Driver.