

**School District U-46**  
Elgin, Illinois

July 29, 2024

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[July 29, 2024 BOE Meeting](#)

The special Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 355 E. Chicago Ave, Elgin, Illinois. The following Board Members answered roll call: Veronica Noland, Chanda Schwartz, Kate Thommes, Sue Kerr, and Melissa Owens. Dawn Martin joined the meeting at approximately 5:35 p.m. Samreen Khan was absent.

President Owens requested a motion to move into Closed Session to discuss individual student disciplinary matters; pending, probable or imminent litigation; the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public, or legal counsel for the public body; the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the School Board; the setting of a price for the sale or lease of real property owned by the School Board; an internal audit, control weaknesses, identification of potential fraud risk areas, known or suspected frauds, and fraud interviews; collective negotiating matters between the School Board and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; review of Closed Session Minutes; and individual student matters.

The motion was made at 5:01 p.m. by Ms. Kerr, second by Ms. Noland. Upon roll call yes votes: Ms. Noland, Ms. Schwartz, Ms. Thommes, Ms. Kerr, and President Owens. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

Ms. Martin joined the meeting at approximately 5:35 p.m.

A motion was made at 6:51 p.m. by Ms. Martin, second by Ms. Schwartz, to reconvene into open session. Upon roll call yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Schwartz, Ms. Thommes, Ms. Kerr, and President Owens. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 6-0.

Present for the business session were Board members Sue Kerr, Dawn Martin, Veronica Noland, Chanda Schwartz, Kate Thommes, Melissa Owens, Superintendent, Dr. Suzanne Johnson, and Chief Legal Officer, Trisha Olson. Also present was Student Board member Mahitha Ratakonda. The following were also present at the District's central office: Dr. Annette Acevedo, Dr. Celia Banks, Michele Chapman, Amanda Leatherby, Brian Lindholm, Lela Majstorovic, Milena Nedeljkovic, Aaron Nowack, Paul Pennington, Matthew Raimondi, Joan Reidel, Leatrice Satterwhite, Brian Tennison, Pat Waldau, Dr. Ann Williams, Dr. Frank Williams, Warren "Jim" Wolf.

President Owens led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was held to honor Gwendolyn Healy, a U46 student who recently passed away.

1. Accent on Achievement - Dr. Johnson

A. U-46 Financial Operations Department Meritorious Budget Award

As part of the Board of Education's Accent on Achievement, the Board of Education honored School District U-46's Financial Operations Department for having been awarded a Meritorious Budget Award by the Association of School Business Officials International for Fiscal Year 2024. Dr. Frank Williams, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, accepted the recognition on behalf of the District's Financial Operations Department.

2. Strategic Plan Report - Dr. Johnson (Board Policy 2:20 - Powers and Duties of the Board of Education; Indemnification)

A. Facility Planning Update

Mr. Lindholm, Chief of Staff, and Dr. Ann Williams, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, presented to the Board of Education an update on Facility Planning. The update included information on the new middle school in Bartlett, the new middle school in Elgin, and the projects at Kenyon Woods and Kimball Middle Schools.

B. 2024-2025 Targeted and Comprehensive School Improvement Plan

Mr. Tennison, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, and Mr. Raimondi, Director of Assessment and Accountability, provided the Board of Education with an update on the 2024-2025 Targeted and Comprehensive School Improvement Plans.

3. Comments from the Audience - Ms. Owens

A. Public Comments

The only public speaker was online and was not able to access a microphone at that time. Dr. Johnson suggested that the public speaker try again during the Public Comment section at the end of the meeting or their comment could be submitted in writing via email.

4. Other Business - Board Member and Superintendent Update, If Necessary

A. Additional Information

There were no updates from the Board.

B. FOIA Requests – 5

Dr. Johnson stated that there were five Freedom of Information Act requests, which would be available on BoardDocs and the District's website.

