

From the EAWRCHS Board ...

Regular Board Meeting – October 11, 2011

What follows is an unofficial summary of the East Alton - Wood River Community High School District #14 Board of Education Regular Meeting of October 11, 2011.

Oiler Achievers

Mr. Gockel introduced the first group of Oiler Achievers for 2011-12, and read the nominating forms from their respective teachers:

Haylee Brown was nominated by Mrs. Woodman for her Academic excellence. She is a re-classified freshman at EAWR and has participated in Drama Club while attending high school. She enjoys going to football games and showing her school spirit, hanging out with family and friends in her free time. Mrs. Woodman noted that, “She has made a tremendous turnaround from last year with attendance and grades. She is trying very hard to do the right thing at school and in her personal life. We are very proud of the changes she has made in school.”

Dylan Courtouise - Dylan was nominated by Mrs. Woodman for his academic excellence. Dylan is a sophomore at EAWR (and according to him the greatest school ever). He has participated in football and can be seen attending other school events for fun. In his spare time he likes to play football, basketball, draw, ride bikes, and make music. He was to attend Lewis and Clark then transfer to University of Illinois where he would like to play basketball if he gets good enough. This young man has his life planned out. After college he wants to come back to EAWR as an Algebra teacher. When he retires at 60, he wants to become an all-time OILER great. Mrs. Woodman observed, “He is doing tremendously better than last year in attendance and grades. He really seems to be turning it around and trying his best.” This was the most excited young man I have ever had the pleasure of giving the award to since I have been working at EAWR.

Kyle Kearby - Kyle was nominated by Mrs. Timmins for his Leadership qualities. Kyle is a Junior at EAWR and has participated in football, basketball and maybe baseball in the spring this year. In his free time, Kyle enjoys hunting and fishing. He works very hard in the off season training for his athletics. He also enjoys spending time with his family and friends. Mrs. Timmins reported, “Kyle volunteered to coach a summer league baseball team thru the recreation league, where he served as a head coach. He said his experience was very fulfilling getting to work with the 11-12 year old boys. They learned the fundamentals and had fun. He also worked at the school in the summer sacrificing his time to work with the youth which says a lot about his character. Kyle was also in my English II class last semester and always made class fun, while still working hard. Kyle is a good kid and hard worker.” Furthermore, Kyle was thrown into the fire as a first year football player at quarterback and has done a great job showing poise and leadership on the field.

Thomas Lohman - Thomas was nominated by Mrs. Roethe for his Academic excellence and attendance. Thomas is a Senior at EAWR and has participated in soccer and cross country while

attending high school. In his free time he likes to train and run for cross country, in addition he likes to draw. Mrs. Roethe writes, "He had great attendance and went above and beyond what was expected of him in summer school. He would help other students get caught up if they were absent or confused. He was a role model and worked very hard." We are very proud of this young man's dedication to doing the right thing for others.

Scott Miner- Scott was nominated by Mrs. Woodman for his Leadership excellence. He is a Junior at EAWR and has participated in band and scholar bowl. He is also the Student Council secretary. In his free time, Scott likes keeping up with current events and working for the City of Wood River. He wants to thank the Board of Education for their continued support of the high school and the work they put into running a great school. Scott attended a Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Conference for the Illinois Central South District. HOBY, as it is called, was established by the actor, Hugh O'Brien in 1958. The goal of this program is to build tomorrow's leaders. He attended the HOBY conference on the campus of the University of Illinois in June of 2011. He learned many wonderful things, and would like to thank Mrs. Woodman for recommending him for the conference and encouraging him to attend. We are all very proud of the maturity this young man shows both at school and out in the community.

Kaleb Morris - Kaleb was nominated by Mrs. Roethe for his Academic excellence. He is a Senior at EAWR and has participated in baseball and basketball. In his free time he enjoys spending time with family and friends. He also likes riding his dirt bike on weekends. Mrs. Roethe observed, "Kaleb has shown great attendance in summer school and now has enough credits to graduate on time with his class. He has changed his mind set about school and is excited to be a senior and graduate. He was very helpful and always polite."



Board Communications:

Mr. Pearson read two letters: 1) A note from Staci Silkwood, East Alton Park and Recreation Department Director thanking Coach Travis Williams and the football team for volunteering at the recent Soap Box Derby. 2) A thank you card from the Class of 1961 Reunion Committee, especially thanking Principal Leigh Robinson for her leading the class tour of the campus, recently.

Approve Interfund Loan

The Board approved a resolution to make an Interfund Loan of \$100,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Tort Fund. That loan would be repaid upon receipt of taxes next summer or fall.

Adopt School Report Card for 2011

Mr. Pearson and Mrs. Robinson presented the District and School Report Card for 2011. Mr. Pearson discussed the demographic and fiscal information included in the Report Card, while Mrs. Robinson reported on the PSAE results, as well as the School Improvement Activities, which will be attached to the Report Card as an addendum.

The Board approved the 2011 School and District Report Cards.

Cell Tower Lease Proposal

The Superintendent gave an update on the agreement discussions between the representatives of US Cellular (Faulk and Foster of Shreveport, LA) and the school's attorney. Mr. Pearson noted that he and the attorney, Lisa Berns of Tueth, Keeney, et al. are working on language changes to protect the District better than the template agreement first submitted by the cell carrier.

No motion to act on a lease regarding the installation of cell tower antennae at EAWR was recommended or made.

Action Items

The Board employed Mr. Dana Emerick, of Wood River, as its Part-Time Athletic Trainer. This position is funded by a \$12,000 grant from Alton Memorial Hospital Foundation.

Superintendent's Report

Principal's Report: Mrs. Robinson distributed copies of her written Principal's Report to the Board. She highlighted upcoming dates of interest for October and November. She also reported on the work of the School Improvement Team, under the guidelines of the school improvement planning model known as "Rising Star."

She also gave a brief report on the efforts of the students and staff regarding the newly-formed EAWR Spirit Club, with a focus on the recent success with the Buffalo Wild Wings Spirit Bracket Challenge and reminding the Board of the next round to be held on October 18, 2011, from 4:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Finally, she reported on the Tri-District Institute held earlier today at East Alton Middle School. The theme of the Institute was working with the new Common Core Standards, which will drive the yet-to-be-created state assessment that will replace PSAE in a few years. The workshop was hands-on, with subject area teachers meeting with middle grade subject area teachers regarding the standards.

Mr. Pearson reported that GRP recently notified the District and Hurst-Rosche Engineers that they would meet their “substantial completion date” regarding the replacement of the East Building Boilers. The substantial completion date for the project is October 15, 2011.