

School District U-46
Elgin, Illinois

September 25, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:16 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 355 East Chicago Street, Elgin, Illinois. The following Board members answered roll call: Traci O'Neal Ellis, Sue Kerr, Veronica Noland, Melissa Owens, and Donna Smith. Jeanette Ward arrived after roll call at 6:18 p.m. Phil Costello was not present at the meeting.

President Smith requested a motion to move into closed session to discuss information regarding individual student disciplinary matters; pending, probable or imminent litigation; the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees; 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; 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 6:17 p.m. by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Owens. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mrs. O'Neal Ellis, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

A motion was made at 7:04 p.m. by Mrs. Ward, second by Ms. Kerr to reconvene into open session. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mrs. O'Neal Ellis, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

The business session began at 7:07 p.m. Present for the business session of the meeting were the same Board members listed in the first paragraph above, Student Board Member Casey Pearce, Chief Executive Officer Tony Sanders, and Chief Legal Officer Miguel Rodriguez. The following administrators were also present: Dr. Suzanne Johnson, Dr. Jeff King, Dr. Terri Lozier, Melanie Meidel, Ron Raglin, Dr. Ushma Shah, Christopher Allen, Dale Burnidge, Randal Ellison, Mary Fergus, and Bruce Phelps. Also present were: media representatives Rafael Guerrero of the Courier and Seth Hancock of the Examiner, as well as other administrators, guests, and visitors. Ms. Pearce led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was held in honor of Osvaldo Leon, a student at Kimball Middle School, who recently passed away.

1. Comments from the Audience
There were no public comments
2. Other Business - Board Member and CEO Update
 - A. Additional Information
Ms. Pearce reported that the Academy open houses were held and were very successful.

Ms. Kerr reported that she attended the LatinX Heritage Month Breakfast at Elgin Community College and it was a very enjoyable event.

Mr. Sanders reported that he was honored to represent the District at the Urban League Club of Chicago where the District was named a “Bright Spot for Future Investment.” Mr. Sanders also attended State Representative Anna Moeller’s Education Advisory Committee meeting along with several Board members. Mr. Sanders reported that the United Way Giving Campaign has begun and Karla Jimenez is the co-chair this year.

B. FOIA Requests - 7

Mr. Sanders, Chief Executive Officer, reported on the requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

3. Consent Agenda

- A. Personnel Report and Workers' Compensation Cases
- B. Minutes of Board Meeting - July 24, 2017
- C. Termination of James J. Flood, Custodian/Plant Operations
- D. Termination of Jeffrey B. Manimbo, IS Support/Information Services
- E. Termination of Julia D. Vida, ParaEducator/Special Education
- F. Resolution Declaring the Need to Continue Usage of Temporary Classrooms
- G. Demolition Permit - Nature Ridge Elementary - Mobile Serial #27602
- H. Change Order - Streamwood HS - Air Handling Units & Piping Replacement
- I. Proposal - Secondary Ed-Assessment - Assessment of Performance towards Proficiency in Language (AAPPL)
- J. Contract - Teaching and Learning - Defined STEM

Motion by Mrs. Ward, second by Ms. Kerr, to approve the Consent Agenda of September 25, 2017, items A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, and J, as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mrs. O’Neal Ellis, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

4. Discussion/Action

A. Itemized Bills - September 25, 2017

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, presented the itemized bills of September 25, 2017. Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the List of Bills in the amount of \$9,927,781.15.

Motion by Ms. Kerr, second by Mrs. O’Neal Ellis, to approve the itemized bills of September 25, 2017, in the amount of \$9,927,781.15 as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mrs. O’Neal Ellis, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

B. Resolution Adopting School District U-46 Budget, July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

Dr. King, Chief Operations Officer/Chief School Business Official, and Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, reviewed the resolution.

Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the Resolution Adopting the School District U-46 Budget, July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018.

Motion by Ms. Kerr, second by Ms. Owens, to approve the Resolution Adopting School District U-46 Budget, July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018, as presented.

Mrs. Ward thanked administration for some positive aspects surrounding the budget. Mrs. Ward stated that in light of forecasted enrollment decline she disagrees with increasing total spending. Mrs. Ward stated that the District is set to receive close to \$13 million in additional funding and should be reducing property taxes but instead the District is increasing spending. Mrs. Ward stated that although the District can apply for tax relief she feels that the process is a burdensome referendum. Mrs. Ward reminded the public that the increase alone is larger than EMSA's previously proposed first-year budget. Mrs. Ward also stated that the flat levy proposed in this budget is through the levy and abate method which she feels is a slight of hand and disingenuous to the taxpayers. Mrs. Ward indicated that she would be voting no.

Mrs. Ward asked the Board if she could read a statement prepared by Mr. Costello.

Mrs. O'Neal Ellis objected to any statement from Mr. Costello being read aloud. Mrs. O'Neal Ellis stated that his absence was not an excused absence and his statement had already been made public.

Mrs. Smith, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, and Ms. Kerr agreed that Mr. Costello's statement not be read aloud.

Upon roll call, yes votes: Mrs. O'Neal Ellis, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: Mrs. Ward. The motion carried by a vote of 5-1.

5. Other Business - CAC Update

Rebecca Miller presented the CAC update. Ms. Miller reported that the Specialized Student Services would be hosting their first of four presentations. The presentation is called "Cracking the Code to Literacy in U-46." The event will be on Tuesday, September 26, 2017, at 6 p.m. at South Elgin High School.

6. Work Session - Bids/Proposals

A. Proposal - Curriculum and Instruction - District-Wide Professional Development - Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Mr. Phelps, Interim Director of Business Services, and Dr. Johnson, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, presented the proposal. Administration recommended approval of the proposal from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt in the amount of \$54,700.00 and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Title I and

Title II grant funds. The cost is included in the budget for the 2017-2018 school year.

B. Proposal - Curriculum and Instruction - District-Wide Professional Development - American Reading Company

Mr. Phelps, Interim Director of Business Services, and Dr. Johnson, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, presented the proposal. Administration recommended approval of the proposal from American Reading Company in the amount of \$67,500.00 and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to Title I and Title II grant funds. The cost is included in the budget for the 2017-2018 school year.

7. Work Session - Contracts Over \$25,000.00

A. Contract - Financial Operations - 403(b) General Consulting Services - Grant Thornton

Mr. Phelps, Interim Director of Business Services, Dr. King, Chief Operations Officer/Chief School Business Official, and Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, presented the proposal. Administration recommended approval of the contract with Grant Thornton LLP, in the total amount of \$44,500.00, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Educational Fund. The cost of the contract is included in the budget for the 2017-2018 school year.

8. Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Ward, second by Ms. Kerr, to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of September 25, 2017, at 7:32 p.m. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mrs. O'Neal Ellis, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Approved this 20th day of November, 2017.



President



Secretary