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Paraeducators demand pay raise

U-46 staff seek cost-of-living hike to cover insurance costs, avoid poverty in new pact

BY RAFAEL GUERRERO



Members and supporters of the District U-46 Educational Assistant Association picket outside the district's main building Monday. (Shannon Bataille Dunn)

Paraeducators for School District U46 need a pay raise to keep up with cost-of-living increases and avoid poverty, their union president said.

At Monday's U46 school board meeting, a half-dozen paraeducators and teachers spoke in support of a new contract, primarily requesting an 80-cent increase in their per-hour pay.

Sara Moeller, president of the District U-46 Educational Assistant Association, told board members and administrators the bump is reasonable given the median salary for U46 paraeducators is a little more than \$18,400 annually.

Unfortunately, the district seems to be fighting the group's request in their contract negotiations, Moeller said.

She said the raises are necessary to keep up with skyrocketing insurance premiums, and an 80-cent hourly hike barely would cover current increases.

More money also is necessary so some paraprofessionals can avoid poverty, Moeller said. The poverty line for a family of four is about \$24,000, she said. Forty percent of U46 paraeducators are the primary income providers of their households, and 31 percent are the sole income providers, she said.

"I say we are worth more than poverty-level wages," Moeller said. "We impact the lives of students of U46, and we deserve — no, we demand — respect and value for what we do."

The low wages force some union members to go to food pantries, apply for free and reduced-price meal programs for their school-age children, and seek help from other federal assistance programs, she said.

“We care for some of the most fragile children and students in U46,” Moeller said.

Special education teacher Elspeth Alvarado said her work would be greatly affected without the “vital” assistance of paraeducators. They assist with the physical, behavioral and academic needs of the children, she said.

Some students see no difference between her, a paraprofessional or their classroom teachers — they are all “maestras,” or teachers in Spanish, Alvarado said.

“I say all this because anyone who puts as much love, passion and support into our students deserve benefits and to live above the poverty line,” she said.

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Ward criticized for view of transgender students

U-46 board member argues for identity by sex of their birth

BY RAFAEL GUERRERO

Some School District U46 board members said Monday they were offended by fellow board member Jeanette Ward’s description of transgender students as “gender dysphoric” and her stance that district policies should identify transgender students by the sex of their birth, not the sex they perceive themselves to be.

The criticism was part of the board’s discussion of an updated student code of conduct, one section of which uses language designed to reduce bullying against students of color, students with disabilities, students who identify as LGBTQ, students not proficient in the English language, or at-risk learners.

Ward argued the code changes, which ultimately were approved in a 5-2 vote, did not need to specifically identify every student demographic because “justice should be colorblind.” Additionally, allowing students to be referred to by the sex they identify with could actually be damaging, she said.

“I don’t believe it helps the gender-dysphoric student by referring to them by the sex that they are not,” she said at one point, when asked whether not using one’s gender pronoun preference is a form of bullying. “I don’t think that’s a compassionate thing to do. And I don’t consider it bullying to not join them in a denial of reality.”

“Gender dysphoria” is not generally considered offensive by the LGBTQ community, having replaced the term “gender identity disorder,” used when doctors considered transgender people to have a mental illness. But it is a term some reject as outdated. The World Health Organization announced Monday it would no longer use it, switching to “gender incongruence.”

Board member Veronica Noland said she “vociferously” objected to Ward’s comments.

“I think it’s an ideology of yours, and it’s a minority in this district, it’s a minority in this country,” Noland said. “It goes against our policies that we have voted on. It goes against so many things.”

Jackson Teeter, the board’s student adviser, said he believed it is a form of bullying to call a student by the pronoun they do not prefer.

“I just think leaving them out of the student code of conduct would not be addressing the problem at all,” he said.

Added member Melissa Owens, “If sitting at a table in a position of power and saying that our students don’t live in reality, if that’s not bullying, I don’t know what bullying is, to be quite honest with you.”

But Ward said bullying goes both ways.

“Given that gender identity is one group called out for special protection, what happens when a female student who doesn’t want to share a locker room or bathroom with a biological male is accused of bullying because she doesn’t want to share that private space with a boy?” she said. “Will not using the pronoun preference for a gender-dysphoric student be considered bullying?”

SPORTS SECTION

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Back in the Game

After 22 years away, Payne returns as Streamwood coach

BY PAUL JOHNSON



New Streamwood coach Kent Payne, second from left, talks with his team Friday during a timeout at the Hoop Mountain Shootout. (Mike Mantucca/Beacon-News)

Coaching basketball never really got out of Kent Payne’s blood.

Payne has never been far from the sport, but it’s been 22 years since he coached the Addison Trail boys basketball team from 1993-95.

Payne, 57, is back as Streamwood’s coach.

“I figured during my off hours I had this sting to get back to coaching high school basketball,” Payne said. “It just kind of fell into place. My three kids are done with school, done playing, so I’m not traveling around the country watching them.”

All three of Payne’s children, Cully, Katlyn and Quinten, played Division I basketball. Quinten, the youngest, graduated from Dartmouth in 2017, and Kent Payne, Elgin

Community College's director of athletics and wellness, felt the itch to get back on the sideline.

Payne had a successful four-year run at St. Edward in the 1990s, winning four regional titles and leading the Green Wave to the Class A state quarterfinals in 1992. He followed that with two years at Addison Trail and a stint at Harper College before landing at Elgin Community College in 2000, all while watching his children go through their basketball journeys.

He even wrote a memoir, "A Family's Journey With Hoops, Life and ALS," which was released in 2015 and covered his father Jim's lengthy battle with Lou Gehrig's disease.

