

From the EAWRCHS Board ...

Regular Board Meeting – March 13, 2012

What follows is an unofficial summary of the East Alton - Wood River Community High School District #14 Board of Education Regular Meeting of March 13, 2012.

Oiler Achievers

Alex Anderson- He was nominated by Mr. Sobol for his athletic excellence. He is currently a Senior at EAWR. Alex has been on the high school team for four years and has wrestled for seven years total. Season record for 2011-12 was 25 wins and 10 losses. He finished first at regional and third at Sectional. Finished his career ranked 12th in the state. Alex in his free time likes to hang out with friends and staying active. After high school, Alex plans to keep wrestling and is undecided on where he wants to go to college. Coach Sobol says, "Alex is going to be missed by the wrestling family at EAWR. He came to practice every day with a good attitude and worked extremely hard at practice. It was great to see him earn his way to state this year and we are all very proud of him."

Brad Carr- He was nominated by Mr. Sobol for his athletic excellence. Brad is currently a junior at EAWR. Brad has participated in football and wrestling while attending high school. Brad does prefer wrestling over football and continues to wrestle even in the summer months at different tournaments. Brad has been named an All-American at national tournaments. In his free time, Brad enjoys working out and hanging out with his friends. He plans to attend University of Missouri and earn a degree in education. Future plans would be to come back to EAWR as a teacher and coach wrestling. Coach Sobol says, "Brad came to practice this season having to shed some weight to reach his desired weight class. He worked extremely hard at shedding the weight and keeping it off during the season. Brad's hard work earned him a spot at state this season and it was well deserved. He is a great person to be around and look forward to having him back next season and another trip to state where he should place."

John Ebner- He was nominated by Mrs. Ledford for his academic excellence. John is currently a freshman at EAWR. John was home schooled thru sixth grade and his first attendance at a public school was in seventh grade. He never found the Harry Potter books interesting until he read the first one, then could not get enough of the series and read the entire series in three weeks. In his free time, John enjoys obviously reading, eating (hard to tell with his small frame), running and swimming. He also enjoys hanging out with family and friends. After graduation, he plans to go to St. Louis University to study astronomy. Mrs. Ledford says, "John got interested in the Harry Potter books in class and read the entire series in a couple weeks. This is quite an accomplishment and I am very proud of him for taking the initiative to read all the books."

Carson Foust- He has been nominated by Ms. Mueller for his excellence in academics. He is currently a sophomore at EAWR. He is the middle child of five in his family, so yes there's two more yet to come. He was born in Himeji, Japan and have been fascinated by Japanese culture ever since. Carson wants to go back and visit soon. His family is originally from western Montana and he loves making the annual expedition back to visit relatives and friends. Carson's favorite sport is soccer and plays on the team at EAWR. Carson also enjoys music and plays the Alto Saxophone. Soon Carson will be an Eagle Scout and volunteers at Operation Blessing in his free time. His favorite subjects in school are the Biological Sciences. When he graduates high school, he plans to attend Brigham Young University and study medicine. He hopes to one day become a surgeon. Ms. Mueller says, "Carson has the highest percentage of all the students in my Spanish I classes and is always on task in the classroom. He is great at participation and leads other students by example. He is a true joy to have in class."

Added Agenda Items: War Memorial Commemoratives

Mr. Pearson brought nine finalist submissions of commemoratives written by EAWR students. These commemorations were designed for placement on the new war memorial, which was to be erected by the City of Wood River. Mr. Pearson thanked the students and especially Mrs. Timmins' Honors English class who submitted the commemorations and noted how pleased he was with the quality of the submissions.

The Board reviewed the entries (with no student names attributed to them), and selected the top three commemoratives, which would be given to the City for inscription on the memorial. The overall winning entry was written by Miranda Morse, who submitted this entry: "We can only be the land of the free, if we continue to be the home of the brave."

The second and third place winners were submitted by Kayli Staten and another commemoration by Miranda Morse. The Board congratulated all of the students who submitted commemorations.

Set School Calendar for 2012-13

The Board set the school calendar for 2012-13 and authorized its submission to the ISBE for approval. The new calendar features an August 20, 2012 start, with the first day for students on August 22nd. Christmas break would begin on December 24th and continue through January 4, 2013. Easter Break would continue to be six school days, with the break occurring the week prior to Easter and the Monday after Easter. The end of the school year would be May 30, 2013, if no snow days are used; June 10, 2013 if all seven snow days would be used. The 2012-13 calendar is essentially in sync with the two elementary district proposed calendars, too.

Facility Use Request: Hartford Assembly of God: "Shoot for the Goal"

After a review of the facility use request, the Board approved a motion for the “Shoot for the Goal” fund-raiser of the Hartford Assembly of God to be allowed to use Memorial Gym, on Saturday, March 24, 2012, pending insurance liability certificate.

Bullying Policy Update: Board Policy 7.180

The Board met its biennial statutory commitment and reviewed and updated its Bullying Policy (Board Policy 7.180)

First Reading of Board Policies

The Board heard the first reading of the following policy revisions: Hear First Readings of Board Policy Revisions and Their Associated Procedures a) 2.120 (Board Member Development); b) 2.200 (Types of Board Meetings); c) 4.170 (Safety); d) 5.10 (Equal Employment Opportunity); e) 5.30 (Hiring Process and Criteria); f) 5.190 (Teacher Qualifications); g) 5.220 (Substitute Teachers); h) 5.260 (Student Teachers); i) 5.285 Drug & Alcohol Testing for Bus Drivers); j) 6.50 (School Wellness); k) 6.110 (At-Risk Students); l) 6.120-AP3 (Admin. Proc. Service Animals in School Facilities); m) 7.70 (Attendance and Truancy); n) 7.190 (Student Discipline); and o) 7.270 (Administering Medicines to Students)

Following Executive Session ...

The 2012 Board Fiscal Plan was formally approved. It was reviewed by the Board at its Goal-Setting session, held in February.

The Board accepted the resignations of Amy Jones as Business Education Teacher and Vocational Division Chairperson; Adam Miller as Head Boys Basketball Coach; Travis Williams as Asst. Boys Basketball Coach; and Jess Daniels as Asst. Girls Basketball Coach, all with regrets.

Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Pearson reported that Oscar Madrid, producer of The Bloodfest Club, had supplied Mr. Foxall and he a copy of the shooting schedule and that the two of them would analyze that in the next week or so, and decide if the fees proposed by the producer were adequate to cover any extra District costs for overtime custodial services.

Mr. Pearson also reported that the District had just completed the purchase of the third new vehicle, a 2012 charcoal-gray Dodge Caravan from Federico Dodge.