5. Consent Agenda - Dr. Johnson

- A. Personnel Report and Workers' Compensation Cases
- B. Minutes of Board Meeting April 22, 2024
- C. Resolution Authorizing Participation in Federal and State Grant Programs
- D. Resolution Authorizing the School Treasurer to Make Bond and Interest Payments
- E. Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Interest Earnings from the Working Cash Fund to the Tort Fund and Capital Projects Fund
- F. Resolution on Serious Safety Hazards for Student Transportation
- G. List of Authorized Depositories
- H. Bid - Plant Operations - Ellis Middle School Parking Lot Resurfacing
- I. Proposal - Chief of Staff - Community Engagement and Communications Services
- J. Proposal - Plant Operations - Bartlett High School Auditorium Smoke Hatch
- K. Contract Renewal - Curriculum and Instruction - National Geographic Cengage, World Cultures and Geography
- L. Contract Renewal - Curriculum and Instruction - McGraw Hill, Discovering our Past - U.S. History, Early Years
- M. Contract Renewal - Specialized Student Services – News2You
- N. Contract Renewal - Curriculum and Instruction - CDW Zoom
- O. Building Permits - 2

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Kerr, to approve the Consent Agenda items A-O as presented. Upon roll call yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Schwartz, Ms. Thommes, Ms. Kerr, and President Owens. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 6-0.

6. Discussion/Action - Dr. Johnson

A. Itemized Bills - July 29, 2024

Dr. Frank Williams, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education regarding the Itemized bills. Administration

recommended the Board of Education approve the List of Bills in the amount of \$47,382,884.96.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Kerr, to approve the Itemized Bills in the amount of \$47,382,884.96. Upon roll call yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Schwartz, Ms. Thommes, Ms. Kerr, and President Owens. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 6-0.

#### B. Resolution Declaring the Need to Continue Usage of Temporary Classrooms

Ms. Waldau, Director of Plant Operations, was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the Resolution Declaring the Need to Continue Usage of Temporary Classrooms.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Thommes, to approve the Resolution Declaring the Need to Continue Usage of Temporary Classrooms. Upon roll call yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Schwartz, Ms. Thommes, Ms. Kerr, and President Owens. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 6-0.

#### C. Resolution to Approve 2024-2025 Tentative Budget and Set Public Hearing

Dr. Frank Williams, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, was available to answer questions regarding the resolution that addresses the annual requirement to display the School District's tentative budget for at least 30 days prior to final adoption. Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the Resolution to Approve 2024-2025 Tentative Budget and Set Public Hearing.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Thommes, to approve the Resolution to Approve 2024-2025 Tentative Budget and Set Public Hearing. Upon roll call yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Schwartz, Ms. Thommes, Ms. Kerr, and President Owens. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 6-0.

#### D. Middle School English Language Arts Curriculum

Mrs. Majstorovic, Deputy Superintendent of Instruction, Ms. Banks, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Mr. Tennison, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, were available for questions relating to the Middle School English Language Arts Curriculum.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Kerr, to approve the Middle School English Language Arts Curriculum. Upon roll call yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms.

Schwartz, Ms. Thommes, Ms. Kerr, and President Owens. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 6-0.

E. High School English Language Arts Curriculum

Mrs. Majstorovic, Deputy Superintendent of Instruction, Ms. Banks, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Mr. Tennison, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, were available for questions relating to the High School English Language Arts Curriculum.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Thommes, to approve the High School English Language Arts Curriculum.

Ms. Martin asked if were any concerns raised from staff with this being approved now. The team responded that just today they received an email from Streamwood High School stating that staff there had some concerns with being prepared. The team responded to Streamwood High School that the curriculum was available online and the resources were available to be picked up. They also informed them that they would continue to work with them and get them the support needed. Additionally, there are five additional High School Network Coaches that will be available to support teachers throughout the year.

Ms. Kerr asked how the new ELA 4 will differ from the current ELA fourth year. The team replied that the new proposed ELA 4 would give students credit while the current fourth year curriculum does not.

Ms. Olson stated that this agenda item is the subject of the public commenter and asked the Board if they would like to hear the comment before voting. Ms. Olson explained the process to do this. Ms. Olson suggested the Board continue its discussion then follow the process explained.

Ms. Martin asked if the proposed ELA 4 course will be structured to help students get to a level that helps them to take a college level course out of high school and not test into remedial courses. The team responded, yes, the District has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Elgin Community College and the State of Illinois that states that if a student receives a C or better in the ELA 4 course, they will not need to take remedial courses at the college level.

Ms. Thommes asked if this proposal is not approved, will the District continue with the old curriculum. The team said yes, except for the ELA 4 update, as that is an update, not a curriculum change.

Ms. Kerr asked if Elgin Community College is overseeing how the ELA 4 class is being implemented. The team said yes, Elgin Community College has been involved in the process. Ms. Kerr also asked, what percent of students enroll in the current ELA fourth year course. The team stated, approximately 70%.