It was a call to former St. Edward and Geneva athletic director Jim Kafer that got the ball rolling.

"We stayed in contact over the years," Payne said. "I talked to Jim and said, 'What do you think?' He was very positive. I didn't know what interest level Streamwood had in me. It was kind of mutual. I had great support at ECC, which is my priority."

Payne, who plans to keep his ECC job, met with new Streamwood athletic director Dan Arntzen and soon after he was in place as the **Sabres'** new coach.

"The Streamwood people were so nice," Payne said. "It was a good connection."

Former coach Paul Kowalyszyn stepped down in March after five seasons. Streamwood finished 11-19 overall in 2017-18 and 0-12 in the Upstate Eight River. The Sabres will play in the revamped 10-team Upstate Eight Conference in 2018-19.

"I don't know the competition," Payne said. "I know they struggled a little bit last year. I haven't had a lot of familiarity, especially since Quinten got done at (St. Charles) North. It's been five years since I followed it."

Taking over a rebuilding program piqued Payne's interest. Streamwood hasn't won a regional title since 2000.

"It's a challenge that was very attractive to me, building something, which is tough," Payne said.

Payne has a good player to build around in senior forward Keenon Cole. The 6-foot-7 all-conference pick emerged as a star last season when he averaged 16.6 points and 8.3 rebounds, both team highs.

"I really like it," Cole said of the hire. "He has a lot to teach me, a lot of experience. He knows what he's talking about. He's really pushing us on defense. Defense is really what's going to win us these games."

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Split U-46 vote ratifies conduct code changes

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 voted 5-2 to approve a revised Student Code of Conduct, which has changes to nearly half of the 50-page document, at its meeting on Monday, June 18. Board members Phil Costello and Jeanette Ward voted no.

The district claimed the need for changes due to staff's racial bias in

discipline practices, which it has yet to provide any evidence to support the that claim, while the document pushed division among groups of students based on race, sexuality and gender identity. John Heiderscheidt, director of school safety and culture, wrote in a memo to the board that the district is seeking equal outcomes over equal enforcement.

"We are committed to applying

school discipline policies and practices in a fair and equitable manner so as not to disproportionately impact students of color, students with disabilities, LGBT students, students with limited English proficiency, or other at-risk students that have been historically marginalized in schools," Heiderscheidt wrote.

The district will force the code on parents, regardless of whether they approve of the changes or not, while members of the board's majority said they wanted to force compelled speech on students while calling Ward a bully for philosophically opposing the document.

Ward asked prior to the meeting how a parent can opt-out of the code of conduct and the district responded: "There is not currently a way to register without agreeing to the code of conduct. By law or legal precedent, school districts are allowed to pronounce reasonable rules to maintain a safe school environment for students and school staff. Parents and students must agree to such rules. In conclusion, parents must agree to abide by the student code of conduct."

For Ward, she noted a few reasons for opposing the document.

"First, justice should be color-blind," Ward said. "The punishment should correspond to the offense, regardless of the offender's color, otherwise chaos will ensue."

Ward added: "Second, bullying should be prohibited, period, without the necessity to call out every disparate group of people. Given that gender identity is one group called out for special protection, what happens when a female student who doesn't want to share a locker room or bathroom with a biological male is accused of bullying because she doesn't want to share that private space with a boy? Will not using the pronoun preference for a gender dysphoric student be considered bullying?"

Jackson Teeter, the student advisor to the board, called Ward's remarks disparaging and suggested students

should be forced to use speech they may not agree with.

"I think not referring to people by their preferred pronoun should be a type of bullying," Teeter said. "Transgender students have one of the highest suicide rates among different groups of students."

"I appreciate your comments and response, but I don't think it helps the student who is struggling with this issue to help them in their denial of reality," Ward replied. "And I don't view that as a form of bullying. I think to join them in what is not real... only hurts them, and by the way, when those gender dysphoric students undergo a change, it doesn't decrease the suicide rate, in fact it goes up."

Ward added: "I don't think that's a compassionate thing to do, and I don't consider it bullying to not join them in a denial of reality."

Board member Veronica Noland condemned Ward despite claiming in 2016 that "I don't judge" relating to a similar discussion when the district changed its bathroom/locker room practices to allow students to use the facility of the opposite sex based on identity rather than biology. She dismissed Ward as being "political" and said it was ok to ignore minority concerns.

"Using the terms gender dysphoric and making the statements that you make hurt the students of this district," said Noland who added: "I think it's an ideology of yours, and it's a minority in this district, it's a minority in this country. It goes against our policies that we have voted on. It goes against so many things."

Noland offered no evidence that Ward's opinion is in the minority. When the district changed its bathroom/locker room practices, the vast majority of the public who spoke at meetings were on Ward's side.

Noland also referenced the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) as supporting her position. The term

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Winning delivery

AJ Reyna on the mound for the Sabres against Hoffman Estates on Monday, June 11 while picking up the win for Streamwood. For story and more photos see page 5.

(Examiner photo by Bruce Leighty)

U-46 approves expenses totalling \$10.8 million

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 unanimously approved \$10.8 million in expenditure proposals as well as the public release of 61 closed session minutes at its meeting on Monday, June 4. Board member Veronica Noland voted via phone as she was absent from the meeting.

Included were three items from the transportation fund totaling over \$7 million including a \$4.5 million three-year contract with Petroleum Traders, a \$2.6 million purchase with Midwest Transit Equipment, Inc. and a \$200,734 purchase with Safety Vision.

