

From the EAWRCHS Board ...

Regular Board Meeting

October 8, 2013

What follows is an unofficial summary of the East Alton - Wood River Community High School District #14 Board of Education Regular Meeting of October 8, 2013.

Oiler Achievers

Mr. Gockel presented this month's Oiler Achievers to the Board.

Kayla Lavite was nominated by Mr. Gockel for her character. She is a 16-year-old junior and lives in Wood River with her dad and her older sister. She has been at EAWR since her freshman year and attended Lewis and Clark Elementary. She has been involved in cheerleading, Student Council, Spirit Club, and Renaissance. Kayla notes, "Through high school, I have been surrounded by amazing teachers and administration. I am who I am because of the people I was brought up by. After high school I plan on attending SIUE, to soon become a paralegal or to study nursing. I have big plans for my future, but I know with the amazing support I have from friends, and family, I will be able to achieve them." Mr. Gockel had this to say about Kayla. "She came to me in tears one day a few weeks ago and began to tell me the story of why. She had been walking the track with her sister and saw one of our students in the stands working on the computer. She went over and started talking to him and noticed the computer had a cracked screen and hard to do work on the screen. She asked why he was here and said he had to keep his grades up to run Cross Country. She came to me and offered to pay the damage waiver so he could take the new Chromebook home and have a good screen to work on for his schoolwork. The student entered my office after we had paid his waiver and the two embraced and starting crying." This was one of the most heart-felt moments I have had in my teaching years. She was willing to give the money she just started earning from her new job to help a fellow student in need. She is a vey kind and caring person who was willing to go out of her way to help another student.

Victoria Beachum was nominated by Coach Dana Emerick. She is a 16-year-old junior and is involved in Student Council, Spirit Club, Big Sisters, Cheerleading, Transition Coach and Softball, the latter of which she was voted MVP by her teammates. She has been selected to the Third team All-State in softball during the 2012 season. She was 1st team all-area for the Alton Telegraph, second team all area Belleville News Democrat. In the summer Tori plays for the Collinsville Extreme Elite, which is a college exposure team. She has played in several tournaments with her summer team throughout the United States and being crowned champions in many of

the tournaments. She played in the World Series in Orlando, Florida and Nationals in Rochester, Minnesota. She is a 4.00 student at EAWR while maintaining this busy schedule. She plans to play softball at the college level and major in Physical Therapy or Sports Medicine. Coach Emerick had this to say about Tori, “ Last June, Tori Beachum was honored as a member of the Illinois Coaches Association All-State Team. Tori became only the second softball player in EAWR history to earn this honor. Tori was the Oiler's leading hitter with a .375 avg. and also led on the pitching mound averaging 10 strikeouts a game for a season total 226, which is just two short of the school record. Tori is a “can't miss” college prospect and will most likely pitch for a Division I program someday.



Congratulations to Kayla and Tori from the Board!

Hear Quarterly Update: 2013 Strategic Plan

The administration reported on the progress on the goals outlined in the District's Strategic Plan for 2013. This report was for the 3rd Quarter of the Plan.

Updates were given on goals related to: School security; student spirit and sportsmanship accomplishments; 1-1 program, technology infrastructure, and Chromebooks; facilities improvements and Life Safety work; athletics; migration to Common Core and PARCC, with reports from the School Improvement Team and recent professional development; parent involvement; and a EAWR Foundation update, among others. Mr. Mattix-Wand also gave an update on problems with Chromebook broken screens and warranty replacement with Samsung, as well as his inquiries into the possibility of being trained to replace broken screens himself.

Review and Adopt Library Guidelines

The superintendent reviewed the Illinois State Library Guidelines. He noted that EAWR was again in alignment with the recommended state guidelines for its library services, with the exception of not employing a full-time certified librarian, instead substituting the superintendent as the “library director” and using Mrs. Budde as library secretary to operate the library. This review and adoption is necessary for the District to apply for the annual Secretary of State Library Grant.

The Board adopted the state Library Guidelines and authorized application for the State Library Grant.

Appoint FOIA Officers

Supt. Pearson and Mrs. Carla Guthrie were re-appointed as the FOIA officers for the District.

Action Items

The Board appointed Tyler Bress and Colby Hall as Asst. Boys Basketball Coaches, pending ASEP certification.

The Board also voted to accept the resignation of Mrs. Radena Lemmon as Volleyball Coach, effective at the end of the season, with a thanks from the Board for her service.

Principal’s Report

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

Upcoming dates to remember

October 11	2nd Coronation Assembly—8:10 am
October 12	Brick Dedication—10 am
	Coronation—7:30 pm

October 14	No School—Columbus Day
October 16/17	Parent Teacher Conferences 5-8 pm
October 19	Hall of Fame Dinner—6 pm
October 24	All School Testing
October 25	SIT Day—11:15 am student dismissal

Committees

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

Miscellaneous

- SAWA recognition from the IHSA for spirit club and soccer team
- Tri-district articulation occurred on October 4th and I have received positive feedback from teachers.
- FOX 2 News Pep Assembly 6:30 am until 8:00 am
- Evening Tutoring will begin on Tuesday the 8th and run every Tuesday and Thursday in the library from 6:30-8:00 pm.
- The math classes have been successfully using the Chromebooks the past two weeks. The tailgate was a huge success and school spirit has been great this year.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Pearson shared some summer breakfast figures, which were recently given to him from Mrs. Luckert, Cafeteria Director, indicating the need to re-examine the waiver to opt out of the summer breakfast program, due to the low participation numbers, and the continuing net losses in operating that program. He asked the Board to think about that with a more thorough discussion either in November or December.

The superintendent reminded the Board about the Hall of Fame Dinner on October 19th as well as the Brick / Flagpole Dedication on Saturday, October 12th at 10:00 AM. He distributed the program for the dedication ceremony as well as “map” showing brick locations, which will also be available for guests this Saturday.