Ms. Martin asked if ELA 4 will move forward, if the proposal is not approved. The team stated that the ELA 4 was just an update to current curriculum, but the Board does need to approve this proposal to move forward with the agreement with Elgin Community College.

Ms. Schwartz confirmed that the approval of the ELA 4 and the agreement with Elgin Community College are rolled into the proposal for the curriculum update. The team confirmed, yes.

Ms. Kerr asked how the team would be evaluating students and what supports they may need. The team stated that they have several progress monitoring measures in place. Ms. Kerr also asked what kind of support is being given to teachers. The team stated that they have elected to have two full days of professional development. In addition to that teachers will have a monthly early release day to engage with their collaborative team.

Ms. Schwartz asked about the correspondence with Streamwood High School, if staff was OK with the team's response. The team stated that the Coordinator of Literacy would follow up with them. Ms. Schwartz asked if there were positive responses. The team stated that they did have an approval vote from Instructional Council.

Dr. Johnson reiterated the rationale for the proposed curriculum change.

President Owens requested a motion to lay on the table the matter of the proposed High School English Language Arts Curriculum.

The motion was made by Ms. Martin, second by Ms. Noland. Upon roll call yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Schwartz, Ms. Thommes, Ms. Kerr, and President Owens. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 6-0.

President Owens requested a motion to amend the agenda to include an additional Public Comment.

The motion was made by Ms. Noland, seconded by Ms. Martin. Upon roll call yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Schwartz, Ms. Thommes, Ms. Kerr, and President Owens. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 6-0.

Public Comment:

Kristen Weisenberger, English teacher at Streamwood High School, shared concerns regarding the High School English Language Arts Curriculum for the 2024-2025 school year. She also shared frustrations regarding Professional Development and the time given to teachers to reconstruct their curriculum. She asked that the Board delay the approval of this proposal.

President Owens requested a motion to take the proposed High School English Language Arts Curriculum Update off the table.

The motion was made by Ms. Noland, seconded by Ms. Thommes. Upon roll call yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Schwartz, Ms. Thommes, Ms. Kerr, and President Owens. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 6-0.

Ms. Kerr asked the team to address the public commenters concerns. The team addressed the concerns stating that the AP curriculum could not be accessed until it is approved by the Board and purchased, but that the other curriculum has been available to teachers since May. The rubrics will be aligned to common core standards. The team will investigate the claim that there may be incorrect rubrics in the folder. The Canvas Course is being built as quickly as possible to give teachers access. They were not able to print all the documents because of costs.

Ms. Kerr asked if this was piloted. The team responded that it was not.

Ms. Martin asked if there will be an end of year exam in the Pre AP class. The team replied that there would not be a National AP exam for the Pre AP course. Ms. Martin also asked if staff had access to the AP Seminar course. The team responded yes, they should have attended Professional Development over the summer.

President Owens reiterated that the resources for the Pre AP course have not been purchased yet because the Board has not approved yet. She asked what effect will this delay have. The team explained how the transition from Honors to the Pre AP course will take place. President Owens asked if the resources will be integrated, as the class moves through the first year. The team stated, yes.

Ms. Martin raised concerns with the timing of this proposal. She does feel like a change in curriculum is good for the students, but she is concerned that staff does not have enough time to prepare.

Ms. Thommes stated that her concerns are for those teachers who have started to prepare, and that a no vote on this proposal, will lose all the work that has gone into the College Prep ELA 4 class and the memorandum of understanding with Elgin Community College.

Upon roll call yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Schwartz, Ms. Thommes, Ms. Kerr, and President Owens. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 6-0.

#### F. Resolution to Sell Real Property

Mr. Lindholm, Chief of Staff, presented the Resolution and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended the Board of Education adopt the Resolution of the Board of Education of Elgin School District U-46, Cook, DuPage, and Kane Counties, Illinois to Sell Real Property (located at 410 East Streamwood Blvd., Streamwood, Illinois).

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Thommes, to approve the Resolution to Sell Real Property located at 410 East Streamwood Blvd., Streamwood, Illinois. Upon roll call yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Schwartz, Ms. Thommes, Ms. Kerr, and President Owens. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 6-0.