The item with Safety Vision was for the purchase of 130 high definition cameras to be placed in district school buses. The proposal stated: "This purchase is being made to continue to furnish video equipment for U-46 school buses that currently do not have video equipment and to replace obsolete video systems."

A mother of a Prairieview Elementary School student who spoke during public comments said a camera on her daughter's school bus during a field trip would have been helpful after an incident occurred this year which the parent said she was unhappy with the investigation by U-46.

The proposal stated this purchase will "provide a camera system in every U-46 school bus" and it will "assist in resolving conflicts that occur on the bus.... Cameras provide real time documentation of the events that did or did not occur on the bus."

The three-year contract with Petroleum Traders will provide 1.7 million gallons of diesel fuel at a price of \$2.4917 per gallon and 135,000 gallons gasoline at a price of \$2.1123 per gallon. With Midwest Transit Equipment, the district will purchase 32 buses at a price of \$2.9 million while U-46 will be trading in 32 buses at a value of \$289,500.

Also approved was a three-year contract renewal with United Healthcare at an estimated cost of \$2.1 million a year (education, operations and maintenance and transportation funds).

The proposal stated United Healthcare provides "medical and dental claims administration, access to the United Healthcare Choice Plus provider network and corresponding discounts, individual stop-loss coverage, administration of medical savings accounts, and billing services for retiree and COBRA (Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act) continuation insurance administration."

A \$628,919 expenditure (education fund) with Office Depot to purchase 5,770 chairs and 5,650 desks for secondary schools, a \$503,795 expenditure (education fund) with Dell Marketing LP to buy 1,548 Chromebooks and 42 Chromebook carts and a \$194,359 expenditure (operations and maintenance fund) with Elliott Equip-

ment Company to replace a bucket lift truck were all approved. The board also unanimously approved \$7.7 million in itemized bills.

The 61 closed session minutes, which are partially redacted, that were approved for public release included 29 from 2009 and 31 from 2010. This comes after the board released 70 total closed session minutes from 2007 and 2008, the first time the board has released closed session minutes in recent history.

Board member Jeanette Ward has been asking for more transparency from closed session meetings since taking her seat in 2015, and she thanked Miguel Rodriguez, chief legal officer, for going through the minutes.

"I wanted to thank administration for all the work, especially Miguel and your group, that you did to go through these and make them redacted and available to the public," Ward said.

Police Reports

STREAMWOOD

Thursday, June 14

★ At 5:17 p.m., John Paul Devenecia, 39, Bartlett, was arrested on warrant. He was held awaiting bond call.

★ At 6:29 p.m., Daniel A. Campos, 27, Elgin, was arrested and charged with theft, two counts of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was transported to bond call. In the same incident, Angelica Martinez, 28, Hoffman Estates, was arrested and charged with retail theft. She was also transported to bond call.

Saturday, June 16

★ At 1:10 a.m., Nestor R. Enriquez, 30, Streamwood, was arrested and charged with aggravated assault, violation of an order of protection, resisting a peace officer, possession of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was transported to bond call.

Sunday, June 17

★ At 11 p.m., Gary R. Klages, 57, Harvard, was arrested and charged with DUI, BAC over .08. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

BARTLETT

Sunday, June 10

★ At 2:52 a.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of Geneva Court reported that a neighbor constantly plays loud music. Police spoke with the source of the music who advised he was a friend of the homeowner and would turn the music down. Police spoke with the homeowner who advised he would keep the music down.

★ At 12:48 p.m., a complainant in the 600 block of Rose Lane reported receiving a phone call advising him that his grandson was in jail and needs his help. He advised he wired money five times and was later told his grandson had never been in jail and he had been scammed. He advised he is willing to sign complaints if an offender is located. Estimated loss \$94,500.

★ At 1:14 p.m., a complainant in the area of Devon Avenue and Prospect Avenue reported a road rage incident with another driver. He advised that the other driver walked up to his vehicle in an aggressive manner and he was fearful for his life so he drew his firearm to tell the other driver to get back in his vehicle. He reported that he has a valid FOID, CCL and that the firearm did not have ammunition in the chamber. No vehicle or driver information available for the second subject.

★ At 5:52 p.m., a complainant in the 100 block of Fieldcrest Drive reported filing a claim with his home owner’s insurance regarding hail damage to his roof. He received a second estimate for the damage through a contractor that was much higher than the estimate his insurance company provided. He advised that his insurance company provided another estimate and advised that they believe the contractor vandalized the roof.

★ At 10:03 p.m., Angela C. Beers-Duckman, 42, Elgin, was arrested and charged with domestic battery. She was transported to bond call.

Monday, June 11

★ At 2:20 p.m., a complainant in the 700 block of Duxbury Lane reported receiving multiple phone calls from an unknown number and believes it to be a scam. Police looked up the phone number and found multiple sources advising the number is a scam.

★ At 2:42 p.m., a complainant in the 600 block of Coral Avenue reported making several reports regarding bullying. Police contacted DCFS regarding the matter and they advised they would reach out to the family.

★ At 4:19 p.m., a complainant in the

500 block of Abbey Road reported that an unknown subject opened a Verizon Wireless account using her information. She advised she did not wish to pursue charges. Police provided an identity theft packet.

★ At 9:35 p.m., a complainant at Spitzer Road and Hecht Drive reported that a subject dumped mounds of trash on the corner. He advised he found a shipping label within the trash that came back to a Bartlett address. Police spoke with the resident who denied being in the area or dumping his trash at that location. Police relayed this information to the complainant who advised he would put up video surveillance.

