

## From the EAWRCHS Board ...

### 1<sup>st</sup> Regular Board Meeting August 6, 2013

What follows is an unofficial summary of the East Alton - Wood River Community High School District #14 Board of Education 1<sup>st</sup> Regular Meeting of August 6, 2013.

#### Review of Agenda Items for the August 13, 2013 Regular Meeting:

##### Hear Tentative FY 14 Budget Presentation:

The superintendent reported that the tentative budget numbers for each line item account were completed in “paper and pencil” form, and were being put into the Skyward budget this week, with the tentative budget expected to be ready for public display by the end of this week (by August 11<sup>th</sup>).

He reported that General State Aid payments should be over \$200,000 less this year, due to the district’s enrollment loss, and a level Foundation level in the state aid formula. Also, property taxes were slightly down to the reduction in the District’s assessed valuation. However, since the District will not have some of its tax dollars being siphoned off to Olin this year, the impact of the lowered assessment this year is reduced.

He also reported that all Federal grants are reduced, with Title I and Title II having an overall reduction of about \$21,000. Those reductions are also attributable to enrollment decline.

The Board will see the full budget at the August 13<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting.

##### Damage Waiver Policy Refinement:

The administration had recently discussed an issue that had not been solidified regarding the damage or destruction of the “power brick” used to charge the Chromebooks. Apparently, the “bricks” are easily damaged due to house pets chewing on the power cable. Since the replacement cost of the brick is \$49 and since this damage is easily avoidable, the administration would like to exclude this type of damage from the included coverage under the \$30 damage waiver. Students, under these circumstances, would have to pay the replacement cost of a new brick, under this scenario. Also, as a reminder, some damage which could only be labeled as intentional (vandalism) or negligent on the part of the student (such as breaking the Chromebook screen by slamming it closed with a book or other object in between) may need to be considered as excluded from coverage, on a case by case basis.

The Board is being asked to consider these clarifications at the August 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### Hall of Fame Update:

The Board heard a report on the progress of the Hall of Fame induction for 2013, with the superintendent noting that he was still awaiting a couple of pictures from the inductees before sending the pictures and plaque narratives up to Healy Awards Company.

#### Foundation Update:

The Foundation commemorative brick campaign has finished the first phase, with the completion of the brick walkways in front of Memorial Gym. Mr. Pearson lauded the work of Bob Kasten and the maintenance staff for the wonderful appearance of the bricks, landscaping, and the new flagpole.

There will be a public dedication ceremony early in the fall, with the brick donors, the East Alton and Wood River American Legion posts, and the Wood River VFW all invited to attend, along with the general public. The three veterans service clubs donated funds for the new flagpole, with the Wood River American Legion donating the flag.

#### Archived Records Destruction:

The District recently received formal approval from the Illinois State Archives to destroy a large quantity of designated old records. The volume of these old records and files is such as the District will hire a company with a truck-mounted mobile shredding device, since the high school's large shredder could not handle the capacity.

Of course, these records to be destroyed do not include any student permanent records, transcripts, or other legally required records to be kept on file.

#### Pawn Shop Letter:

The superintendent distributed the draft letter to be mailed to area pawn shops and the police due to the pending distribution of district-owned Chromebooks to students.

#### Action Item .....

The Board appointed Bill Smith of Wood River as a non-paid volunteer Assistant Football Coach. Coach Smith was a long-time football coach at Roxana High School and an alumnus of EAWR.