

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

August 7, 2023

**The video of the August 7, 2023 meeting can be found here:**  
[August 7, 2023, BOE Meeting](#)

The Regular 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: 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 5:01 p.m. by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Thommes. 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 6:53 p.m. by Ms. Thommes, second by Ms. Noland, 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 administrators were also present at the District's central office: Celia Banks, Dale Burnidge, Jackie Johnson, Brian Lindholm, Lela Majstorovic, Mark Moore, Dr. Leatrice Satterwhite, Christopher Sanzeri, and Dr. Ann 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.

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

A. 2023-2024 School Readiness Report

Dr. Johnson, Superintendent, Ms. Majstorovic, Deputy Superintendent of Instruction, Dr. Williams, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, and Mr. Moore, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources provided an update regarding School Readiness for the 2023-2024 school year. Mr. Moore stated that the Transportation Department is short fewer staff members than in comparison to last year. He also mentioned that there are teaching positions that still need to be filled. Additionally, there was a job fair that had over 170 attendees interested in working for The District. Dr. Williams stated that all buildings will be ready for the first day of school. Ms. Majstorovic mentioned the many workshops, trainings, and meetings that took place over the summer. She stated that over 30 new administrators were hired and New Teacher Orientation was attended by over 160 new teachers. Dr. Johnson thanked the team for all efforts made as The District prepares to welcome approximately 36,000 students.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

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

A. Additional Information

There were no updates from The Board of Education.

B. FOIA Requests – 6

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

4. Consent Agenda – Dr. Johnson

A. Personnel Report and Workers' Compensation Cases

B. Minutes of the Board Meeting July 17, 2023

C. Bid – Information Services – Technology Purchase – Chromebooks

D. Contract – American Association of School Administrators (AASA) – National Principal Supervisor Academy

E. Contract – Office of Schools – Consultant

F. Contract Renewal – Office of Schools – Amendment to Service Agreements with Right at School and Boys and Girls Club of Elgin

G. Contract – Deputy Superintendent of Operations – Projection, Staffing, and Mapping Software – Baragar Systems

H. Approval of Settlement Agreement and General Release in the Matter of McCann v. School District U-46

Motion by Ms. Thommes, second by Ms. Noland to approve the consent agenda items A-H, 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.

5. Discussion/Action – Dr. Johnson

A. Itemized Bills – August 7, 2023

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, was available for 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 \$15,941,309.19.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Martin, to approve the itemized bills in the amount of \$15,941,309.19. 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. Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Bartlett

Dr. Johnson, Superintendent, and Ms. Olson, Chief Legal Officer, presented the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Bartlett and School District U-46 to the Board of Education. Administration recommends the Board of Education approve the Village of Bartlett Intergovernmental Agreement Concerning Land by and between the Board of Education of School District U-46, and the Village of Bartlett.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Owens, to approve the Agreement. 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.

6. Other Business – Dr. Johnson

A. Secondary Schools Financial Report for the Fourth Quarter

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, reviewed the Secondary Schools Quarterly Financial Report and was available to respond to any questions from the Board of Education. Mr. Burnidge stated the total balance for all high-end middle schools is \$2,749,813.00. The quarter balance decreased by \$941,329.00. Mr. Burnidge explained that some of accounts listed are club accounts, where money is collected during the year as well as spent.

B. Investment Report for the Fourth Quarter

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, presented the Investment Report for the fourth quarter and was available to respond to any questions from the Board of Education. Mr. Burnidge said the total invested funds is \$562,579,588.00. He also stated that the total funds at PMA is \$410,800,000.00, with \$151,800,000.00 at Fifth Third. Current yield is 4.40% and accrued interest is \$4,687,363.00.

7. Work Session – Contracts over \$25,000.00 (Board Policy 4:60 – Purchases and Contracts)

A. Contract Renewal – Specialized Student Services – Gorbold Behavioral Consulting

Dr. Satterwhite, Director of Specialized Student Services, and Mr. Sanzeri, Special Education Administrator, presented the proposal and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommends approval of the contract renewal with Gorbold Behavioral Consulting, Inc. (GBC) in the amount not to exceed \$742,728.00, and requests authorization for The District Administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the IDEA Grant. The cost is included in the budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

B. Contract – Teaching and Learning/Literacy and Libraries - NoRedInk

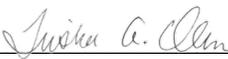
Mrs. Banks, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Ms. Johnson, Coordinator of Literacy and Libraries, presented the bid and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommends approval of the contract from NoRedInk in the amount of \$109,752.00, and requests authorization for The District Administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Education Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

8. Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Martin, second by Ms. Thommes, to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of August 7, 2023 at 7:19 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 21st day of August, 2023.

  
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President

  
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Secretary