Tuesday, June 12

★ At 8:13 a.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of Dogwood Lane reported being harassed by the manager of River Rand Auto via telephone for being unable to return a rented truck as scheduled. Police spoke with the manager who advised he never threatened the complainant and only wanted payment and the truck returned.

★ At 2:39 p.m., police on patrol at Struckman and Silver Court observed a female subject with blood on her knees down on the sidewalk. Police spoke with the subject who advised she had crashed her bike and cut her knees. Police treated the wounds until Bartlett Fire Protection District officials arrived on the scene.

Wednesday, June 13

★ At 3:51 a.m., a complainant in the 300 block of Mulberry Court reported two unknown male juveniles were by his vehicle and set off the alarm. The complainant advised that he believes nothing was missing from his vehicle. The area was searched for the juveniles with negative results.

★ At 6:06 a.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of Foster Avenue reported that the rear and front windows and passenger door of his vehicle were damaged while the vehicle was parked outside his residence overnight. The complainant believes the damage was the result of a verbal dispute that he had with another driver a few days prior. Police spoke with the other parties who denied committing the crime.

★ At 1:53 p.m., Salvator J. Perrotta, 48, Belvidere, was arrested and charged for no valid driver’s license. He was released on an I-bond and faces a July 19 court date.

★ At 5:52 p.m., Dennis J. Pleasant, 26, Bartlett, was arrested on warrant. He was released on bond and faces a July 18 court date.

Thursday, June 14

★ At 3:54 p.m., a 16-year-old juvenile was cited for disorderly conduct. He faces a July 20 court date.

★ At 5:45 p.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of Polo Drive reported a verbal dispute with his landscaper over payment for lawn services. The complainant advised the landscaper wanted payment up front for the entire year of work, which he refused, and he no longer wants his services.

★ At 6:10 p.m., a complainant in the 600 block of West Stearns Road reported that her son’s cell phone was stolen from the pool deck at the Bartlett Aquatic Center. The complainant advised later that the phone was located by staff near the bushes at the pool. Police advised the complainant to have her son lock up his belongings next time.

Friday, June 15

★ At 12:27 a.m., Kevin J. Hanisch, 24, Roselle, was arrested and charged with aggravated speeding. He was released on an I-bond and faces a July 10 court date. He was also cited for possession of cannabis and faces a July 18 hearing on that charge.

★ At 12:55 a.m., Jose Chavez-Heredia, 32, Elgin, was arrested and charged

with no valid driver’s license, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and no seat belt. He was released on an I-bond and faces a July 27 court date.

★ At 7:31 p.m., a complainant in the 200 block of Burnside Circle reported that his neighbor’s landscaping service blew grass all over his vehicle. Police advised the complainant to contact police if he observed any damage when he cleaned off the grass clippings. Police attempted to find the owner of the residence with negative results.

★ At 8:19 p.m., Andrew P. Renoglio, 64, Bartlett, was cited for cruelty to animals and possession of cannabis. He faces a July 18 hearing date.

CAROL STREAM

Thursday, April 26

★ At 7:21 p.m., Zbigniew Pawlikowski, Carol Stream, was arrested on warrant and charged with battery. He was transported to DuPage County Jail.

Monday, May 21

★ At 7 p.m., Francisco Hernandez-Medina, 35, Carol Stream, was arrested and charged with six counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse and two counts of predatory criminal sexual abuse of a child. He was transported to DuPage County Jail.

Friday, May 25

★ At 12:33 a.m., Latasha Hill, 46, Carol Stream, was arrested and charged with DUI, transport of alcohol in a motor vehicle, improper lane usage and expired registration. She was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Saturday, May 26

★ At 1:07 a.m., Alfredrick J. Hughes, 32, Lisle, was arrested and charged with DUI, BAC over .08, failure to signal and disobeying a stop sign. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Wednesday, May 30

★ At 7:54 p.m., Jessie L. Cooks, 57, Chicago, was arrested and charged with two counts of battery. She was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Thursday, May 31

★ At 2:41 p.m., Steven Gagliani, 48, no known address, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance, solicitation of a sexu-

al act and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was transported to DuPage County Jail.

Friday, June 1

★ At 9:16 a.m., Orlando Horton, 40, Naperville, was arrested and charged with two counts of domestic battery, violation of an order of protection, theft and criminal trespass to motor vehicle. He was transported to DuPage County Jail.

Saturday, June 2

★ At 8:09 p.m., Rajan M. Cieck, 23, Franklin Park, was arrested and charged with violation of an order of protection. The subject was transported to DuPage County Jail.

Sunday, June 3

★ At 10:35 p.m., Monica R. Delgado, 30, Schaumburg, was arrested and charged with DUI, improper lane usage, and failure to signal. She was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Thursday, June 7

★ At 9 a.m., Fernando S. Gallardo-Ramirez, 32, Carpentersville, was arrested on warrant and charged with theft. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 10:13 a.m., Adolph Delgado, 47, Elgin, was arrested and charged with aggravated driving while license revoked, driving while license revoked, uninsured motor vehicle and seat belt violation. He was transported to DuPage County Jail.

Friday, June 8

★ At 9:40 a.m., Teresa E. Pawlikowski, 24, Carol Stream, was arrested and charged with two counts of endangering the life of a child. She was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 10:39 p.m., Mark A. Vecchione, 26, Carol Stream, was arrested and charged with criminal trespass to vehicle. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Sunday, June 10

★ At 12:12 a.m., Jennifer L. Malcolm, 37, Romeoville, was arrested on warrant and charged with possession of a controlled substance, possession of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

U-46 Special Olympians compete in state games

By Seth Hancock

Jeremy Johnson, of Streamwood High School, brought home the gold for the U-46 Bluestars while six other athletes competed in the Illinois Special Olympics summer games.

