

## From the EAWRCHS Board ...

### 1<sup>st</sup> Regular Board Meeting October 1, 2013

What follows is an unofficial summary of the East Alton - Wood River Community High School District #14 Board of Education 1<sup>st</sup> Regular Meeting of October 1, 2013.

#### Review of Agenda Items for the October 8, 2013 Regular Meeting:

##### Quarterly Update: 2013 Strategic Plan:

Mr. Pearson reported that he should have the update out to the Board in the Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> packet, for its review.

##### 1-1 Tech Update:

Mr. Pearson reported that the Chromebook distribution and the daily check-in and check-out of devices (to students who did not purchase the waiver) was going smoothly. Mrs. Robinson noted that it usually took only 2-3 minutes for the check-in after school.

Mr. Mattix-Wand reported on the broken screens issue, which now has accounted for 18 Chromebooks thus far. The administration will take steps to remind students of the proper way to open and close the Chromebooks, which requires the use of both hands, and lifting up in the middle of the top half (where the screen resides). He also reported on the cost of Samsung replacing the screen (\$136), and of the possibility of Samsung training him and others on screen replacement (so that the District would just be liable for the part, estimated to be \$50).

Mr. Mattix-Wand also reported that the network has been running quickly, except for the first day or two, where there was a lot of extra video traffic. He attributed that to the newness of the device with more than typical experimentation and that traffic is coming back down to the point, where the network is running well. He also noted that the District might need to acquire a new router. Although the current router is rated at 100 Mbps, the actual usable speed is closer to 75Mbps. He is hopeful of getting a used router donated from the Illinois Century Network that may run closer to the 100Mbps capacity than our current one. If that fails, the District may have to purchase a new one, which could run anywhere from \$3,000 - \$5,000.

##### Library Grant - Review of Guidelines:

The superintendent reported that, next week, he would ask the Board to review the progress made towards the Media Center Guidelines, as per the Illinois Secretary of State Library Grant.

Appoint FOIA Officers:

The superintendent reminded the board of its annual need to appoint FOIA officers to receive any FOIA request and to act on them. He noted that the recommendation is again nominate Carla Guthrie and himself.

Hall of Fame Update:

The Board heard a report on the progress of the Hall of Fame induction for 2013, with the superintendent noting most everything was lined up for the ceremony and dinner. He reminded the Board that the Induction Dinner would be held on Saturday, October 19, 2013, at 6:00 PM, and that board members should let him know if they were planning on attending the dinner.

Personnel Actions:

The Board approved a motion to appoint Mike Lawson and Jesse Daniels as co-Head Bowling Coaches, pending a signed letter of agreement with the union as well as the keeping the requirement for sufficient fund-raising.