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"IF I WERE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN A GOVERNMENT WITHOUT A NEWSPAPER OR A NEWSPAPER WITHOUT A GOVERNMENT, I WOULD NOT HESITATE TO CHOOSE THE LATTER." THOMAS JEFFERSON

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## Dist. U-46 Board ratifies series of proposals

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46, without discussion, approved of a series of resolutions as well as a list of authorized depositories and a consolidated plan by unanimous vote at its meeting on Monday, June 17.

Approved were four resolutions while a fifth resolution, that being to establish prevailing wage rates, was expected to receive a vote but was not on the agenda. The prevailing wage resolution, along with the others, were presented on June 3 but no explanation was given as to why a vote did not take place.

The likely explanation for not voting on the prevailing wage resolution is that Public Act 100-1177, passed by the Illinois General Assembly and signed by Gov. J.B. Pritzker, went into effect on July 1 removing the requirement for public bodies to file a resolution with the state setting and listing prevailing wage rates.

In contrast to Illinois' step towards entrenching prevailing wage laws by

removing this layer of transparency, a trend has taken place in other states as five have repealed their prevailing wage laws since 2015 with Michigan the most recent. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, 24 states now do not have prevailing wage laws.

The prevailing wage acts as a minimum wage for outside contractors used by the district. The rates are set by the Illinois Department of Labor rather than market forces.

"This action is required by state law," U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said on June 3. "The wage rates... and any future revisions by the Illinois Department of Labor to the wage determinations supersede the department's current determination."

School districts can do their own survey of area vendors, which some members of previous U-46 boards have advocated for, however, the district and have not supported that action.

A Government Accountability Office report has found that prevailing wage laws lead to "a lack of transparency in

the survey process" and benefit entrenched contractors and unions to force out competition. A 2015 Operational Employment Statistics report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics showed that within U-46, the Chicago-Naperville-Elgin/Cook region, the union-driven prevailing wage rates increase taxpayer costs by 39.7 percent.

A resolution requesting approval of hazardous transportation area designations was approved. Sanders said the list, which includes 25 U-46 locations, "confirms that the hazardous transportation area designations previously approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation still exist, and that students that resided within the designated areas during the 2018-19 school year were provided free transportation services."

There were several areas designated as hazardous within *The Examiner* coverage area.

Included in Bartlett were the crossing

at Railroad Avenue and South Oak Avenue affecting Eastview Middle School and Bartlett High School, the crossing Stearns Road and Trillium Lane for Centennial Elementary School and walking along Schick Road and Fairfax Lane to Mayflower Drive for Prairieview Elementary School.

In South Elgin were the crossing at East State Street at Center Street and walking along Raymond Street from Hartman Court to Spruce Street for Clinton Elementary School, crossing Sundown Road at Martin Drive for Willard Elementary School and walking along McLean Boulevard from Sandhurst Lane north to Jenna Drive for Fox Meadow Elementary School.

In Streamwood were walking along Marion Lane and crossing North Oldtendorf Road as well as crossing Old Church Road at Debbie Lane for Glenbrook Elementary School, walking

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## U-46 proposals, bills list approved at meeting

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 unanimously approved of eight proposals costing \$845,042 at its meeting on Monday, June 17.

Included was a proposal with Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company for defined contribution record keeping and third-party administration concerning U-46 employees 403b and 457 retirement investment providers.

A retirement committee was recently approved by the board which uses RVK to review changes and performance of investment plans to consolidate down to one investment provider from 52 vendors used by U-46 employees. The proposal states there's a "continued cost moving forward for the services of RVK," but that cost was not provided in the proposal.

Two bids with Warehouse Direct were approved, both to be paid for from the operations and maintenance fund, including \$329,228 for custodial supplies and \$35,403 to purchase epoxy floor application to replace loose floor tiles at Elgin's McKinley Elementary School.

