

East Alton - Wood River Community High School

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A Special Meeting of the East Alton - Wood River Community High School District No. 14 Board of Education will be held at **6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 10, 2020**, via "Google Meets" electronic meeting, <https://meet.google.com/yjf-bmiz-ffq?hs=122&authuser=0> hosted by the Superintendent in the Board Room, East Alton-Wood River High School, 777 N. Wood River Ave., Wood River, Illinois 62095.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Hear Public Comments (Please see attached notice re: Public Comments)
3. Consider Temporary Change to the EAWR Grading Scale for the 2020-21 School Year, only.
4. Adjournment

Board Meetings During the Governor's Executive Order (School Closure):

In light of Governor Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-07, issued on March 16, 2020, EAWR District #14 will be temporarily changing the format of some of its Board of Education meetings, effective immediately. These format changes are consistent with Executive Order 2020-07 and CDC guidance. They are intended to help limit the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

The Open Meetings Act requires that a majority of a quorum be *physically present* at all meetings. However, Executive Order 2020-07 suspended this OMA requirement. Now, all Board members are permitted to participate in a Board meeting remotely - there is no minimum number of Board members who must physically be present at the meeting site. Executive Order 2020-07 further suspended the conditions the OMA places on when a Board member may participate in a meeting remotely. Consequently, while Executive Order 2020-07 is in effect, all Board members are permitted to participate in a Board meeting remotely, without question.

Therefore, consistent with these new rules, *for the Special Board Meeting to be held on December 10, 2020, EAWR District #14 will be permitting any Board member who wishes to participate in the Board of Education meetings remotely to do so.*

Further, in accordance with Executive Order (the "Stay-at-Home Order") 2020-10's prohibition on public gatherings of ten (10) or more people, and its limitation on individual's leaving their home for purposes other than those deemed "essential," *we are encouraging the public not to attend the Board meetings in-person.* Instead, this Board meetings will be live streamed to the public via Google Meets. However, the superintendent will be physically present in the Boardroom during the live stream.

With regard to public comments, the Board will now be accepting public comments via either email (schoolboard@eawr.org) before the meeting, or during the meeting via the Chat feature of Google Meets. Each comment will be read out loud at the public meeting during the normal "public comment" portion of the meeting. We will continue to gather public comments in this medium until the public comment portion of the meeting closes.

This request is consistent with the directive in the Stay-at-Home Order limiting public gatherings to ten (10) people or less and prohibiting individuals from leaving their home for any purpose not deemed an "Essential Activity," "Essential Government Function," or the operation of an "Essential Business Operation," as defined in the Order.

Please know, the District will remain dedicated to keeping the public fully apprised of all public business which takes place. Our website and social media platforms will continue to be updated with any new business or school news which comes about.

These changes will be in effect for the December 10, 2020 Special Board Meeting. If, per the Executive Order and the Stay-at-Home Order, these changes need to be continued for future meetings, we will make certain the public is promptly and adequately informed.

The EAWR Board thanks the public for its patience through this trying time.