

Community Town Hall for the Naming of the New Middle School

December 18th, 2024



Welcome & Agenda

- Overview of the Naming Process
- Summary of Nominated Names & Themes
- Public Comments
- Voting Process
- Next Steps

Overview of the Naming Process

- U-46 **received nominations** (November 20th)
- Criteria for nominations **after a person**:
 - Living persons **can't** be considered.
 - A **significant contribution** to society.
 - Lends **prestige & status** to an institution of learning.
 - Presented in a **brief statement**: a. Biographical data, b. The significant contribution, c. A statement of why a school should be named after the person.

Overview of the Naming Process Contd.

- Town Hall Meeting: **Today!**
- **Written Comments:** 24 hours after the session.
- A **summary** of the public comments shared with the Superintendent for her review.
- The Board to review the nominations & the public comments on **January 13th** with vote to approve on **January 27th**.
- Name changes in **August 2025**.
- The Board may at its discretion **name portions of a building for persons of prominence whether living or dead**.

**42 NAMES
NOMINATED**

• **SENT BY 67
INDIVIDUALS**

**17 BASED ON
GEOGRAPHY**

- Potawatomi
- Unity Grove
- Fox Hollow
- Eagles
- Eagle Trail

**NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL
NAME NOMINATIONS**

1 ELIMINATED

**12 NAMED
AFTER PERSONS**

National

- Ronald Reagan
- Thomas Jefferson
- Susan B. Anthony
- Patsy Mink

Local

- Luther Bartlett
- Robert "Bob" Hardt
- Miss Bailey
- Ron Raglin

HONORING THE LEGACY OF HAWK HOLLOW

- Resonates with former students, parents & teachers.
- Symbolizes a shared legacy & identity (20 years of history and contributions)

CONTINUITY & STABILITY

- Many transitions: relocations & school closures due to COVID-19.
- Retaining the name offers stability and familiarity.



HISTORICAL PRECEDENT & INCLUSIVITY

- Retaining names during transitions is important, as exemplified by **Eastview**.
- Naming after one individual may **unintentionally exclude or offend others**.

COMMUNITY PRIDE & POSITIVITY

- Fosters happiness, pride & a sense of belonging.
- Unites the community through a name that reflects **shared experiences & cherished memories**.



**BARTLETT
MIDDLE SCHOOL**



**5
NOMINATIONS**

CONSISTENCY AND COMMUNITY IDENTITY

- Aligns with the existing schools in the area, **Bartlett Elementary and Bartlett High School**.
- Create **consistency**, build a stronger connection to the Bartlett community.
- Easier for **families & students** to identify the school as part of the broader educational pathway in Bartlett.



RUTH BADER GINSBURG MIDDLE SCHOOL



2
NOMINATIONS

1. INSPIRATION THROUGH LEADERSHIP:

- The **first Jewish woman** to serve in the U.S. Supreme Court.
- A **model** of perseverance, intellect & **dedication to justice**.

2. EMPOWERING ALL STUDENTS:

- **Lifelong advocate** for equality & fairness provides a strong example for students.
- Inspires a commitment to values like **equity, inclusion, & resilience** within the school community.



LOCAL FIGURES



5
NOMINATIONS

1. GEORGE STRUCKMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

- The first village **president** of Bartlett

2. ALFT MIDDLE SCHOOL

- A former Economics **teacher** at Elgin High School, author, historian, community leader & philanthropist.

3. ENRICO FERMI MIDDLE SCHOOL

- **Immigrant** from Italy, leader in the Manhattan Project.
- Inspires children to become more involved in the **STEM programs**

Public Comments

- Attendee can speak only about the nominated names.
- Each speaker has no more than 3 minutes.
- Share support, thoughts or concerns for any of the nominations.



Feedback



Next Steps!



- Written Comments: open for **24 hours** after the session.
- **Summary of public comments** will be shared with the Superintendent.
- Board of Education reviews nominations & public comments: **January 13th.**
- The Board will vote to approve on **January 27th.**
- School will open under its new name in **August 2025**

Thank You!

