

From the EAWRCHS Board ...

Regular Board Meeting October 9, 2012

What follows is an unofficial summary of the East Alton - Wood River Community High School District #14 Board of Education Regular Meeting of October 9, 2012.

Oiler Achievers

Mr. Gockel introduced the first group of Oiler Achievers for 2012-13, and read the nominating forms from their respective teachers:

Hobie Hobart - Hobie was nominated by Mr. Lawson and is a sophomore. He likes to swim and practice soccer in his free time. He plans on joining the Coast Guard after high school and saving lives. If those plans do not work out he plans on going to college to study graphic design.

Skylar Southard - Skylar was nominated by Mr. Lawson and is also a sophomore. He is the son of Marty and George Southard. He has been on honor roll several times. He has participated in soccer and baseball while attending high school. He has published two poems that have appeared in books. In his free time he enjoys playing sports and hanging out with friends. After high school he would like to attend Vanderbilt University and major in science. His ultimate goal is to become a bio-molecular engineer.

Mr. Lawson had this to say about the two boys: "Hobie Hobart and Skylar Southard went above and beyond their daily duties by assisting a soccer practice being held by a parent from Roxana, who had little knowledge about soccer, and who was volunteering her time so Tri-City girls could play soccer. Hobie and Skylar were practicing soccer on their own team when they noticed the female doing drills that I have told them are valuable learning tools for soccer. The boys approached the team and the female requested some pointers for her team. They took what our team practices and preaches and helped her run the practice as well as spoke to the team directly about soccer ideas. The parent was so impressed that she contacted our school (Mrs. Lela Hawkins took the call) to express what polite and well behaved boys they were and what a great job they did in educating her and the team. I am proud of how they stepped up in the situation and applied the EAWR fundamentals to supporting soccer and young people involved in the sport."



Approve Purchase of Cymphonix Composer Upgrade

Mr. Pearson recommended that the Board purchase the upgraded Cymphonix Composer, which is a piece of Web content filtering hardware, as well as a three-year license agreement with unlimited users. This purchase will allow the District to expand its current Web filtering should the District continue with its 1:1 computer plans for 2013-14. The three-year license and the upgraded hardware quote was \$9,137.

The Board adopted a motion to approve the purchase of the upgraded Cymphonix Composer with the three-year license for unlimited users and machines.

Approve Interfund Loan

The Board approved a resolution to create an interfund loan of \$100,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Tort Fund.

Hear Presentation and Adopt School Report Card for 2012

Mr. Pearson and Mrs. Robinson presented the District and School Report Card for 2012. Mr. Pearson first discussed the demographic and fiscal information included in the Report Card, noting that there was an error in the count of administrators, which had to do with a coding error when the Teacher Service Record report was done earlier. Mrs. Robinson reported on the PSAE results, which saw some slight gain in raw scores and percent of meets and exceeds designation, from the previous year.

The Board approved a motion to accept the 2012 School and District Report Cards.

Approve Media Center Guidelines

Mr. Pearson presented the Illinois Media Center Guidelines, which are a prerequisite for the District to apply for the Illinois Secretary of State Library Per Capita Grant.

The Board approved a motion to approve the media center guidelines for 2012-13, which opens the way to completing the Library Grant application.

FOIA Officers

John Pearson and Carla Guthrie were appointed as District FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) Officers. Mrs. Guthrie, the superintendent's administrative assistant, replaces Kathy Bense in that role, since she now serves as Bookkeeper.

Recording Secretary for 2013 Board Election Petitions

Supt. Pearson was appointed as Recording Secretary to accept petitions and other election filings on behalf of the District for the upcoming board election in 2013. The petition filing window runs from Dec. 17, 2012 through Dec. 24, 2012.

Following Executive Session

The Board, after a student disciplinary hearing, adopted a motion to expel the student in question for the remainder of the 2012-13 school year, but to hold that expulsion in abeyance pending successful enrollment and attendance at the CEO Alternative School in Troy, Illinois.

Principal's Report

Mrs. Robinson, reported about the EAWR student volunteers at the Wood River Fall Festival, held last Sunday (October 7, 2012) in downtown Wood River. She noted that several students put in nearly 10 hours of community service work at the Festival.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Pearson informed the Board about a CAP dinner sponsored by the Phillips 66 Refinery, to be held in the near future at Belk Park.