The custodial supplies include "paper, plastic and various consumables... to support the custodial program and provide essential building needs, such as hand soap, paper towels, and toilet paper," the proposal states.

The epoxy floor application proposal stated: "The existing flooring will be removed by environmental contractors and an epoxy coating will be applied in its place."

With Weaver Consultants Group, the board approved a three-year asbestos reinspection and management plan update costing \$124,602 (operations and maintenance).

"The Asbestos Re-Inspection and Management Plan update helps to facilitate regulatory codes set forth by the Occupational Health & Safety Administration (OSHA) which requires an asbestos inspection prior to renova-

tion/demolition activities, Environmental Protection Agency Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (EPA AHERA) School regulations, and Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) regulations," according to the proposal. "When the locations of asbestos-containing materials are known, it helps to provide a safe work environment for staff and contractors."

A contract renewal with Sentinel was approved costing \$114,314 (education fund) to renew Cisco SMARTnet licenses for management of the district's call center.

With Heartland Business Systems, a contract renewal was approved at a cost of \$105,080 (education fund) for renewal of 2,700 AirWatch licenses.

"Mobile Device Management software, AirWatch, allows U-46 to deploy and manage tablet devices (iPads) in an efficient manner from a central administrative console," the proposal said. "This mobile device management solution allows Information Services staff to install and maintain district-approved applications on iPads, plus create and manage individual user profiles. The management of user profiles is critical when working in an environment where the students share devices."

The board approved a purchase of a new distribution center truck costing \$104,797 (education fund) from Trans Chicago Truck Group which replaces a 2009 truck with 96,100 miles the proposal states.

Gym floor refinishing supplies to be used at eight schools were also approved for purchase from Stalker Sports Floors costing \$31,618 (operations and maintenance).

"We have developed a biannual maintenance program for the wood gym floors to ensure that we maintain them properly. Each year, several floors are scrubbed and refinished," the proposal states.

The board also voted 7-0 to approve \$11.9 million in itemized bills.



### Water beads fun

Charlie Kafitz had fun with the Orbeez water-filled beads at Play in the Park and Movie in the Park on Thursday, July 11 at Hoosier Grove Park. For story and more photos see page 12.

(Examiner photo by Juli Schatz)



# District U-46 approves four curriculum plans

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 unanimously approved four curriculum proposals at its meeting on Monday, June 17.

Included was a curriculum framework and resources for levels one through four world language courses in French, German and Spanish to be offered at all five high schools. The plan is to implement levels one and two in the 2019-2020 school year and all four levels by 2020-2021, and the projected cost is \$628,862 for resources and \$5,900 for professional development.

Originally, the proposal would have eliminated honors level courses in world language but board member John Devereux expressed concern that this could lead to fewer students taking world language courses when it was presented on June 3.

Jacob VandeMoortel, coordinator of world languages, said that since the June 3 meeting the district has decided to designate levels three and four courses as honors "which carries the weighting for GPI and class rank consideration."

"We went back and looked at past practice as well as talked with our curriculum writing team about the viability of perhaps adding the honors designation," VandeMoortel said noting upper level courses have generally received the honors designation.

"We asked the team, because we believe this curriculum's indeed more

rigorous than the old one, is that something that we all can be behind and is that appropriate," VandeMoortel said. "And overwhelmingly we agreed, and so we would like to add the designation to the new classes world language 3 and 4, the upper two levels, to be designated honors."

VandeMoortel said the courses will teach three language modes: interpretive, interpersonal and presentation.

The text for French is "D'Accord" (\$150,288), German is "Prima Plus" and "Neue Blickwinkel" (\$50,773) and Spanish is "Entre Culturas" and "Tejudos" (\$427,801).

The three remaining curriculum items approved were resource proposals for Advance Placement (AP) Spanish, dual language social studies courses and English as a Second Language (ESL) resources.

The AP Spanish resources have an estimated cost of \$93,816 for the Temas and Supersite resource which includes six-year licenses for online resources.

