

Highlights from the September 11, 2023, U-46 Board of Education meeting

The Board of Education meeting was held at 355 East Chicago Street, Elgin.

During the Accent on Achievement portion of the meeting, the Board honored 15 students for earning first place at the Illinois Future Problem Solving Bowl, held in Bloomington-Normal in April, and/or the Future Problem Solvers International Competition, held at the University of Massachusetts in June. The students recognized at the state competition were coached by Ellen Smith, a 4th grade teacher at Glenbrook Elementary School. The students recognized at the Community Problem Solver competition were coached by parent volunteers, Madhuri Ganne and Uma Sangam.

Aiken Navarro of Ellis Middle School as well as Sophia Lee, Andrew Punnoose, and Zinnia Saher of Larsen Middle School were honored with the Bucky Award (named for architect and inventor Buckminster Fuller) for their creative and futuristic solution to a problem.

Zinnia Saher of Larsen Middle School placed first in the middle level and Neda Bazys of Bartlett High School placed first at the senior level in the Global Issue Problem Solving individual competitions.

Eleven students won the grand championship in the Community Problem Solver category in the middle division at the Future Problem Solvers International Competition. They are Andrew Punnoose of Larsen Middle School, Yuvan Ganne, Nishi Sheth, Jaivir Singh, Krish Soni, and Katelyn Wong of Bartlett High School, as well as Mannat Ashta, Michelle Cardozo, Veer Gupta, Risha Lakkadi, and Svanik Yachavaram of Elgin High School.

There were four public comments concerning the consolidation of classrooms at Bartlett Elementary School and the transfer of a teacher.

The Board approved in the Consent Agenda and during Discussion/Action:

- Personnel report of 9/11/23 and Board meeting minutes of 8/21/23.
- Bills in the amount of \$15,004,814.
- Renewal of School Resource Officer contracts.
- A [Resolution Authorizing Social Media Litigation](#).
- Updates to Board Policies (these involve minor changes to language or legal references).
- Bids, contracts, building permits, proposals, and change orders discussed at the previous Board meeting.

During Other Business the Board received the 2023 Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits [Report](#).

During the Work Session the Board reviewed

- A bid for the purchase and installation of a picnic pavilion at Streamwood High School. All five high schools will receive picnic pavilions in the next few years.
- Bids for the purchase of a Vermeer Mini Skid Steer and a New Holland Skid Steer.
- A five-year contract renewal with Newsela which offers digital texts to students in grades 2-12.
- A contract with the Illinois Principals Association for coaching and mentoring of resident administrators.

A link to the video of the Board meeting can be found [here](#). A link to the complete Board meeting packet can be found [here](#).

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Monday, September 25, at 7 p.m., at 355 E. Chicago St., Elgin. A special Board of Education meeting will be held Monday, September 18, 2023, at 7 p.m. at 355 E. Chicago St., Elgin.