The games were held at various locations in Bloomington-Normal from Friday, June 15 through Sunday, June 17. Track events were held at Illinois State University and swimming at Illinois Wesleyan University.

Johnson, who has Down syndrome as well as other orthopedic issues according to a School District U-46 press release, won the 50-meter run with a time of 31.47 seconds.

“Jeremy almost lost both of his legs, so for him to want to participate in walking or running events is pretty cool,” said Jeremy’s mother Cheryl Johnson. “If we’re shopping in a store, he might say he’s in pain. But when the race starts in Special Olympics, you wouldn’t know he’s had any issues.”

Constantina “Tina” Hondros, of Streamwood’s Canton Middle School, was second in both the 25-meter freestyle (21.61) and 50 free (1:01.25) swimming events. Ozzy Hernandez, of the district’s Center House Transi-

tion Program, was fourth in the 100 breaststroke (1:39.05) and 100 free (1:13.89) swim events.

Vincent “Vinny” Leal (South Elgin’s Kenyon Woods Middle School), James Leveille (Hanover Park’s Horizon Elementary School), Jackson Miller (Larkin High School) and Syed Raza (Bartlett High School) all competed in track events over the weekend.

Sarah Domin is the Bluestars’ track and field coach and Lindsey Reynolds the Bluestars’ coordinator.

“It’s a great opportunity to celebrate the success of our students,” Domin said. “It’s a coveted honor to participate in the Summer Games, so this is very exciting.”

Domin added: “It’s a very fun atmosphere not only for the students but also for their parents and siblings and members of the general community who come out to enjoy the events and celebration.”

According to the Illinois Special Olympics website (soill.org), over 4,000 athletes compete in the summer games and about 11,000 people annually attend. The International Special Olympics are celebrating their 50th anniversary this year.

Meeting highlighted by police personnel events

By Kristin Carreno

At the Village Board meeting on Thursday, June 7, Village President Billie Roth announced the retirement of Chief of Police Ed Valente, the appointment of the new Chief of Police, Darrell Syre, two other police department promotions, as well as the swearing in of three new officers.

According to Roth, Valente has 28 years dedicated to working in law enforcement and has worked with the Streamwood Police Department since 1990. In 1997 he was promoted to sergeant and in 2012 to commander. Valente was appointed deputy chief in 2014 and chief in 2016. He also attended the National FBI Academy.

Trustees presented Valente with flowers and gifts and provided some personal insights.

"I can remember through your various promotions you were always the quiet guy," said Trustee Michael Baumer. "When you became deputy chief and then when you became chief I understood that your policy was a few well-chosen words and it has worked very well for the service of our village. We will sorely miss you but we know your legacy will be carried on."

"As Trustee Baumer said, I am kind of a man of few words," responded Valente as a preface to a prepared speech.

He then shared a few well-chosen words: "I was fortunate enough to come here as an officer and it was one of the best decisions I ever made and one of the best things that has happened to me in my life. I'd like to thank the entire village who provided me with a wonderful career [and] the men and women of the Streamwood Police Department. I'm proud to call

you not just my coworkers but my friends and my family. Finally, my wife and my son, Tim. Without you two I couldn't have done this. Thank you for your sacrifices."

"I'm very confident you are handing me a department that is on solid ground," Syre said. "I hope to follow in your footsteps. It's bittersweet but I could not be more happy for you."

Village Clerk Kittie Kopitke then swore in Syre as the new chief.

"I'd like to thank members of the board for this opportunity," Syre said. "I will do my best to make sure the village's needs are taken care of and to follow in the footsteps of my predecessors. Their mentorship, friendship and what they gave to me throughout my career will never be forgotten. I do want to thank my family and friends and family and friends of all the officers being recognized here tonight. This job isn't always the easiest and your support and love is definitely going to be needed throughout their careers."

Kopitke then swore in Shawn Taylor as deputy chief and Michael Schwartz as commander.

"Every officer in this room knows what a struggle it is working nights, afternoons, overnights, course schedules, getting two hours of sleep then having to go to court, then pick up your kid and things like that," Taylor said. "I know what everyone's going through and I thank my family very much."

"Without the support of my family this would be very impossible to achieve," Schwartz said.

Roth then welcomed three new police officers, as Sooyong Youn, Tim Brady and Rachel Gravedoni were sworn in by Kopitke.

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"gender dysphoria" has been clinically used by the AAP as well as other medical organizations, such as the American Psychiatric Association.

Another organization, the American College of Pediatricians, previously issued a statement urging "educators and legislators to reject all policies that condition children to accept as normal a life of chemical and surgical impersonation of the opposite sex. Facts --- not ideology --- determine reality."

Board member Melissa Owens said: "If sitting at a table in a position of power and saying that our students don't live in reality, if that's not bullying, I don't know what bullying is to be quite honest with you."

Ward responded: "You are twisting my words, and you're also making it appear that this document is not political. It is by nature political and many of the parents in this district would disagree with this strongly, and you've given them no way to opt out."

"Where did I twist your words? You said that they're not living in reality," Owens said.

"I said it hurts the students to refer to them to the biological sex that they are not. It hurts them," Ward replied.

Costello opposed the document stating his opposition to the divisive nature of the language.

"When we talk about violence or notable student actions, whether it's good or bad, I would prefer that they not be gender-based or any other based," Costello said. "We're putting them in boxes, and I find that a little bit taking a step backwards as opposed to we're all created equal."

