

From the EAWRCHS Board ...

Regular Board Meeting

January 14, 2014

What follows is an unofficial summary of the East Alton - Wood River Community High School District #14 Board of Education Regular Meeting of January 14, 2014.

Student Council Update

Tyler Lafferty and Mallory Lovings briefed the school board on this year's activities of the Student Council, which included all of the Homecoming week activities, canned food drive planning, TWIRP Dance, and leadership conferences they attended. The Board thanked the students for attending and making their report.

Hear 2013 Strategic Plan 4th Quarter Update

The Board reviewed the last quarter of the calendar year 2013 Strategic Plan. The elements of the plan were either completed or are of an on-going nature. The 2013 Plan will be used as a base for the creation of the new 2014 Strategic Plan, which will likely be developed at the annual goal-setting session, scheduled for February 8, 2014, 9:00 a.m. in a Special Meeting.

Graduation Date

The superintendent recommended that this decision be tabled until at least February.

Gym PA System Upgrade (Informational)

Mr. Mattix-Wand and the superintendent briefed the board on their ideas to address the PA system issues in the Memorial Gym. Output Unlimited recently appraised the system, and determined that several of the speakers within the current globe enclosures were blown. In addition to replacing those speakers, he also recommended cleaning the power amp, and installing a digital system processor, which will not only equalize the sound (replacing the current equalizer) but will also prevent further inadvertent speaker blowouts. Further, a new rack to house the system would replace the old system, which has been there for almost 20 years. Finally, Mr. Mattix-Wand suggested that the District purchase a new portable cabinet for the pre-amp, wired mike, wireless mike, and mp3 player connection, which could be used not only in the gym, but also at the football field

and the Courtyard. This new cart would offer better microphones, which would be protected under lock, and would offer simple controls, even for the novice user. The total price for all of these components and labor is expected to be somewhere in the \$5,000 - \$6,000 range.

Mr. Pearson noted that the board has given him discretion to make these purchases without formal board approval, but, since several board members had expressed concerns lately with the sound system, he brought it to the board table for their information. There was a consensus of the board to proceed.

Discuss and Review Long-Range Budget Projections

Due to some timing concerns with the meeting, Superintendent Pearson simply showed the Board the long-range projection files, which will be discussed in detail at the Board goal-setting session on February 8th.

Principal's Report

Mrs. Robinson presented her Principal's Report to the Board, as follows:

Upcoming dates to remember

Jan 20	MLK Day—No School
31	Half Day SIP Day—Student Dismissal 11:15 am
Feb 6	Madison County Showcase 9-11 a.m.

Committees

Focus groups will meet monthly during the 2013-2014 school year.

Miscellaneous

EAWR has been selected to take 6 PARCC field tests in the spring. Mr. Mattix-Wand and Mrs. Robinson are attending meetings and watching webinars on the specifics. The field tests will help prepare EAWR for the new state testing next school year.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Pearson reported that the Bulte Company will be coming in and making some repairs to the basketball goals and supports for the Memorial Gym, based upon an inspection done earlier this winter. This will include work with the mechanical systems used to raise and lower the baskets, as well as all hardware and repairs.

This work will cost \$3,750. *[Note: Since the Board meeting, the school was informed that Bulte will be here on Monday, which is a school holiday, to make those repairs.]*

He also noted that the fire alarm system needed some work, to bring the math lab up to code as well as tie-in the main panel that joins the two alarm systems (East Building with the Main/South buildings). The math lab is unused as a classroom currently, but the district plans on using that room for testing and summer school. Mr. Foxall had guessed that the work would be over \$2,000.