

## From the EAWRCHS Board ...

### 1<sup>st</sup> Regular Board Meeting

August 1, 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.

#### Approve Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment

Dr. Pearson reminded the Board that the old kitchen gas stove needed to be disposed, since the new gas stove had arrived and was ready to be installed. The old stove would likely be sold for scrap, due to its condition and obsolete technology.

The Board approved a motion to dispose of the old kitchen stove.

#### Review of Agenda Items for the August 1, 2017 Regular Meeting:

*Approve Fund Transfer.* The superintendent noted that it would be asked to approve the permanent transfer of \$45,250 from the Education Fund to the Debt Service Fund, for the Chromebook lease-purchase agreement, since the accounting rules dictate that lease-purchase agreements be accounted for in Debt Service - even though the school accounting manual does not allow Lease Levy proceeds to be recorded in that fund.

*Review Draft FY 18 Budget.* Dr. Pearson noted that he should have the draft budget ready for review by next Tuesday's meeting. Then, the budget would be on display for the requisite 30 days, with adoption to occur at the Sept. 12th Regular Meeting.

*Application for Recognition of Schools for 2017-18.* The Board would have to give formal approval to apply for state accreditation (recognition) at the August 8th meeting. This application is the first step in the recognition/accreditation process, culminating with the Regional Office audit in March.

*Ambulance Service at Home Varsity Football Games.* Supt. Pearson reported that he had met with Chief McKee of the Wood River Fire Department to discuss a cost-feasible to have ambulance presence at Friday night home football games. He noted that AMH ambulance services formerly had stationed themselves at football games in the past, but due to cutbacks several years ago on their end, had pulled their ambulance from its position in Wood River. This arrangement would call for an AMH ambulance to be stationed here for free, but would be subject to calls, leaving a gap. Chief McKee had proposed to fill that gap by using paid WRFD EMT's at each Friday night home football games to be available when

the ambulance would get called away. This proposal would ask the Board to cover those costs to an estimated \$150 per game. Mr. St. Peters observed that Chief McKee and he had also discussed this and that he was in favor of the proposal, too. This item will be on the August 8th Agenda.

*Maintenance Director Report:* The Board was reminded that it would hear a quarterly update from Jeff Foxall at the August 8th meeting. He would be able to give a full report on the summer maintenance and repair activities, as well answer any questions from the Board.

*Used Buses / Driver Ed Car.* The Board heard the Superintendent's concern that, with the fiscal climate facing school districts right now, whether the Board should proceed with the purchase of a couple of used diesel buses and a used sedan for driver education (to replace the Cavalier). After some discussion, there was a consensus of the Board to direct the superintendent to pursue these purchases and to add that to the draft FY 2018 budget, given the concern over student safety and that the total amount not being onerous.