

From the EAWR #14 Board ...
Regular Board Meeting

September 8, 2020

What follows is an unofficial summary of the East Alton - Wood River Community High School District #14 Board of Education Regular Meeting of September 8, 2020.

FY 2021 Budget Adoption

Since there were no questions or public comments from the Budget Hearing held prior to the Board meeting, the superintendent recommended the Budget for 20-21 be adopted.

The Board subsequently approve a motion to adopt the FY 20-21 Budget as presented.

Approve Teacher - Administrator Salary and Benefit Report

The Board approved the Teacher - Administrator Salary and Benefits Report and directed the superintendent to publish and post that report.

Discuss and Approve Application for Teacher Institute Day Reimbursement

The application with the ROE to be reimbursed for a teacher institute day was approved.

Discuss and Approve Health, Life Safety Amendment #53: Check-Valve
and Sewer Project for the Main Building

Superintendent Pearson reminded the Board that adopting this Life Safety Amendment would allow the District to use Life Safety funds for the backflow "check valve" replacement project. The old backflow valve was likely as old as the Main Building and had ceased to function, not to mention that it was not an automatic valve. Therefore, one would have to manually turn the valve shut in a heavy rain to keep sewer and storm water from backing up into the basement with the further problem that no drains could be operated while the manual valve was closed.

It is likely that Belo Plumbing from Belleville will do the work, since they were here as a subcontractor for R&W; know the problems firsthand; and submitted an estimate of just under \$13,000 for the project.

The Board approved the application for Life Safety Amendment #53.

Hear 2nd Reading and Adopt Policy Revisions re: Title IX Rules Changes

Dr. Pearson briefly reviewed the general scope of the recommended policy and procedure adoptions and/or revisions related to the sweeping changes involved in Title IX - particularly the grievance procedures and protections for a student or staff member making a claim of sexual harassment under Title IX. He also reminded the Board that the four main persons involved in the grievance investigation and district hearings are required to take a three-hour approved training course. In that regard, the Tueth, Keeney law firm will provide the on-line training for the Title IX Coordinator (Mrs. Robinson), the Title IX Investigator (Mr. Gockel), the Title IX "Decision Maker" (Dr. Pearson), and the Title IX Appeals officer (Mrs. Murray, Board president).

After some brief discussion, the Board approved a motion to adopt the policy and policy & procedure revisions: 2.260 (Uniform Grievance Procedure); 2.260-AP1 (Guidelines for Complaints Filed Under Policy 2.260 ...); 2.260-AP2 (Non-Discrimination Coordinator and Complaint Manager); 2.265 Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure); 2.265AP1 (Title IX Sexual Harassment Response); 2.265-AP2 (Formal Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Grievance Response); and 2.265-Exhibit (Title IX Sexual Harassment - Glossary of Terms), as presented.

Hear 1st Reading of Proposed Policy Adoptions or Revisions

The superintendent asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the ten other policy revisions that were discussed at the September 1st Board meeting. There were no other comments or questions from the Board.

These policies will be on their second reading at the October Board Meeting and will be recommended for adoption at that meeting.

TCSA with Hurst-Rosche

Dr. Pearson shared the proposal from Hurst-Rosche for a Technical Consulting Service Agreement for the breadth of HLS work slated for next summer (2021). He reminded the Board that the majority of the Ten-Year Plan work has been completed for this summer and the summer of 2019. However, there are several projects still remaining such as: the final schedule of restroom renovations (South Building and Gym area), repair of steel lintels throughout the campus, tuckpointing work in some exterior areas of the East Building; door replacements (mostly Main Building), and the chemistry lab renovation.

That work has been estimated by the architect at \$420,900, with the standard 10% architect design and supervision costs (\$42,090).

The Board approved the TCSA with Hurst-Rosche for the Summer HLS projects for the price of \$42,090.

Discuss and Approve Changes to the School Calendar

Dr. Pearson reported that we have some experienced some imbalanced Maroon vs. Gold days when we built our new hybrid schedule. These are due to the numerous special non-attendance days during this period, which are causing these reduction of Maroon days. The "fixes" for these imbalances can be made by eliminating or changing dates of some previously approved calendar dates in late September and in October.

First of all, if we did nothing to the October calendar, we would have our Gold students here at least three additional days vs. the Maroon kids. The reasons are these:

- **Madison County Institute Cancellation:** The County Institute - which was previously scheduled for *Friday, Oct. 9th* - is cancelled by the ROE. That leaves us with a Teacher Institute to use at our discretion later on (hopefully in coordination with the grade school districts), but we can take that Friday and turn it into a school day for the Maroon kids. ***Gain 1 Maroon Day.***
- **Parent-Teacher Conference Proposed Cancellation:** It makes sense from a social distancing and health perspective to cancel our in-person Parent Teacher Conferences. Those were scheduled for *Oct. 14th and 15th* from 5:00 - 8:00 each night. Canceling those PT Conferences allows us to use Friday, Oct. 16th (which was a non-school day to give teachers "comp time" for giving up their two previous evenings) as an instruction day for our Maroon kids. ***Gain 1 Maroon Day.***
- **Statewide SAT Testing of Seniors on Wednesday, *Oct. 14th*:** This day is one where the Maroon kids lose out again. However, we are proposing to put the 9th-11th graders on Remote Learning that day, and only bring ALL of the seniors to the school on that day for the SAT.
- **Elimination of two half-day workshops (*Sept. 25 & Oct. 30*):** Since we have always had our half-day teacher workshops on Fridays, we can buy back 3 hours of on-campus time for the Maroon kids by keeping them until the regular quitting time (1:00). Leigh has some ideas for us to make up some of that time lost in professional development on those days. ***Gain 1/2 Maroon Day***

So, the net effect of these changes is that the Maroon students would gain back about 2.5 days of the three lost to the schedule change.

After some discussion, the Board approved a motion to adopt the calendar changes, as presented.

Principal's Report

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

I. Upcoming dates to remember

Sept 18 End of 1st Quarter Midterm

II. Committees

Divisions and departments meeting throughout the month.

III. Miscellaneous

Students will continue on the blended schedule for the month of September. Students, faculty, and staff have done a great job adapting to all of the new procedural changes.

The nurse and Mrs. Robinson meet every morning to discuss any issues that need to be addressed throughout the day.

SAT test day for seniors is October 14th. Seniors have the option to opt out of the October test day and test in April, however, taking the SAT is a diploma requirement.

Following Executive Session

The Board appointed Lindsey Perez, as a Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach. Mrs. Perez has been coaching girls basketball at Lewis & Clark Jr. High and originally hails from Olney, Illinois. She replaces the recently-resigned Emilee Marcuzzo.