

From the EAWRCHS Board ...

Regular Board Meeting February 11, 2014

What follows is an unofficial summary of the East Alton - Wood River Community High School District #14 Board of Education Regular Meeting of February 11, 2014.

Discuss and Set Graduation Date

Mr. Pearson recommended that June 4th be set as Graduation Day in 2013-14. This is later than typical, but given the loss of 8 days on the calendar this semester and the resultant loss of class time for all of our students, it made educational sense that the seniors not be given two weeks earlier dismissal than the rest of the students at EAWR. Setting Graduation on June 4th now establishes the last regular class day for seniors as May 28, 2014, with May 29-30 set for Senior Final Exams. Undergraduates last day of school is June 6, 2014, with their last regular day set for June 4th and their finals to be held on June 5th and 6th.

The Board passed a motion to adopt June 4th for Graduation Day.

Strategic Plan

The Superintendent recommended tabling the adoption of the Strategic Plan, since the draft was still being edited.

Facility Use Request: TLC Dental to Use Lecture Hall

TLC Dental's representative, Dr. Bob Middleton, had requested the use of the East Building Lecture Hall for a business presentation to area citizens about a sleep apnea product from TLC Dental. After some brief discussion, the Board approved the use of the Lecture Hall for TLC Dental, with the conditions the payment of a \$250 rental fee and purchasing or showing proof of liability insurance.

Biennial Review of Bullying Policy 7.180

The Board reviewed its Bullying Policy, as it is required to do every two years. The superintendent made no recommendations for amending the policy, as is. The Board passed a motion to approve the review of the Bullying Policy 7.180.

Red Cross Shelter Agreement

The Board discussed the proposed Shelter Agreement, which would allow the American Red Cross to use our facilities in an emergency situation to shelter citizens. The term of the agreement is open-ended, until either party gives 30 days notice that it wants out of the

Agreement. The Red Cross has also supplied a certificate of liability insurance, but will have to renew that coverage annually.

The Board approved the Shelter Agreement with the American Red Cross.

Action Items

The Board employed Samantha Shemonia of Hartford as Part-Time Cook 2 (3.25 hrs. per day) and Susan Ledford of Maryville, as Theatre Coordinator, both beginning immediately. Mrs. Shemonia succeeds Kaye Snider who had resigned earlier, and Mrs. Ledford replaces Lauren Yates, who resigned earlier to move to California. Mrs. Ledford is a long-standing teacher in the English Department.

The Board also appointed Aaron Cooper of Gillespie as a Volunteer, Non-Paid Asst. Track Coach.

Valero and WRB Refining PTAB Resolutions

The Board adopted two separate resolutions to authorize the intervention of the District in Valero Energy Company's assessment appeal to the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board (PTAB) and also the assessment appeal of WRB Refining (Phillips 66 Refinery) before PTAB.

Principal's Report

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

Upcoming dates to remember

Feb. 17	Presidents' Day - No School
28	Half Day SIP Day—Student Dismissal 11:15 am
Mar. 3	Casimir Pulaski Day - No School

Committees

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

Miscellaneous

EAWR Spirit Club was selected to participate in the Buffalo Wild Wings/Fox 2 News Spirit Bracket Challenge. Our first night of competition is Feb 19th at the Edwardsville location.

The Chromebook Technology Showcase, which was scheduled last week, is now re-scheduled for March 4th.

Superintendent's Report

The superintendent reminded the Board about an upcoming IASB-SW Division Conference to be held on Feb. 26th at Alton High School. The major topic on the agenda is the new PARCC assessments, which will be administered in 2014-15 to all Illinois students. This replaces the former ISAT and PSAE state assessments.

The Board viewed a summary report sent from the Village of East Alton which lists the highlights of its new Emerald Ridge subdivision it is developing in the west half of the Defense Area of East Alton. Ms. Leggett reported that many of the residents of the old, and in many cases, substandard housing have been re-located, with some demolition ready to begin. On Monday, the Village had its ground-breaking ceremony for Emerald Ridge. This development - which features the construction of 46 homes - should improve the Village's appearance, tax base, while providing new, energy-efficient homes for first-time and middle income homebuyers. Completion date is scheduled for early 2015.

The superintendent discussed a new service, called Guard 911 (SchoolGuard) which is a new security device which can be placed on staff members smart phones and will allow them the direct ability to call for law enforcement help in case of an active shooter or other major emergency. Off-duty as well as on-duty police would receive instant notification on their phones, which would greatly increase response time and numbers of police and emergency personnel. The set-up fee would be \$2,500, with a monthly maintenance fee of \$99. After some discussion about potential issues, the Board deferred that to the administration for further study.