The dual language resources include Spanish language textbooks for current civics, AP U.S. government and politics and macroeconomics courses as U-46 expands dual language to the high school level. The expected cost is \$105,972 with most of the resources coming from McGraw Hill.

The ESL proposal includes My Perspectives textbooks (\$194,147) and Life by National Geographic Learning Cengage texts (\$77,188).

## March For Our Rights group to hold rally in Wheaton

According to the Illinois State Rifle Association, the student-led, nationwide March For Our Rights organization will hold its second annual Chicagoland Rally in Wheaton on July 20, from 10 a.m. until noon at Memorial Park, 208 W Union Ave.

Last year this group and lead organizer Anthony Bartosiewicz put together a successful rally in a downtown Chicago park. This year they are putting together an even bigger event at Wheaton's Memorial Park.

Speakers include:

• Illinois State Representative Allen Skillicorn (R-66);

- Jamisen Swinney - Teenage member of PragerFORCE;
- Rhonda Ezell - Chicago Guns Matter, plaintiff in Ezell v Chicago
- Ayesha Shafiuddin - Wheaton North High School, local conservative advocate;
- Mary Schuster-Callison - 1 Million Moms Against Gun Control;
- Q Amoah - 761st Gun Club;
- Nicki Stallard - Pink Pistols, San Jose;
- Alex Heinz - Wheaton North speech team; and
- Matthew Siderius - Wheaton North speech team.

and interest payments were approved.

The board approved of the list of authorized depositories which are the companies that handle U-46's investment portfolio. Dale Burnidge, director of financial services, said the district is using the "same companies that we've used in the past" which include English Concepts d/b/a/ PMA Securities, Inc., the Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund and JP Morgan Chase and Co.

A consolidated plan, which was approved, was needed under a new state law according to Sanders in order to combine "all of the grant programs that the state runs, federal government runs. We have to submit now a consolidated plan where the state can see these things and how they intersect."

"The goal as stated by (Illinois State Board of Education) is that work be done in the coming school year, to better plan for a fully consolidated grant application in fiscal year 2021.... Approval of this consolidated plan will allow the district access to our federal grant applications. Work will continue in the 2019-2020 school year to prepare for a fully consolidated grant application in fiscal year 2021," the proposal stated.

## U-46 proposals

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along Jensen Boulevard at Irving Park Road for Sunnydale Elementary School and crossing Schaumburg Road at Park Boulevard for Canton Middle School.

In Carol Stream was walking along Fair Oaks Road from Lies Road north to Big Horn Trail for Spring Trail Elementary School.

A resolution to authorize the transfer of interest earnings from the working cash fund to the operations and maintenance fund was approved. The resolution stated the board "has determined that the Operations & Maintenance Fund is the fund most in need of such interest transfer," and it "authorizes the School Treasurer to transfer (\$6 million) from the Working Cash Fund to the Operations & Maintenance Fund of the School District which monies represent earnings from the Working Cash Fund."

Resolutions authorizing participation in federal and state programs and authorizing the treasurer to make bond



## Connections

Poplar Creek Public Library

**Bingo**  
Wednesday, July 17 at 2 p.m.  
Meeting Room 1

Bring a friend and enjoy a fun afternoon of Bingo and the chance to win a prize! For ages 18 and up. No registration necessary-just drop in!

**Simple Recipes**  
Monday, July 22 at 7 p.m.

Chef Susan Maddox will demonstrate recipes utilizing fresh mid-summer ingredients found in local grocery stores and farmer's markets while discussing methods and techniques that make your time in the kitchen more efficient and fun! Samples and recipes provided. Registration is required. Register online or call 483-4910.

**For the Love of Lavender**  
Wednesday, July 17 at 6:30 p.m.  
Meeting Room 3

Calling all lavender lovers! You are invited to learn the history, different varieties, growing, care, and the vast uses of lavender from culinary to aromatherapy. Presented by Nettle Creek Lavender Farm. Registration is preferred, but walk-ins are also welcome!