### 7. Work Session - Dr. Johnson

#### A. Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Applications for Cooperative Team Sponsorship

Dr. Acevedo, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, and Mr. Pennington, Athletic Director at Elgin High School, presented the applications and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the Application for Cooperative Team Sponsorship as required by the Illinois High School Association (IHSA). IHSA regulations require Board approval for cooperative athletic teams. The following applications were recommended for approval:

- Boys Swimming and Diving Upstate Eight (Elgin and South Elgin High Schools)
- Girls Swimming and Diving Upstate Eight (Elgin and South Elgin High Schools)

8. Work Session - Bids/Proposals (Board Policy 4:60 - Purchases and Contracts)

A. Bid - Food and Nutrition Services - Food Service Equipment

Mr. Nowak, Director of Food and Nutrition Services, presented the proposal summary and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended award to the lowest responsible bidders, TriMark Marlinn, in the amount of \$141,863.08, Grady's Food Service Equipment in the amount of \$3,712.11, and Douglas Food Stores, Inc. in the amount of \$140,299.12, for a total amount of \$285,874.31 and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Education Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

B. Bid - Information Services – Chromebooks

Mr. Wolf, Director of Information Services, presented the proposal summary and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended award to the lowest responsible bidder, Vivacity Technologies, in the amount of \$5,495,500.00 and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Education Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

C. Bid - Information Services - ViewSonic Interactive Displays, Commercial Displays, Mobile Stands, and Licenses

Mr. Wolf, Director of Information Services, Ms. Banks, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Mr. Conejo, Information Services Supervisor, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended award to the lowest responsible bidders, CDW-G, LLC., in the amount of \$296,377.32, and Clary Business Machines in the amount of \$172,135.00, for a total amount of \$468,512.32 and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Education Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

D. Proposal - Information Services - Virtual Desktop Infrastructure

Mr. Wolf, Director of Information Services, Ms. Banks, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Mr. Conejo, Information Services Supervisor, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the proposal from CDW-G in the amount of

\$1,789,640.88, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Education Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

E. Bid - Plant Operations - Waste Management and Recycling Services

Ms. Waldau, Director of Plant Operations, presented the proposal summary and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended award to the lowest responsible bidder, Lakeshore Recycling Systems in the amount of \$1,085,168.15 and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Operations and Maintenance Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2024-2025 through 2026-2027 fiscal years.

F. Proposal - Plant Operations - Canton Middle School Entryway Replacement

Ms. Waldau, Director of Plant Operations, presented the proposal summary and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the proposal from Mark Industries, Ltd. in the amount of \$42,498.00, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Operations and Maintenance Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

G. Proposal - Assessment, Accountability, and Success - Advanced Placement Exam 9-12 Grade Eligible Students

Mr. Tennison, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, and Mr. Raimondi, Director of Assessment, Accountability, and Student Success, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the proposal from College Board in the amount of \$650,818.00, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Education Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

9. Work Session - Contracts Over \$35,000.00 (Board Policy 4:60 - Purchases and Contracts)

A. Contract Renewal - Assessment, Accountability, and Student Success - College Board PSAT 8/9 and PSAT/NMSQT 10/11

Mr. Tennison, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, and Mr. Raimondi, Director of Assessment, Accountability, and Student Success, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract renewal with College Board in the amount of \$99,048.05, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Education Fund. This cost is included in the budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

B. Contract Renewal - Assessment, Accountability, and Student Success - Cognitive Abilities Test

Mr. Tennison, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, Mr. Raimondi, Director of Assessment, Accountability, and Student Success, and Ms. Nedeljkovic, Assistant Director of Post-Secondary Success-Gifted, Accelerated, and Magnet Programs, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract renewal with Riverside Insights in the amount of \$61,145.60, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Education Fund. This cost is included in the budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

C. Contract Renewal - Assessment, Accountability, and Student Success/Multilingual and Multicultural Department - LAS Links Assessment

Mr. Tennison, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, and Mr. Raimondi, Director of Assessment, Accountability, and Student Success, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract renewal with Data Recognition Corporation in the amount of \$153,749.93, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Title III and Education Funds. This cost is included in the budget for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 fiscal years.

