

From the EAWRCHS Board ...

Regular Board Meeting and Reorganization Meeting June 11, 2013

What follows is an unofficial summary of the East Alton - Wood River Community High School District #14 Board of Education Regular Meeting of June 11, 2013.

Board Communications

Supt. Pearson read aloud a letter from Senator Bill Haine, who announced that the Senate passed an education funding bill which is designed to keep funding levels for the Foundation Level in the General State Aid formula in FY 2014 as they were in FY 2013, which was higher than the education budget the Governor proposed. He also noted that the Transportation State Aid would be restored under this bill to the same levels as FY 2013, also in contrast to the lowered amount proposed by the Governor. The superintendent reminded the Board that EAWR's state aid amount would go down, even under this funding bill, due to a smaller enrollment from the previous year.

Add Agenda Items

Vice President St. Peters asked that the Board consider allowing the Machinists Union members who work for Olin Brass / Global Metals to be allowed to use the Memorial Gym sometime next November. About ten years ago, there were some issues the last time the union rented the Gym, although the union had compensated the District for those damages. Mr. St. Peters will approach the union to ascertain a date for the Board to consider. There was a consensus from the Board that it would consider such a facility use request, once the particulars were known.

Approve Health, Life Safety Amendment Application with ISBE

The Board approved the application for Health Life Safety Amendment #43 with the Illinois State Board of Education, for the purpose of Stadium Restroom renovation and football locker replacement.

Hear 2nd Reading and Adopt Board Policy for the District 1:1 Program)

The Board adopted Board Policy 6.220, which is the new District 1:1 Computer Program policy.

Hear 1st Reading of Revised Board Policy 4.140

Mr. Pearson recommended a revision to the current Board Policy 4.140, which is mainly concerned with student fee waivers. The revised language would make it clear that the Damage Waivers required for parents to have their son or daughter take home school computer equipment (i.e. the new Chromebooks) was exempt from the fee waiver policy, as it is not a fee but an insurance deductible.

Mr. McCoy reminded the Board that the Damage Waiver would be \$30. Students would have access to the Chromebooks during the school day, under the 1:1 Program, but would be obligated to pay the \$30 Damage Waiver to take the Chromebook home.

This policy change is scheduled for its second reading and adoption at the July Regular Meeting (July 9, 2013).

Approve Student – Parent Handbook for 2013-14

The EAWR Student – Parent Handbook was approved with the recommended changes from Mrs. Robinson and the Handbook Committee, as presented at the June 4, 2013 1st Regular Meeting.

Approve Teacher-Issued MacBooks and Other Assorted A/V and Tech Equipment as Surplus and Obsolete and Authorize Its Disposal

The Board adopted a motion, declaring that the 45 2008 MacBooks issued to teachers are surplus and obsolete equipment and to authorize their disposal, with the price offered to teachers for personal ownership of \$200 per machine. Teachers would have until the start of the school year to make a decision as to whether to purchase their former District computers for their personal use, and would not receive their new MacBook Air in August, until that teacher had made the decision to buy or not buy. Machines not purchased would be utilized elsewhere in the District, even though they are not capable of upgrading to the “Mountain Lion” OS.

Adopt FY 2013 Amended Budget

The Board adopted the resolution to approve the Amended FY 2013 District Budget and submit that to the ISBE and the Madison County Clerk.

Adopt Resolution: Ascertain and Adopt Prevailing Rate of Wages for June 2013

The Board adopted the annually required, Prevailing Wage Resolution.

Following Executive Session

The Board appointed Samantha Flannery and Richel Stratton as Co-Head Coaches of the Oilerettes, pending adequate and appropriate funding being received by the high school by August 13, 2013, union approval of the split stipend arrangement, and ASEP approval for Ms. Stratton.

The Board also appointed Tyler Oberkfell, Industrial Arts Teacher, as Head Bowling Coach, pending adequate and appropriate funding being received by the high school by August 13, 2013.

Kyle Duncan was appointed as Asst. Football Coach.

The resignation of Andrew Thompson as Head Baseball Coach was accepted.

Principal's Report

Mrs. Robinson presented the following report:

I. Upcoming dates to remember

July	11	End of Summer School
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II. Committees

Focus groups are continuing to meet throughout the school year. The community focus group meets weekly to approve service forms.

III. Miscellaneous

Teachers will be attending common core workshops throughout the summer.

EAWR has been awarded a portion on the We Choose Health Grant along with the East Alton District #13 and WRH District #15. Physical Education teachers and Mrs. Robinson have attended multiple meetings prior to the end of school and will meet 5 times during the summer. Expenditures are still being discussed

but curriculum for “Bonnie” and Bigger-Faster-Stronger will be purchased.

Summer school has 5 credit recovery courses for regular education, 3 credit recovery for special education, and 2 bridge classes for incoming 9th graders.

Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Mattix-Wand, reported on the e-Rate applications, noting that consultant, Steve Futtrell is on the verge of getting \$30,000 from an amended 2010 funding reimbursement. Mr. Futtrell was denied by the USAC office the chance to get 2008 reimbursement, although he is appealing that ruling to the FCC. And, the applications for the current (2012) e-rate funding year are in place in order the District to get the e-Rate discounts for the expanded internet connection as well as the leasing of the new VoIP phones, to be installed in July.