Costello added: "I don't know that

I'd take it as far as [Ward] would, but I think that we should really focus on what they're producing rather than... their backgrounds. Ethnicity in one case, religious beliefs or whatever, what they've accomplished and what their potential is and address that rather than who they are."

U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said the code aligns with law and "is appropriate for use in a school district."

L. Dean Hufsey, of Elgin, opposed the changes when he spoke during public comments calling it the "epitome of micromanagement." He asked rhetorically if any of the board members read entirely through the document and he has "more than once" and there are "grammatical and spelling errors throughout. Generally the document is poorly constructed and needs serious editing and revision."

Hufsey said the code should focus on "teacher responsibilities and student responsibilities."

"The teacher responsibilities are to maintain orderly classroom behavior and then teach content in basic core subjects," Hufsey said. "Student responsibilities are simply to behave and learn. It doesn't take 50 pages of type-written script of which 32 percent is a glossary to explain that."


Members of the District U-46 Educational Assistants (DUEA) union, who came to ask for "respect" during current contract negotiations, were upstairs in an overflow room at the meeting and openly laughed and mocked Hufsey as he spoke.



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Active week has Sabres splitting four games



After accepting a throw, Streamwood catcher Dillon Skelnik reacts to the slide of Hoffman Estates' Logan Willis, however, he was unable to prevent the Hawks run from scoring.
(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



Streamwood shortstop Max Alanis moving to his left in an effort to retire the Hoffman Estates lead off hitter in the top of the seventh inning, however, he was unable to make the play. All was well that ended well, however, as the Sabres preserved its two-run lead and beat the Hawks 6-4.



Anthony Caruso pitched the seventh inning for the Sabres to pick up a save in preserving the Streamwood victory.

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood baseball team saw some good signs in the second week of summer league play, much of which came on the mound.

The Sabres opened the week defeating Hoffman Estates 6-4 on Monday, June 11 at Streamwood. Down 2-0, Streamwood scored six runs over the fourth and fifth innings highlighted by a two-run home run by Connor Johnson while Tyler Jones and AJ Reyna both drove in a run.

Reyna got the win in relief allowing two runs, both unearned, despite not allowing a hit as he walked two and struck out four in three innings, and Anthony Caruso got a save. Johnson started allowing two runs, one earned, off two hits and three walks,

and he struck out five in three innings.

"Pitching has been pretty good so far," said Streamwood coach Ryan Lasota. "For the most part, we are attacking the strike zone and mixing pitches. Some guys are really improving from the spring so that is encouraging."

Against Addison Trail, the Sabres dropped a pair of five-inning games in a doubleheader on Tuesday, June 12 at Addison Trail.

In the opener, the Sabres were held to just one hit while Addison Trail scored a second inning run off Caruso, who along with Jones combined for a two-hitter, in the 1-0 defeat. Streamwood lost the second 9-7, Dylan Caruso taking the loss, but had productive games from Max Alanis (2-for-3, double, RBI), Jeremy Lunz (2-for-3, RBI), Ryan Renkosiak (2-for-3, RBI), Anthony Caruso (RBI) and Jimmy Flynn (RBI).

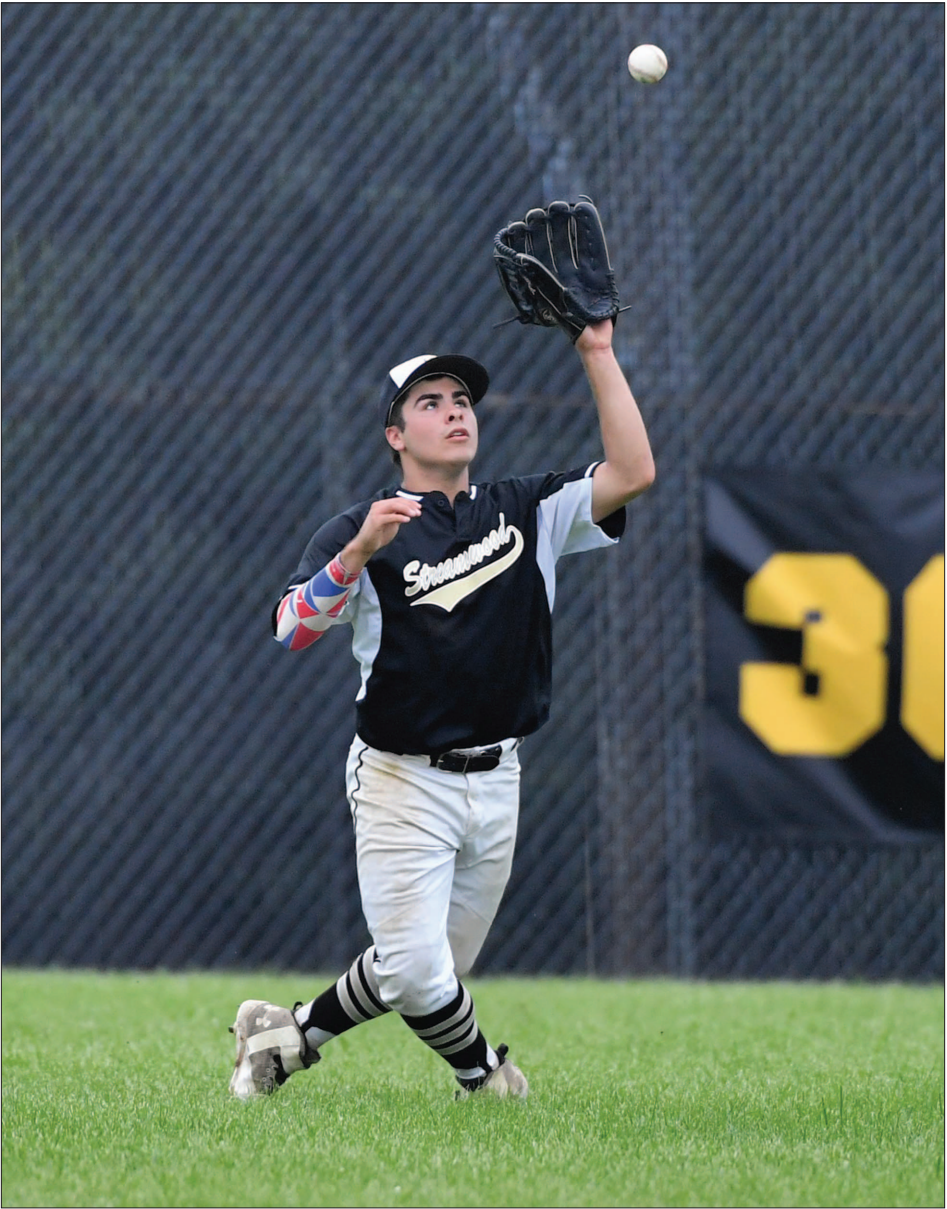
"I think we have played pretty well this week," Lasota said. "Obviously in the summer there is a lot of good and bad, but I think we are trending in the right direction."

