

School District U-46
Elgin, Illinois

August 21, 2023

The video of the August 21, 2023 meeting can be found here:
[August 21, 2023, BOE Meeting](#)

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 355 E. Chicago Ave, Elgin, Illinois. The following Board Members answered roll call: The following Board Members answered roll call: Dawn Martin, Veronica Noland, Melissa Owens, Samreen Khan, Chanda Schwartz, Kate Thommes, and Sue Kerr.

President Kerr 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 5:31 p.m. by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Owens. Upon roll call yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Ms. Khan, Ms. Schwartz, Ms. Thommes, and President Kerr. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 7-0.

A motion was made at 6:54 p.m. by Ms. Noland second by Ms. Martin, to reconvene into open session. Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Ms. Khan, Ms. Schwartz, Ms. Thommes, and President Kerr. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 7-0.

Present for the business session were Board members Dawn Martin, Veronica Noland, Melissa Owens, Samreen Khan, Chanda Schwartz, Kate Thommes, and Sue Kerr, Student Board member Asraar Ahmed Siddiqui, Superintendent Dr. Suzanne Johnson, and Chief Legal Officer Trisha Olson. The following were also present at the District's central office: Richard Bosh, Dale Burnidge, Brian Lindholm, Lela Majstorovic, Mary Mangione, Michael Miserendino, Patricia Waldau, Erika Washington, and Dr. Frank Williams. Present for the meeting via Zoom were other administrators and members of the public.

President Kerr led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of silence was had for a U-46 student and an employee who passed away.

1. Accent of Achievement – Dr. Johnson

A. Illinois Theatre Association Award of Honor

The Board of Education recognized Michael Miserendino, an English and Theatre teacher at Bartlett High School for receiving the Award of Honor from the Illinois Theatre Association at a conference on August 26, 2023, at the Hilton Hotel and Conference Center in Downers Grove, Illinois. The award is given to an individual for their significant contribution in promoting quality theatre through the state of Illinois. Mr. Miserendino has directed a number of plays and musicals at Bartlett High School and for the U-46 Summer Theatre program.

B. Illinois Administrator of the Year

The Board of Education recognized Mary Mangione, Principal at Dream Academy, for being recognized as the Illinois Administrator of the Year by the Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (IAHPERD). Ms. Mangione will be honored at the Awards Reception and Ceremony on November 30, 2023, at the IAHPERD State Convention taking place at the Tinley Park Convention Center. The award is given to an administrator who has championed the cause of health, physical education, and/or dance.

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

A. Back to School Update

Dr. Johnson, Superintendent, provided the Board of Education with an update on the start of the 2023-2024 school year. President Kerr thanked Dr. Johnson as they both attended six different schools on the first day.

B. Facility Planning Update

Mr. Lindholm, Chief of Staff, presented to the Board of Education an update on Facility Planning. Mr. Lindholm stated that the purchase and sale agreement is being finalized for the old Sherman Hospital property and the Rohrssen Road property. He also provided an update regarding the Hawk Hollow project, noting that zoning approval has been obtained and the bidding process has begun.

C. FY 2024 Tentative Budget

Dr. Frank Williams, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, and Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, presented the FY 2024 Tentative Budget and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education.

3. Comments from the Audience – Ms. Kerr

A. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

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

A. Additional Information

Dr. Johnson stated that she has visited many schools and thanked all staff members. Ms. Schwartz thanked Lela Majstorovic for taking her to visit five different schools on the first day. Samreen Khan stated that Mark Moore took her to visit an elementary school on the first day and thanked him.

B. FOIA Requests – 2

Dr. Johnson stated that there were two Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests that are available on BoardDocs and those requests will also be available on the District's website.

5. Other Business – Community Advisory Council (CAC) Update (Board Policy 2:150 – Committees)

A. Community Advisory Council (CAC) Update

There were no updates from CAC.

6. Consent Agenda – Dr. Johnson

- A. Personnel Report and Workers' Compensation Cases
- B. Minutes of the Board Meeting August 7, 2023
- C. Termination of Patricia Jones – Food Service Technician
- D. Termination of Anthony Tortoriello – Bus Driver
- E. Termination of Ana Lopez – Bus Driver
- F. Contract Renewal – Specialized Student Services- Gorbald Behavioral Consulting
- G. Contract – Teaching and Learning/Literacy and Libraries – NoRedInk

Motion by Ms. Thommes, second by Ms. Martin to approve the consent agenda items A-G, as presented. Upon roll call yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Ms. Khan, Ms. Schwartz, Ms. Thommes, and President Kerr. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 7-0.

7. Discussion/Action – Dr. Johnson

A. Itemized Bills – August 21, 2023

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education regarding the attached bills. Administration recommends the Board of Education approve the List of Bills in the amount of \$12,673,171.29.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Thommes, to approve the itemized bills in the amount of \$12,673,171.29. Upon roll call yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Ms. Khan, Ms. Schwartz, Ms. Thommes, and President Kerr. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 7-0.

B. Approval of 2023 High School Graduates

The Board of Education certifies the listings of high school graduates.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Thommes, to approve the certification of the 2023 High School Graduates. Upon roll call yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Ms. Khan, Ms. Schwartz, Ms. Thommes, and President Kerr. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 7-0.

8. Work Session – Resolutions

A. Social Media Litigation (Franczek and Frantz Law Group)

Ms. Olson, Chief Legal Officer, and Ms. Washington, Assistant Attorney, reviewed the Resolution and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommends the Board of Education approve the Resolution Authorizing Commencement of Social Media Litigation.

9. Work Session – Contracts over \$25,000 (Board Policy 4:60 – Purchases and Contracts)

A. Contract Renewal – School Safety – Renewal of School Resource Officer Contracts

Mr. Bosh, Coordinator of School Safety, and Mr. Lindholm, Chief of Staff, presented the proposal and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommends approval of the contract renewals with the City of Elgin, the Village of Bartlett, the Village of South Elgin, and the Village of Streamwood, in the amount of \$1,153,448.63, and requests authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Educational Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

B. Contract Renewal – Financial Operations – Microsoft Business Solutions

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, presented the proposal and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommends approval of the contract renewal with Unified Business Solutions in the amount of \$25,678.50 and requests authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Educational Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

10. Work Session – Change Orders (Board Policy 4:60 – Purchases and Contracts)

A. Change Order – Plant Operations – Heritage Elementary School, Independence Center for Early Learning, and Ronald D. O’Neal Elementary School Boiler Replacements – Project Numbers 877, 1052 and 1402

Ms. Waldau, Director of Plant Operations, presented the change order and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommends the Board of Education approve the change order from 1 Source Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of minus \$131,448.33.

B. Change Order – Plant Operations – Larkin High School Tennis Courts Replacement – Project #269

Ms. Waldau, Director of Plant Operations, presented the change order and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommends the Board of Education approve the change order from Schroeder Asphalt Services, Inc. in the amount of minus \$34,341.08.

C. Change Order – Plant Operations – Plant Operations Parking Lot Replacement – Project #2064

Ms. Waldau, Director of Plant Operations, presented the change order and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommends the Board of Education approve the change order from Schroeder Asphalt Services, Inc. in the amount of minus \$1.48.

11. Adjournment – Ms. Kerr

Motion by Ms. Martin, second by Ms. Thommes, to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of August 21, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. Upon roll call yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Ms. Thommes, Ms. Khan, Ms. Schwartz, and President Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Approved this 11th day of September, 2023.

Susan E Kerr
President

Justina A. Allen
Secretary