

School District U-46
Elgin, Illinois

August 5, 2024

The video of the August 5, 2024 meeting can be found here:
[August 5, 2024 BOE Meeting](#)

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 355 E. Chicago Ave, Elgin, Illinois. The following Board Members answered roll call: Sue Kerr, Dawn Martin, Veronica Noland, Chanda Schwartz, and Kate Thommes. Samreen Khan and Melissa Owens joined the meeting via Zoom at approximately 6:05 p.m.

A motion was made by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Kerr, to allow Ms. Khan and President Owens to participate in the August 5, 2024 meeting via Zoom. Upon roll call yes votes: Ms. Kerr, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Schwartz, and Vice President Thommes. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

Vice President Thommes 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 6:03 p.m. by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Martin. Upon roll call yes votes: Ms. Kerr, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Schwartz, and Vice President Thommes. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

President Owens and Ms. Khan joined via Zoom at approximately 6:05 p.m.

A motion was made at 6:37 p.m. by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Kerr, to reconvene into open session. Upon roll call yes votes: Ms. Kerr, Ms. Khan, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Schwartz, Vice President Thommes, and President Owens. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 7-0.

Ms. Khan and President Owens exited the meeting at approximately 6:38 p.m.

Present for the business session were Board members Sue Kerr, Samreen Khan, Dawn Martin, Veronica Noland, Chanda Schwartz, Kate Thommes, Superintendent, Dr. Suzanne Johnson, and Chief Legal Officer, Trisha Olson. The following were also present at the District's central office:

Celia Banks, Richard Bosh, Michele Chapman, Heather Fellows, Brian Lindholm, Lela Majstorovic, Mark Moore, Matthew Raimondi, Leatrice Satterwhite, Julie Shumaker, Brian Tennison, Dr. Ann Williams, and Dr. Frank Williams.

Vice President Thommes led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was held for Heinz Koch, a U46 bus driver.

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

A. 2024-2025 School Readiness Report

Dr. Johnson, Superintendent, Dr. Ann Williams, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, Mrs. Majstorovic, Deputy Superintendent of Instruction, and Mr. Moore, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, provided an update regarding our School Readiness for the 2024-2025 school year. Dr. Williams reported on Food Services, Plant Operations Transportations and Information Services readiness for the first day of school. Mrs. Majstorovic reported on the professional learning that has taken place over the summer and planned for the weeks ahead, the New Hire Orientation, updated curriculums, school supply delivery, and transition events for new students. Mr. Moore reported on open positions and new hires.

2. Comments from the Audience - Ms. Thommes

A. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

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

A. Additional Information

Ms. Martin reminded everyone that schools need volunteers. PTOs, Boosters, and CAC are all in need of volunteers.

Ms. Kerr stated that she and Dr. Johnson met by Zoom with the IASB Resolution Committee. They discussed legislation regarding the Seal of Biliteracy meeting World Language requirements.

B. FOIA Request – 1

Dr. Johnson stated that there was one Freedom of Information Act request, which would be available on BoardDocs and the District's website.

4. Consent Agenda - Dr. Johnson

- A. Personnel Report and Workers' Compensation Cases
- B. Termination of Jenna Whitt - Bus Driver
- C. Bid - Food and Nutrition Services - Food Service Equipment
- D. Bid - Information Services – Chromebooks
- E. Bid - Information Services - ViewSonic Interactive Displays, Commercial Displays, Mobile Stands, and Licenses
- F. Proposal - Information Services - Virtual Desktop Infrastructure
- G. Bid - Plant Operations - Waste Management and Recycling Services
- H. Proposal - Plant Operations - Canton Middle School Entryway Replacement
- I. Proposal - Assessment, Accountability, and Student Success - Advanced Placement Exam 9-12 Grade Eligible Students
- J. Contract Renewal - Assessment, Accountability, and Student Success - College Board PSAT 8/9 and PSAT/NMSQT 10/11
- K. Contract Renewal - Assessment, Accountability, and Student Success - Cognitive Abilities Test
- L. Contract Renewal - Assessment, Accountability, and Student Success/Multilingual and Multicultural Department - LAS Links Assessment
- M. Contract Renewal - Curriculum and Instruction - Scholastic News Purchase
- N. Contract Renewal - Equity and Innovation – OneGoal
- O. Contract - Information Services - Data Warehouse Maintenance and Support
- P. Contract Renewal - Information Services - Mindsight/Fortinet
- Q. Contract Renewal - Operations - Liability Insurance
- R. Contract Renewal - Operations - Workers' Compensation Insurance
- S. Contract - Specialized Student Services - Speech Therapy Services
- T. Contract - Specialized Student Services - Psychological Services
- U. Contract Renewal - Specialized Student Services - Easterseals Metropolitan Chicago
- V. Contract Renewal - Specialized Student Services - Northwestern Illinois Association Hearing/Vision Supervision and Services
- W. Contract Renewal - Specialized Student Services - Texthelp Inc.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Martin, to approve the Consent Agenda items A-W as presented. Upon roll call yes votes: Ms. Kerr, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Schwartz, and Vice President Thommes. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

5. Other Business - Employee Matters (Board Policy 5.290 - Suspension and Dismissal of Support Staff Members)

A. DUTU Grievance #06-05-24 Step III

Dr. Johnson, Superintendent, was available to answer questions regarding DUTU Grievance #06-05-24 Step III.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Kerr, to deny the DUTU Grievance #06-05-24 Step III. Upon roll call yes votes: Ms. Kerr, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Schwartz, and Vice President Thommes. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

6. Other Business - Dr. Johnson

A. May Financial Report

Dr. Frank Williams, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, reviewed the Financial Report and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education.

