

From the EAWRCHS Board ...

Special Board Meeting January 26, 2013

What follows is an unofficial summary of the East Alton - Wood River Community High School District #14 Board of Education Regular Meeting of January 26, 2013.

Discussion of Suggested District Goals

Board Suggested Goals for Calendar Year 2013

The administration recommended that the Board not commit to a large number of new goals for 2013 since the district is currently in the middle of several long-term projects and reforms, such as planning for the 1:1 computer program and other technology upgrades; Common Core and curriculum alignment; teacher and principal evaluation mandates; and some Life Safety projects which are scheduled to commence this summer.

With that in mind, the administration confined its suggested goals to an update on plans to revise and improve the Security and Emergency Response Plan – especially in the forefront with the tragedy at Sandy Hook School. The administration discussed its ideas stemming from internal discussions as well as a meeting held recently between members of the Wood River Police Department and the administration. Those ideas are resulting in even further cooperation between the school district and the police regarding hosting additional active shooter drills; offering the campus to the police for rehearsal activities; planning for evacuation and re-assembly; and the sharing of live streaming video with the police department from the school's system. Specific events are being planned for later this winter and spring.

After some discussion, there was a consensus of the Board to adopt these changes to the Security and Emergency Response Plan, as a part of its goals and strategic plan.

The Board also discussed some long-term ideas for building and grounds submitted by Maintenance Director, Jeff Foxall. They would include: Cafeteria improvements such as floor tile and ceiling pad replacement, and some touch-up paint; new windows in the South Building and Memorial Gym; improvements to the stadium's basement interior to avoid seepage into store rooms during or after heavy rains; and some floor tile replacement abatement in selected classrooms.

In addition to those long-term plans, the superintendent reminded the Board that the District will be proceeding with its plans to upgrade the fire alarm system, as well as install new doors to the Music Room and throughout the interior of the Memorial Gym. Those latter two improvements have already been approved by the Board to be submitted as Life Safety amendments, with that approval pending from the ISBE Architect. And, it was noted that the

Foundation is planning on beginning installation of its commemorative brick area in front of the Memorial Gym, with that work tentatively planned for April or May 2013. The Foundation has already received about 30 brick orders from alumni and community members.

Mr. Pearson suggested that Board members go around the table and give their thoughts on goal ideas that they would like to see incorporated into the Strategic Plan for 2013. The following goal ideas were gathered from Board members at the outset of the session:

Mrs. St. Peters, who also serves as the chair of the Booster Club, expressed her ideas for greater parental involvement in Booster activities. Several options and incentives from the district level were discussed in order to spur that involvement. AD Adam Miller will investigate some of these ideas and will meet with the administration to recommend a strategy to increase parent involvement in the athletic boosters.

Ms. Malone asked the Board to consider a special recognition of seniors in extra-curricular activities. After discussion of several different ways of recognizing these seniors, the Board decided to look at the possibility of using the Senior Recognition Assembly held every May to accomplish that goal.