

From the EAWRCHS Board ...

Regular Board Meeting – May 8, 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 8, 2012.

Student Recognition

Mr. Gockel presented this month's Oiler Achievers to the Board:

Jordan Bruns- Jordan was nominated by Mr. Gockel for her leadership qualities. She is a senior at EAWR and the daughter of Carrie and Patrick Lyerla. She has been involved in several activities such as: Big Sisters, Spirit Club, National Honor Society, Saturday Scholars, Scholar Bowl, Golf, Softball, Volleyball, Envirothon, Book Buddies, Thespians, and Drama Club. She also holds an officer position in Student Council as Vice President and Rotary Interact as secretary. She plans on attending Lewis and Clark to earn a degree in Nursing. After receiving her bachelor's degree in nursing, she plans on becoming a nurse anesthetist. Jordan has shown the qualities in a person that will make her successful in the future. She has started the framework to change the culture here at school and hope in a few years when she comes back will see the finished product.

Jordan McNab- Jordan was nominated by Mr. Gockel for her leadership qualities. She is a senior at EAWR and the daughter of Maryann Smith and the late Shawn McNab of Hartford, IL. She has been involved in several activities while attending high school. She has been a member of the national Honor Society (2 years) and has played soccer all four years. While on the soccer team, Jordan has been awarded 1st team All-Conference, All Area 1st team, and All Sectional 1st team for the past three years, as well as being named team MVP and Captain. She is President of Student Council and also an assistant for the Tri-City youth soccer program. Jordan also has been a volunteer pee-wee soccer instructor.

While in high school, Jordan also has been in the following organizations: Big Sisters, Rotary Interact Club, Transition Coach, Saturday Scholars, Volleyball, Spirit Club and was on the Harvest Queen Court. After high school, she plans to attend the University of Missouri to pursue a degree in nursing. Her ultimate goal is to become a nurse anesthetist. During high school she was recognized as the Illinois Principal Association for her leadership roles and also spoke to our junior highs about the importance of grades and getting involved. She says, "I loved high school at EAWR. Thanks for making me an Oiler Achiever!" Mr. Gockel further observed, "Jordan McNab has taken the time out of her busy schedule to make her experience here at EAWR a pleasurable one. She not only is a leader on her team, but also took on the role of being a leader at the school."

Mr. Gockel further noted that “These two girls are being nominated for taking on an active role in changing the culture of the school. They are very active in Spirit Club, but the impressive thing about them is how they felt moved enough by the Tina Meier presentation to want the message delivered here at our school.”



Student-Parent Handbook Changes for 2012-13 Approved

The Board approved the recommended Handbook language changes, as presented at the May 1, 2012 Meeting (and which are found in the Board Highlights report from May 1, 2012 on the District Web site) and which were presented by Principal Leigh Robinson on behalf of the Handbook Committee.

Amended Budget for 2011-12 – Presentation:

Supt. Pearson noted that the amended FY 12 Budget was unchanged since May 1st, at the last Board meeting. He did note that, due to the reduction in some projected Revenue lines (e.g. expected reduction in Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax receipts, two likely lost state aid payments due to lack of state funds in the Treasury, loss of about \$100,000 in this year's tax revenues due to the Olin tax refund), and the unbudgeted but subsequently authorized vehicle expenditures in the Transportation Fund (+\$95,000), that the overall projected one-year Operating Fund (Education, O&M, Transportation, and Working Cash) deficits were expected to increase by an additional \$400,000. He did note that the overall Operating Fund balance is projected to remain +\$2.4 Million. He also stated that he hoped his numbers were worst-case scenario figures, based upon current cash figures, without taking into account any accrual adjustments which will be made by the district auditing firm next fall, for the Annual Financial Report.

The Board would be asked to approve the Amended FY 12 Budget at the June 12, 2012 Regular Meeting. Notification was made in the Alton Telegraph on Saturday, May 5, 2012.

Approve Final 2011-12 School Calendar

The Board adopted the final 2011-12 School Calendar for submission to the ROE and ISBE. The calendar has “backed-out” the unused emergency days, which were not used this year, and ends school on May 22, 2012, the earliest dismissal in many years.

Approve Proposal from Tech Electronics and Phone Masters

Mr. Pearson reviewed the proposal from Tech Electronics of St. Louis and a companion proposal from Phone Masters of Wood River, to add seven new security cameras to the existing network of 18 including the addition of the necessary infrastructure (wiring, cabling) for a total bid of \$13,878, with \$7,970 of that charge from Tech Electronics for the hardware and installation, and the remaining \$5,908 to Phone Masters for the cabling work. These new cameras would add increased presence on several outside common areas, as well as three additional interior areas of the campus.

Although not a part of the bid, there will be an estimated \$8,000 for the purchase of additional switches (servers) and hard drives which will pull double duty in the school’s wireless network, as the school progresses towards a 1:1 computing program planned for the future.

The proposal, as presented from Tech Electronics and Phone Masters for the stated bid price of \$13,878, was approved.

Approve Disposal of Surplus Equipment

The Board approved a motion to designate the old Hobart Pipe Welder as surplus and obsolete equipment, and further authorize its disposal and/or sale. The welder is inoperable, would cost hundreds of dollars to repair, and has no foreseeable use for the District. It has been stored on the bus parking lot for many years.

Following Executive Session

The Board made some coaching hires following closed session: Josh LeMond as Asst. Girls Basketball Coach and Joe Parmentier as Asst. Boys Basketball Coach (Freshmen). Mr. LeMond replaces Jesse Daniels, who had recently resigned. He has several years of experience as both and assistant girls high school basketball coach, at Greenfield and Alton High Schools, respectively. Joe Parmentier replaces Kyle Duncan who was recently appointed Head Coach, and has formerly coached basketball and other sports at every level at EAWR.

Also employed was Jake Flowers as Asst. Boys Basketball Coach. Jake replaces Travis Williams who recently resigned that position. Jake is currently a teacher and coach at nearby Lewis & Clark Jr. High in Wood River and is a 2005 EAWR graduate.

The Board accepted the two-year retirement notice of Donna DeConcini as School Nurse. Her retirement is effective at the conclusion of the 2013-14 school year.

Principal's Report

Mrs. Robinson distributed copies of her written Principal's Report to the Board. She highlighted upcoming dates of interest, as seen below, as well as enrollment data.

Upcoming dates to remember

May 9, 2012	Senior Assembly 1:15 pm
May 10 and 11, 2012:	Senior Exams
May 16, 2012	Graduation 7:30 pm
May 18 and 21, 2012	Underclass Exams
May 22, 2012	Last Day of School / Teachers Last Day

Committees

Focus groups are continuing to meet throughout the school year.

- Notes about progress are provided each month.

Miscellaneous

The Tina Meier presentations were well received by students and staff. The message from Ms. Meier was very strong and emotional and she did a great job of relating to the students. We also had the 8th grade from LCJH in attendance as well as Bethel Christian Academy.

PSAE testing was April 24th and April 25th. We had great attendance both days and met our attendance goal.

Oiler Olympics was successful once again this school year. The seniors and their advisory teachers did a fantastic job of organizing the event.

The Ice Cream Social and Yearbook Signing Party was a success. Mrs. Kasper and the Oiler staff did a great job on the yearbook and students really enjoyed the afternoon.