

From the EAWRCHS Board ...

1st Regular Board Meeting – May 1, 2012

What follows is an unofficial summary of the East Alton - Wood River Community High School District #14 Board of Education Regular Meeting of May 1, 2012.

Discuss and Approve the Submission of the ISBE School Maintenance Grant for 2012

Supt. Pearson noted that the school district had applied for the ISBE School Maintenance Grant, which would bring a maximum of \$50,000 in state matching funds to the District for maintenance projects. Architect Brent Lance, Maintenance Director Jeff Foxall, and the superintendent recently met to review what work could be done under the grant's guidelines, with the following items making the final list for Board recommendation: Renovation of the fire alarm panel and system, which would bring the system up to the latest peripherals and control panel supported by the vendor, Bar-Com (approximately \$60,000); Replacement of the band room and interior gymnasium doors (approximately \$32,000); and the installation of giant ceiling fans to circulate air in the East Building Courtyard (approximately \$18,000).

The grant would cover \$50,000 of the amount estimated to be necessary to complete these projects, with the remaining \$60,000 to be covered by the anticipated new Health, Life Safety Amendment.

The Board approved the application of the 2012 School Maintenance Grant and authorized its submission to ISBE.

Discuss and Approve the Submission of Health, Life Safety Amendment #42 (Fire Alarm System Renovation, South Building and Band Room Doors)

As noted in the above, Mr. Pearson asked the Board for approval to submit the Life Safety Amendment for the purpose of completing the renovation of the fire alarm system, and the installation of the band room and interior Memorial Gym doors. The estimated cost of these would be \$92,000, with \$32,000 expected to be covered by the Maintenance Grant, if approved.

The Board approved the submission of the Health, Life Safety Amendment #42 to ISBE for the aforementioned work items.

Review of Agenda Items for the May 8, 2012 Regular Meeting

Discuss and Approve Cell Tower Lease Agreement: Mr. Pearson noted that the District was still awaiting to hear back from US Cellular on its latest proposal regarding the requested lease agreement to erect cell phone antennae on the Main Building chimney.

Hear Presentation of Tentative Amended FY 2012 District Budget (scheduled for Public Hearing and Adoption at the June 12, 2012 Regular Meeting): The Board heard a report from Mr. Pearson that the tentative recommended amended budget for 2011-12 would be available for the Board at the May 8th Regular Meeting.

Approve Amended and Final School Calendar for 2011-12: The final calendar for 2011-12 would be recommended at the May 8th Regular Meeting, as well. This was the first calendar in recent memory in which no emergency days were used.

Discuss Security Camera Proposal from Tech Electronics (and Phone Masters of Wood River). Mr. Pearson read the revised proposal from Tech Electronics for seven cameras, with the installation to be performed by PhoneMasters of Wood River. The total price was under \$14,000. Mr. Aguinaga reminded the Board that the extra switches and associated hard drives necessary for the additional cameras, could also be used for expanding the school's WiFi presence. That total cost had been estimated by Mr. Mattix-Wand to be about \$8,000.

Hear Discussion and Approve Student-Parent Handbook Revisions for 2012-13: Mrs. Robinson presented the highlights of the changes to the 2012-13 Parent - Student Handbook, as recommended by her and the Handbook Committee.

The most significant change was the inclusion of the new graduation requirement for 10 hours of community service per year, which will be in effect for 2012-13 school year. She noted that some of the members of the Committee were concerned about some of the students not completing this requirement, due to procrastination or some not being able to find an appropriate avenue for their service. However, the Committee was supportive of the Board's decision to make this graduation requirement a part of its Strategic Plan.

Another change involved the use of electronic devices in classrooms, if used for educational purposes of that classroom, with that teacher's authorization. On the same subject, students are now forewarned that students and parents release the school from liability if they bring a smart phone, iPad, or laptop to school and have it lost or stolen.

Finally, there were some dress code adjustments made, as well as a notation in the Handbook reflecting existing Board policy that students were subject to drug dog

searches by the local police department.

Page #	Change	Rationale
10	Homeless Services Included	Required by the ROE
11	Change in Graduation Requirement	Includes 10 hours per year for community service requirement.
12	Community Service Requirement	Language needed for new graduation requirement.
13	Addition of Honors Geometry and Honors Algebra II	Addition of 2 honors classes approved by the Board of Education.
18	Release of Liability for electronic devices and cell phones	Many students are leaving electronic devices and cell phone unattended
19	Cell Phones/Laptops at School Change	May be used for educational purposes directed by a teacher. Teacher request.
34	Change in Definition of Chronic Truant	State of Illinois changed the definition.
39	Leggings Not Allowed	Leggings are not considered a type of pant, but are more of a tight.
40	Vests must be worn over approved shirt	Vests are considered an accessory and not a shirt.
48-49	EAWR Search Policy Included	In handbook to mirror Board policy.

Action Items Following Executive Session

Mr. Leo Tomerlin was re-employed as Part-Time (2 ½ Hour per day) Custodian.