7. Discussion/Action - Dr. Johnson

A. Itemized Bills - August 5, 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 \$10,095,334.07.

Motion by Ms. Martin, second by Ms. Noland, to approve the List of Bills in the amount of \$10,095,334.07. Upon roll call yes votes: Ms. Kerr, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Schwartz, and Vice President Thommes. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

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

Mrs. Majstorovic, Deputy Superintendent of Instruction, was available to discuss the applications and 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)

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Martin, to approve the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Applications for Cooperative Team Sponsorship. Upon roll call yes votes: Ms. Kerr, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Schwartz, and Vice President Thommes. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

C. Minutes of Board Committee Meeting

Administration recommended the Board of Education accept the minutes of the June 10, 2024 Board of Education Curriculum Committee meeting.

Motion by Ms. Martin, second by Ms. Schwartz, to accept the Minutes of the June 10, 2024 Board of Education Curriculum Committee meeting. Upon roll call yes votes: Ms. Kerr, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Schwartz, and Vice President Thommes. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

D. Contract - Operations - Financial Management – Auditor

Dr. Ann Williams, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, presented the proposal and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the five-year contract with Lauterbach & Amen, LLP., in the amount of \$341,400.00, 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 through 2028-2029 fiscal years.

Motion by Ms. Kerr, second by Ms. Noland, to approve the five-year contract with Lauterbach & Amen, LLP., in the amount of \$341,400.00. Upon roll call yes votes: Ms. Kerr, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Schwartz, and Vice President Thommes. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

E. Contract Renewal - School Safety - School Resource Officer Contracts

Mr. Bosh, Director 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 recommended approval of the contract renewal with the Village of

Bartlett, City of Elgin, Village of South Elgin, and the Village of Streamwood, in the total amount of \$1,247,859.18, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Tort Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Kerr, to approve the contract renewal with the Village of Bartlett, City of Elgin, Village of South Elgin, and the Village of Streamwood, in the total amount of \$1,247,859.18. Upon roll call yes votes: Ms. Kerr, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Schwartz, and Vice President Thommes. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

Ms. Khan joined the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

8. Work Session - Dr. Johnson

A. 2025-2026 School Calendar

Mr. Moore, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, presented the 2025-2026 School Calendar and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the proposed 2025-2026 School Calendar.

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

A. Proposal - Assessment and Accountability - Kane County Regional Office of Education - Learning Partner

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 Kane County Regional Office of Education in the amount of \$421,600.00, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Title I - 1003(a) Funds. The cost is included in the budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

B. Proposal - Curriculum and Instruction - CharacterStrong Social Emotional Learning Resource

Dr. Satterwhite, Assistant Superintendent of Equity and Innovation, Ms. Shumaker, Executive Director of Middle Schools, and Ms. Chapman, Director of Post-Secondary Success, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions

from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the proposal from CharacterStrong in the amount of \$38,914.20, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Title I Grant Funds. The cost is included in the budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

C. Proposal - Equity and Innovation - International Baccalaureate Environment Systems and Societies Resource

Mrs. Majstorovic, Deputy Superintendent of Instruction, Dr. Satterwhite, Assistant Superintendent of Equity and Innovation, and Ms. Chapman, Director of Post-Secondary Success, provided the Board of Education with information relating to the International Baccalaureate Environment Systems and Societies Resource Proposal. Administration recommended approval of the proposal from Hodder Publishing Group in the amount of \$3,000.00, 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.

D. Proposal - Teaching and Learning - Elgin Community College Room Rentals

Mr. Tennison, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, and Ms. Fellows, Director of Professional Learning, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the proposal from Elgin Community College in the amount not to exceed \$140,000.00, 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.

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

A. Contract Renewal - Office of Schools - Illinois Principals Association Coaching and Mentoring

Mrs. Majstorovic, Deputy Superintendent of Instruction, 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 Principals Association in the amount of \$45,599.64, 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 - Operations - Risk Management - Property 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 Chubb in the amount of \$894,396.00, 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.

11. Adjournment - Ms. Thommes

Motion by Ms. Martin, second by Ms. Noland to adjourn the Board Meeting of August 5, 2024, at 7:50 p.m. Upon roll call yes votes: Ms. Kerr, Ms. Khan, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Schwartz, and Vice President Thommes. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 6-0.

Approved this 4th day of November, 2024.



President



Secretary