Lasota added: "I like how we battled back against Hoffman being down 2-0. Lost 1-0 to Addison Trail so another well pitched game, just couldn't get enough timely hits. Defensively we have some work to do but pretty normal for summertime."

Streamwood did end the week with a 13-3 win over Larkin on Wednesday, June 13 at Larkin. Johnson (3-for-4, double, triple, two RBI), Anthony Caruso (2-for-4, triple, two RBI), Jones (2-for-4, two RBI), Reyna (2-for-4, double, RBI), Flynn (RBI) and Renkosiak (RBI) led the offense.

Lunz (win, 2.1 innings, two strikeouts), Jones (2.2 innings, six strikeouts) and Justin Gonzalez (two innings, two strikeouts) combined for a three-hitter. All three Larkin runs were unearned.

Streamwood is 3-2-1 this summer.



The Sabres' AJ Reyna running down a Hoffman Estates drive in right field.

Storm earn split of twin bill with rival Hawks



Bartlett's Michael Vaca tagging Anthony Nalbono of the Storm out at second base in a foiled steal attempt in Game 1.



Cody Hajduk driving in the fourth run for the Storm with ground out in Game 2.



Andy Jachim made the start for the Storm in Game 2 of the doubleheader and tossed a complete game earning the win in South Elgin's 5-0 victory over the Hawks.

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin baseball team opened the summer league by splitting a doubleheader, both five-inning games, against rival Bartlett on Tuesday, June 12 at South Elgin.

The Storm saw the opener slip away after taking a 1-0 lead in the first inning thanks to a Bartlett miscue before the visitors scored twice in the fifth in a 2-1 South Elgin loss. In Game 2, the Storm earned a 5-0 win despite tallying just two hits in the game.

South Elgin pitcher Shane Bonner suffered the loss in Game 1, but the fifth inning rally by Bartlett was aided by a two-base error to start the frame.

"When you make an error leading to one bad in-

ning it costs you," said South Elgin coach Jim Kating. "That's something we struggled with at times in the spring, and we need to work on that this summer."

The Storm had hits from Cody Gallagher, Garrett Wano, Anthony Nalbono and Grayson Downing.

Joseph Teschke tossed four shutout innings to start Game 1 before Andy Jachim threw a two-hit shutout in Game 2 as he went all five innings with six strikeouts. Jachim walked two and hit a batter.

"[Jachim] did a nice job," Kating said. "Teschke did a nice job in the first game, so I saw some positives on the mound."

South Elgin scored a run on an error in the first inning of Game 2 to take the lead for good. Wano

doubled, Samuel Miller singled and Cody Hajduk drove in a run to lead the Storm.

In their opening week of summer ball, the Storm finished 2-1 after defeating St. Charles North 4-2 on Wednesday, June 13 at North. Kating hopes to use the summer for evaluating what his team has for next spring.

"We had a lot of guys missing, but it was good to see a good mix with the guys who played," Kating said. "There's a lot to work on, but we're just trying to evaluate and see who we have coming up."

Nalbono (2-for-3, RBI), John Roberts (double), Ryan Kuchta (two RBI) and Bonner (RBI) led the Storm against North, and Downing got the win on the mound.



In the fifth inning of Game 1, the Hawks' Nathan Gargano scored as Storm catcher Marc Guerrero applied a late tag. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

The Examiner Asked

On Monday, June 18, campers at the South Elgin summer camp:

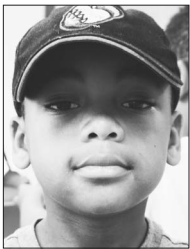
What do you think is the greatest invention ever, and why?



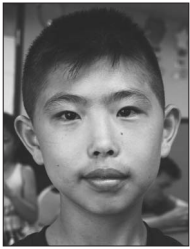
Kahlil Michael: “Spaceships are a great invention because you can travel to the moon and everywhere else in outer space.”



Jacob Doolin: “Boats that you can ride in so you can go fishing for fish.”



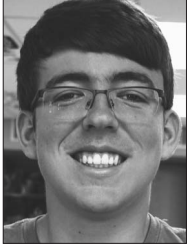
Jeremiah Michael: “Motorcycles, so you can go fast and go places.”



Michael Zapion: “Planes, because it lets people go anywhere in the world, and I want to be in the Air Force when I get older.”



