

## From the EAWRCHS Board ...

### Regular Board Meeting – April 10, 2012

What follows is an unofficial summary of the East Alton - Wood River Community High School District #14 Board of Education Regular Meeting of April 10, 2012.

#### Student Recognition

President McCoy presented a WalMart gift card of \$50 to Scott Martin, an EAWR student, who recently won a design contest for new logos for school vehicles. Scott's logo will be used as a "static-cling" design on the doors of the new vans and driver education vehicles to identify them as "EAWR Oilers." The Board thanked and congratulated Scott for his contribution.



#### Facility Use Request Approved

The Board approved the request of the Dept. of Children and Family Services to conduct a parent seminar in the Courtyard on May 22, 2012 from approximately 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., pending proof of appropriate liability insurance coverage.

#### Resolution Authorizing Intervention Before PTAB re: Valero Corporation

The Board approved a resolution to intervene at the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board in opposition to the recent Valero appeal of its tax assessment to PTAB. The district would be joined by the other taxing districts in the Valero Taxing Body Consortium in this intervention. Valero has appealed its 2011 tax

assessment, as determined by the Madison County Assessor, which set Valero's assessment at \$10,312,980 (Fair Market Value). Valero is seeking a 45.7% reduction of its tax assessment, which would put it at \$5,600,001, if Valero was successful in its appeal. That loss in assessment would result in a property tax loss of \$41,000 to the high school per year.

## Resolution Authorizing Intervention Before PTAB re: WRB Refinery

The Board approved a resolution to intervene at the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board in opposition to the recent WRB Refinery (Conoco-Phillips) appeal of its tax assessment to PTAB. The district would be joined by the other taxing districts in the WRB Refinery Taxing Body Consortium in this intervention. WRB has appealed its 2011 tax assessment, as determined by the Madison County Board of Review, which recently set WRB's assessment at about \$1.2 Million (Fair Market Value). WRB is seeking a markedly lower assessment, and is claiming that the majority of the \$3.8 Billion in improvements made to the Refinery in the CORE Project were done for the purposes of "pollution control."

## Approve Board Policy Revisions

The Board adopted 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)

## Approve IHSA Membership Renewal

The high school's membership renewal in the Illinois High School Association was approved.

## Following Executive Session ...

The Board employed Kyle Duncan as Head Boys Basketball Coach and Shaun Diltz as Asst. Wrestling Coach. Mr. Duncan replaces Adam Miller, who had formerly resigned from the position. Mr. Diltz replaces Luke Rives, who recently resigned.

The Board also adopted a "reduction in force" resolution which honorably dismissed part-time teacher aide, Heather Moore, effective with the end of the 2011-12 school term. This reduction was a planned action, since the position was established and characterized as temporary when created and filled.

## Principal's Report

Mrs. Robinson highlighted some upcoming dates of interest, including the Oiler Olympics (May 4, 2012 at 9:00), which would also include the Ice Cream Social and Yearbook signing activities. They would be held in the Memorial Gym.

She also noted that Mrs. Tina Meier, parent of a teenager bullying victim who subsequently committed suicide, is scheduled to present at EAWR on April 26th. She will be speaking at two sessions beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Mrs. Robinson also described how well the recent EAWR Career Fair went. She noted that ROE Superintendent, Dr. Bob Daiber served as the opening keynote speaker, with students each assigned to five different breakout sessions, which included a total of sixteen presenters. The feedback from the students and faculty was very positive, with the possibility of continuing this activity either annually or every other year being discussed.

Finally, she reported that EAWR will be conducting a service project after school for all students and staff members, which will be the landscaping of the east and west sides of Memorial Gym with mulch and plants. That will occur on Monday, April 16th, right after school. All students, staff, and board members are invited to help out. Bring a rake and shovel!