D. Contract Renewal - Curriculum and Instruction - Scholastic News Purchase

Mr. Tennison, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, and Ms. Banks, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract renewal with Scholastic in the amount of \$106,933.78, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related

documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Education Fund. This cost is included in the budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

E. Contract Renewal - Equity and Innovation – OneGoal

Dr. Satterwhite, Assistant Superintendent of Equity and Innovation, Ms. Chapman, Director of Post-Secondary Success, and Ms. Riedel, Larkin High School Associate Principal, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract renewal with OneGoal in the amount of \$67,500.00, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Education Fund. This cost is included in the budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

F. Contract - Information Services - Data Warehouse Maintenance and Support

Mr. Wolf, Director of Information Services, presented the proposal summary and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the five-year contract with PowerSchool in the amount of \$457,157.00, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Education Fund. This cost is included in the budget for the 2024-2025 through 2028-2029 fiscal years.

G. Contract Renewal - Information Services - Mindsight/Fortinet

Mr. Wolf, Director of Information Services, presented the proposal summary and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the one-year contract renewal with Mindsight in the amount of \$186,800.00, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Education Fund. This cost is included in the budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

H. Contract Renewal - Operations - Liability Insurance

Dr. Frank Williams, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, presented the proposal summary and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract renewal with Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust in the amount of \$518,048.00, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Tort Fund. This cost is included in the budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

I. Contract Renewal - Operations - Workers' Compensation Insurance

Dr. Frank Williams, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, presented the proposal summary and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract renewal with Illinois Public Risk Fund in the amount of \$317,778.00, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Tort Fund. This cost is included in the budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

J. Contract - Specialized Student Services - Speech Therapy Services

Dr. Satterwhite, Assistant Superintendent of Equity and Innovation, and Mrs. Leatherby, Director of Specialized Student Services, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract with vendors listed on the proposal in the total amount not to exceed \$1,424,999.99, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the IDEA Grant Fund. This cost is included in the budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

K. Contract - Specialized Student Services - Psychological Services

Dr. Satterwhite, Assistant Superintendent of Equity and Innovation, and Mrs. Leatherby, Director of Specialized Student Services, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract with vendors listed on the proposal in the total amount not to exceed \$569,999.99, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the IDEA Grant Fund. This cost is included in the budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

L. Contract Renewal - Specialized Student Services - Easterseals Metropolitan Chicago

Dr. Satterwhite, Assistant Superintendent of Equity and Innovation, and Mrs. Leatherby, Director of Specialized Student Services, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract renewal with Easterseals in the amount of \$302,467.56, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the IDEA Grant Fund. This cost is included in the budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

M. Contract Renewal - Specialized Student Services - Northwestern Illinois Association Hearing/Vision Supervision and Services

Dr. Satterwhite, Assistant Superintendent of Equity and Innovation, and Mrs. Leatherby, Director of Specialized Student Services, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract renewal with Northwestern Illinois Association in the amount of \$238,195.00, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Federal IDEA Grant Fund. This cost is included in the budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year

N. Contract Renewal - Specialized Student Services - Texthelp Inc.

Dr. Satterwhite, Assistant Superintendent of Equity and Innovation, and Mrs. Leatherby, Director of Specialized Student Services, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract renewal with Texthelp Inc. in the amount of \$164,102.50, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Education Fund. This cost is included in the budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

10. Move to Closed Session - Ms. Owens

President Owens requested a motion to move into closed session to discuss individual student disciplinary matters; pending, probable or imminent litigation; the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public, or legal counsel for the public body; the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the School Board; the setting of a price for the sale or lease of real property owned by the School Board; an internal audit, control weaknesses, identification of potential fraud risk areas, known or suspected frauds, and fraud interviews; collective negotiating matters between the School Board and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; review of Closed Session Minutes; and individual student matters.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Martin, to move to closed session at 8:48 p.m. Upon roll call yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Schwartz, Ms. Thommes, Ms. Kerr, and President Owens. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 6-0.

11. Move to Open Session - Ms. Owens

Motion by Ms. Thommes, second by Ms. Schwartz, to move to open session at 10:08 pm. Upon roll call yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Schwartz, Ms. Thommes, Ms. Kerr, and President Owens. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 6-0.

12. Adjournment - Ms. Owens

Motion by Ms. Martin, second by Ms. Noland to adjourn the Board Meeting of July 29, 2024, at 10:11 p.m. Upon roll call yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Schwartz, Ms. Thommes, Ms. Kerr, and President Owens. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 6-0.

Approved this 21st day of October, 2024.

  
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President

  
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Secretary