**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
Thursday, July 18 at 7 p.m.

Meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the Mercedes McGowen Board Room located on the second floor of the library. The public is welcome to attend. For more information call 483-4910.

**VanMobile**

Watch for our VanMobile in a neighborhood near you! We will be bringing children's books to Streamwood and Hanover Park area all summer long. Checkout and return books right from the van. For dates and locations, please visit our website at pclub.org or call 483-4923.

**Family Concert Series: Apollo Trio**  
Sunday, July 21 at 2 p.m.

Join us for a summer afternoon concert with The Apollo Trio, a mixed woodwind ensemble featuring flute, clarinet, and bassoon. Members of the ensemble play in many different ensembles in the Midwest including the Elgin, Madison, and South Bend symphonies. Register online or call 483-4910.

**New Art Exhibits**

Stop by the Main Library throughout July and visit our newest exhibit of acrylic mixed media paintings by artist Ashley Gaeth. Also on display now through the end of August is a collection of African masks from collector Fernando Flores. Both exhibits are located in the Marlene Deuel Art Gallery, located on the main floor.

**Dedicate a Brick**

Memorialize a loved one, recognize your business, and support your library by purchasing a personalized engraved brick paver for the west entrance of the Main Library in Streamwood. For more information visit pclub.org/donations or pick up a flyer in the library.

**Explore More Illinois!**

Poplar Creek Public Library cardholders can receive free passes and discounted admission to many exciting museums and cultural institutions throughout the state of Illinois. For more information, visit pclub.org and click on the 'Services' tab at the top of the page.

For a complete listing of scheduled programs at Poplar Creek Public Library, 1405 S. Park Ave., in Streamwood or Sonya Crawshaw Branch, 4300 Audrey Lane in Hanover Park, visit [www.poplarcreeklibrary.org](http://www.poplarcreeklibrary.org). Questions? Call 837-6800.



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### **U46 officials worry data may be misconstrued**

New financial info will appear in state reports

**By: Rafael Guerrero**

School-specific spending will be part of new data families at School District U46 and other schools will see on the state-issued school report cards this fall.

The report cards from the Illinois State Board of Education — created for both schools and school districts — will include financial data on per-pupil spending and expenditures for each school. In preparation, U46 officials previewed the changes to the school board Monday night.

Sixty locations in U46 will get unique data specific to the school or program, said Robyn Cornelissen, financial controller for U46. The 60 sites include the U46 schools, the Dream Academy, the district's four preschool programs, and others.

The financial data will inform families on how and why a school allocates its funding. The requirement comes from the state as part of the federal mandate under the Every Student Succeeds Act, the federal law overseeing U.S. education. The data will report per-pupil spending, personnel expenditures like teacher salaries, and non-personnel spending in an effort to improve school accountability and transparency in its finances.

"We're just going to use the numbers to tell the story," Cornelissen said.

Each school's report card will include a narrative explaining the spending, and each narrative will be different, said Cornelissen. Combined together, the narrative and the financial data will help families understand a number of items, such as why one school may spend more per student than another or why elementary schools spend differently than secondary schools and vice versa.

Board member Melissa Owens anticipates a learning curve for families to understand the financial data. Context will be key in explaining the differences in spending among schools inside and outside U46, she said.

"People will just look at the (per-pupil) number," added board president Sue Kerr. "A \$14,000 (per-pupil) number versus \$12,000 — well, that means each kid is getting \$2,000 more for education in this school (versus the other). And that's not the case."

Cornelissen said it will be more difficult for larger districts like U46 to explain the data and spending to families, as there will be more than four dozen schools to compare and contrast. One of the items to address in the rollout is a communications plan between the schools and families to understand the financial data, Cornelissen added.

The district is working on compiling the school-specific data to send to the state in mid-August, said Cornelissen. The state report cards are scheduled to come out in the fall.