

From the EAWRCHS Board ...

Regular Board Meeting

September 12, 2017

What follows is an unofficial summary of the East Alton - Wood River Community High School District #14 Board of Education Regular Meeting of September 12, 2017.

Presentation of Tentative Budget for FY 18

Dr. Pearson reported that, since the Board heard the tentative FY 18 budget in August, he had made some recommended revisions, which totaled about \$70,000 extra in expenditure lines in the Education Fund. He noted that increases came from instructional accounts for supplies, equipment, some salary and benefit corrections, and also from the anticipated addition of a 6th Classroom Aide position. No other Funds have had any revisions since August, and no support functions were increased either.

The subject areas included Regular Instruction, Vocational Instruction, Special Education, and Athletics.

He observed that the Board would be asked to approve the budget next Tuesday, September 19, 2017, 6:00 p.m. at the Special Meeting. That meeting will include the required public hearing regarding the budget as well as the budget adoption.

Interfund Loan Resolutions

The Board adopted two Interfund Loan resolutions. One was to loan \$1.2 Million from Working Cash to the Education Fund. The other was to loan \$30,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Debt Service Fund. Both of these loans will be repaid when the 2017 taxes come in sufficiently to cover the loans - presumably in the fall of 2018.

Presentation of Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Reports for 2017

Although the superintendent had presented these reports at the September 5th Regular Meeting, he briefly showed them for the benefit of the Telegraph reporter

who did not attend the September 5th meeting. He also advised her that she could see these on the District Website, since these have to be published by law.

Discuss Proposed Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Wood River and East Alton - Wood River CHSD #14 re: Extension of TIF #2 for 12 Years

Dr. Pearson briefed the Board in the outline of the proposed intergovernmental agreement with the City. He explained the purpose of a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District and Fund; a TIF's normal duration (23 years); and then explained the City's rationale for wishing to extend the TIF another 12 years and that it needed legislative approval. He also noted that the City had approached both school districts asking them to support the request for a 12-year extension, since the City needed to use that extended TIF's revenues to finance the renovation of its sewage treatment plant.

Superintendents Anderson and Pearson met with City officials to express their verbal support for the sewage treatment plant renovations, but approached them to see if there was any desire on the City's part to use any unanticipated extra revenue (beyond what was needed to renovate the sewer plant) for the benefit of the school districts. After all, the two school districts have waited 23 years to be able to collect taxes from this TIF District and would have to wait another 12 years, if the City was granted the extension.

After some deliberation, the City has agreed, in principle, that, if a certain dollar threshold were met (tax revenues the City would reserve for work renovating the sewer plant), any revenues beyond that threshold would have 5% going to each of the two school districts. The Boards of Education would then publicly support the effort to extend the TIF #2 another 12 years.

Discuss Recommended Amendment to Board Policy 7.245 (Student-Athlete Drug Testing)

Superintendent Pearson observed that the administration has encountered a new issue with regards to student eligibility and drug testing. The current policy does not specifically address it. The issue is: Should the school require the athletic drug testing of a student who is academically ineligible for the entire season (because he/she is ineligible for an entire semester) but still wants to participate on a sports team? This question arises because the consequences for not passing a drug screen are meted out in games/matches to be missed.

Dr. Pearson noted that, since an ineligible athlete cannot participate in games that season, the only logical consequence for that student who may fail a drug test while he/she is participating in practices, attending games, etc. would be to have those game suspension penalties applied in the next successive sports season in which he/she participates.

This “carryover” of suspended games is already a part of the Oiler Participation Contract guidelines as well as the Drug Testing Policy. In those instances, a student who has been determined later in the season to have illegal substances in his/her system, and who does not have sufficient games or matches to serve out that suspension during the season in question, simply serves the remainder of the suspension in his/her next available season.

This policy language revision will be proposed for final adoption at the October 10th Regular Meeting.

Facility Use Request: Machinist Union

The Board approved the facility use request of the Machinists’ Union to use either the school’s Memorial Gym or its Auditorium on Sunday, November 5, 2017, pending receipt of appropriate liability insurance certificate and that the union reimburses for District custodial costs for this event.

Principal’s Report

Mrs. Robinson gave an oral report, which highlighted the following:

I. Upcoming dates to remember

Sept	28	2 nd Coronation Assembly
	29	11:15 Student Dismissal—SIP Day for Faculty
	30	Coronation—7:30 PM
Oct	4	Blood Drive

II. Committees

Focus groups will meet during the 2017-18 school year.

III. Miscellaneous

The A/C units are working and we have taken zero heat days so far during the school year. Teacher teachers have reported it has changed the environment of their classrooms for the positive.

Nurse Kelly will be putting together CPT training for coaches and also a refresher AED for faculty.

September Half Day—SAT Report Training for teachers led by Mrs. Robinson

Mrs. Robinson will be meeting with both feeder districts on Thursday the 14th to discuss the institute day on October 6th.

Superintendent's Report

President Murray noted that she would attend the Region III Governing Board Dinner and Meeting to be held at Moonlight Restaurant on Sept. 20, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

The superintendent briefed the Board on SB 1947, which was the compromised version of the SB 1 school funding formula mechanism bill. He reported that the final state aid allotments were not ready as of this writing, but that the base funding formula checks flowed in early September, reflecting the two late August state aid payments and the scheduled Sept 10th payment. The District received just over \$150,000 for those three checks.

He noted that those base formula checks too last years state aid payment and added on pro-rated amounts of special education categorical grant funds. He was not sure if any other new monies would be forthcoming without seeing the projections. However, the District may some extra state aid due to the new formula and because the Average Daily Attendance rose about 3% from 2015-16.

Technology - Video Display Demonstration

Mr. Mattix-Wand demonstrated what the secretaries would be able to see with the camera system displayed on large 55" HD monitors in the two offices. This proposal was approved by the Board to enhance security monitoring by office staff, to assist the administrators in spotting potential issues around the campus, which only administrators can see from their desktops or laptops. The District's 30+ cameras can be displayed all at once in different "panes" with the option of viewing one particular camera's view that covers the entire screen. These monitors and the Apple computer that drives them would be stationed in both major offices, with the screens being wall-mounted for easy access. These purchases would be made

from the District's Tort Fund, given this need being identified in the Risk Management Plan.

Following Executive Session

The Board appointed Derek Forsting as the new Asst. Boys Basketball Coach (Freshmen). Mr. Forsting is currently employed as a Social Studies Teacher, Asst. Football Coach, and Asst. Baseball Coach. He has experience in coaching both in the boys and girls basketball programs, as well.

Due to some higher enrollment numbers, the Board approved the creation of a vacancy for a 6th Classroom Aide, to be filled as soon as practicable.