Tomas Makishima: “Self-driving cars are a great invention because you can do other stuff like read or play video games while the car is driving you somewhere.”



Jacob Peskuski: “Planes and flight, so we can go anywhere in the world.”



Soham Sampat: “Cars are the best invention. You can get all over the world and we might not be where we are today without cars.”



Jacob Thomas: “I think Porsches are a great invention because they go REALLY fast. I might own one when I grow up.”



Kyla Bradford: “Blow dryers. Without them it would be hard to brush out our hair and it would look messy all day.”



Justin Buthman: “Cell phones are one of the most important inventions ever. They are an extremely necessary tool to help keep us safe.”

(By Juli Schatz)

South Elgin to again host 3-on-3 hoops tournament

By Seth Hancock
Area basketball teams have been honing their skills over the summer with camps and summer leagues, but South Elgin has an additional event to help keep players interested in the sport.
The Storm boys and girls basketball teams will be hosting the annual 3-on-3 tournament on Wednesday, June 27 to be held in the front parking lot of the school, or in the gym if weather forces it inside. Teams can register through 7:45 a.m. the day of the tournament with warm-ups beginning at 8 a.m., and there is a \$20 entrance fee.
South Elgin girls basketball coach Dan Mandernack started the contest when he took over the program. He said growing up in the 1990s he competed in a 3-on-3 tournament hosted

by the Chicago Bulls at Grant Park called Shoot the Bull.
“The event ended unfortunately, and I waited to bring something like it to our area kids,” Mandernack said. “When I got [the] job five years ago, I thought it would be cool to bring it back to some extent.”
There will be boys and girls tournaments for each grade level from fourth through 12th grade, and there will also be three-point and dunk contests as well as a live DJ, concessions and a snow cone truck.
Teams from as far as Rockford have attended in the past to compete.
“The event has grown each year,” Mandernack said. “I want it to be a tradition for a great day for both boys and girls to play the game they love.”

Tidbits

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Tuesday of the month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A photo ID is required in order to receive two prepackaged bags of food once a month. For more information please contact the church office at 630-584-6434, email to Welcome@HosannaChurch.com or visit the website at www.HosannaChurch.com and follow Hosanna! On Instagram and Facebook (search HosannaChurchLCMC). Hosanna! Is located at 36W925 Red Gate Road (entrance just east of Randall Road) in St. Charles.

Enrich the lives of adults with developmental disabilities and other special needs by becoming a volunteer with the Association for Individual Development (AID). AID offers many unique volunteer opportunities in Aurora, Elgin, Batavia and Yorkville. Assist with arts and crafts projects; teach special classes such as cooking or basic computer skills; coordinate community outings; or work on the Fox Valley Crisis Line. Volunteers are greatly needed Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. AID serves individuals with developmental, physical and/or mental disabilities, those who have suffered a trauma and those at risk. The gift of time, talent and compassion can change a life. To apply to become a volunteer, visit the AID website (www.AIDcares.org) and click on “Volunteer” under the “Support” tab or call AID Volunteer Coordinator Maureen Spradlin at 630-966-4020.

The South Elgin Methodist Church Food Pantry welcomes anyone in need, and they also take donations. Currently, they could use cereal, condiments, paper products, cake mixes, crackers (assorted and/or saltines), pickles, pickle relish and salad dressings. There is a barrel in the entrance near the parking lot of church, which is open for drop-offs Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon or Monday through Friday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Seated exercise classes at The Salvation Army, 1710 S. 7th Ave., St. Charles, on Wednesdays for fun and great exercise! From 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Free and open to all in the community.

Anderson Animal Shelter is happy to offer the opportunity for children and teens to engage in service learning off-site. This convenient option gives students the ability to create and execute their own service project all while truly making a difference in the lives of

animals. Some service project ideas include creating your own fundraising project, collecting items from the shelter’s wish list, making cat or dog toys, shredding newspapers and making blankets. For more information call 847-697-2880 or visit www.andersonanimalshelter.org.

Line dancing at The Salvation Army, 1710 S. 7th Ave., St. Charles on Mondays at 10:30 a.m., Wednesdays at noon. Open to all and free. No registration required.

Low impact/sculpt aerobics exercise classes at The Salvation Army, 1710 S. 7th Ave., St. Charles Tuesdays, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Free and open to all.

Zumba class at The Salvation Army, 1710 S. 7th Ave., St. Charles, Tuesdays 5 to 5:45 p.m. for fun and great exercise! Free, open to all in the community. No registration needed, walk-ins welcome.

The St. Charles Singles Club activities are planned, and singles 40-plus are invited to participate in the fun. There are many opportunities to meet friends for meals, to try new cuisines, to dance, bowl, play cards, volunteer and more. You can find a full listing of activities on the website: www.stcharlessinglesclub.com/. Visit www.stcharlessinglesclub.com or call 630-665-0763 for more information.

Animal Shelter Supply Drive supporting various animal rescue groups. Kitten/cat/dog food of any kind, KMR-kitten replacement milk, cat litter/pans, collars, leashes, carriers/crates/cages, toys, scratching posts, cat condos, pet beds, old towels. No bedding please. Donation bin located at Heartland Animal Hospital on Stearns and Illinois Route 59.

Fox Valley Wildlife Center has received 1,500 animals since Jan. 1, 2014! Almost all of these animals have been babies. Due to this, they are in much need of Kleenex. They are asking for donations of non-scented Kleenex boxes. They are also in much need of fruits and vegetables, mainly grapes, melon, zucchini, squash and greens. If you are able to donate these items, please drop-off at the center any day between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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