

School District U-46
Elgin, Illinois

December 4, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:15 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 355 East Chicago Street, Elgin, Illinois. The following Board members answered roll call: Phil Costello, Traci O'Neal Ellis, Sue Kerr, Veronica Noland, Jeanette Ward, and Donna Smith.

President Smith 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; 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 6:16 p.m. by Ms. Noland, second by Mrs. Ward. Upon roll call, yes votes; Mr. Costello, Mrs. O'Neal Ellis, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

A motion was made at 7:00 p.m. by Ms. Kerr, second by Mr. Costello to reconvene into open session. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, Mrs. O'Neal Ellis, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Ms. Owens arrived at 7:06 p.m.

The business session began at 7:06 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, Mary Fergus, John Heiderscheidt, Dr. Robin Lenart, Bruce Phelps, and Trisha Shrode. 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.

1. Comments from the Audience

Sara Lippold, of the Bartlett Elementary PTO, spoke about her concerns with the lack of documented procedure and guidelines for PTO purchases. Ms. Lippold stated that the Bartlett Elementary PTO raised over \$32,000.00 to purchase technology in January 2017 and is still awaiting administration's response to their many requests.

Terea Eid, of the Bartlett Elementary PTO, also spoke about her concerns with the lack of documented procedure and guidelines for PTO purchases. Ms. Eid stated that they respect

the District and the processes in place but they cannot help but pause at the protracted battle this purchase has become and question why.

L. Dean Hufsey spoke about his concerns with Mrs. O'Neal Ellis's statement that hiring more black teachers would help in closing the achievement gap. Mr. Hufsey feels that there are many reasons for the achievement gap and quoted Denzel Washington saying to stop blaming the system and that it starts at home. You are not born a criminal.

2. Other Business – Board Member and CEO Update

A. Additional Information

Mr. Sanders requested that the Bartlett PTO purchase be put on the December 18, 2017, Board meeting agenda under Discussion/Action.

Ms. Pearce spoke about the 2nd Annual Student Summit coming up on Wednesday, December 6, 2017.

Mr. Costello spoke about Let's Talk and feels that Let's Talk will be a good way to communicate and expedite the types of things like the Bartlett PTO purchase.

Mr. Sanders reported that the 10th Annual Principal for a Day was on December 2, 2017, and it was a great event.

Ms. Kerr stated that the District's new website looks good.

B. Board Self Evaluation Update

Mrs. Smith reported that she spoke with IASB and they would prefer that all Board members were present for the Board self-evaluation. Mrs. Ward stated that she would prefer that the Board self-evaluation be held in open session and if it is not she will not attend. Mr. Costello would also prefer that the Board self-evaluation be open to the public. Mrs. Smith, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, and Mrs. O'Neal Ellis, would prefer that the Board self-evaluation be held in closed session. Ms. Owens did not have an opinion since she has never attended a Board self-evaluation. Mrs. Smith asked everyone to email her dates that they would be available in February and she would discuss the importance of having the self-evaluation in open or closed session with IASB.

C. 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 - October 2, 2017
- C. Termination of Ana Baeza, Noon-Hour Supervisor/Food & Nutrition Services
- D. Proposal - Business Services - District-Wide Asset/Instructional Management System

- E. Bid - Plant Operations-Career and Technical Education - Elgin High School Welding Lab
- F. Intergovernmental Agreement for the Utilization of Land and Facilities by and Between the Board of Education of School District U-46 Kane, Cook and Dupage Counties and the Village of South Elgin, Kane County
- G. Building Permit
Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the application for submission to the Kane County Regional Office of Education for issuance of a building permit for the following project:
Elgin High School - Accredited Welding Shop Renovations

Motion by Ms. Owens, second by Ms. Kerr, to approve the Consent Agenda of December 4, 2017, items A, B, C, D, E, F, and G, as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, 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 7-0.

4. Discussion/Action

- A. Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Applications for Cooperative Team Sponsorship
Administration recommended approval of the Applications for Cooperative Team Sponsorships as required by the Illinois High School Association (IHSA). IHSA regulations require Board approval for cooperative athletic teams. The following applications are being recommended for approval:
 - U-46 Girls Lacrosse (Bartlett HS, Elgin HS, Larkin HS, South Elgin HS and Streamwood HS)
 - Bartlett High School Boys Lacrosse (Bartlett HS, Streamwood HS co-op)
 - South Elgin High School Boys Lacrosse (Elgin HS, Larkin HS, and South Elgin HS co-op)

Motion by Mrs. Ward, second by Ms. Kerr, to approve the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) applications for cooperative team sponsorship as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, 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 7-0.

- B. 2018-2019 School Calendar
Administration recommended tabling this item until the December 18, 2017 meeting.
- C. Alignment Collaborative for Education Renewal
Mr. Sanders reviewed the proposal summary. Administration recommended approval of the one-year proposal with Alignment Collaborative for Education in the amount of \$25,000.00 and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents.

Motion by Ms. Kerr, second by Ms. Owens, to approve the Alignment Collaborative for Education renewal for one-year in the amount of \$25,000.00.

Mrs. Ward stated that she originally supported this program because she was under the impression that there was no cost to U-46. Mrs. Ward stated that she is uncomfortable with committing taxpayer monies in partnership with private businesses with somewhat nebulous goals. Mrs. Ward indicated that, at least for this year, she is voting no.

Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, Mrs. O'Neal Ellis, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: Mrs. Ward. The motion carried by a vote of 6-1.

D. Itemized Bills – December 4, 2017

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, presented the itemized bills of December 4, 2017. Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the List of Bills in the amount of \$6,148,767.08.

Motion by Ms. Kerr, second by Ms. Owens, to approve the itemized bills of December 4, 2017, in the amount of \$6,148,767.08 as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, 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 7-0.

E. Certificate of Tax Levy

Dr. King, Deputy Superintendent Operations/Chief School Business Official, and Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, reviewed the Certificate of Tax Levy. Administration recommended the Board of Education adopt the Certificate of Tax Levy.

Motion by Ms. Owens, second by Ms. Kerr, to approve the Certificate of Tax Levy, as presented.

Mrs. Ward stated that in light of forecasted enrollment declines she disagrees with increasing total spending which this levy supports. Mrs. Ward stated that the District is set to receive close to \$13 million in funding from the state and feels that the District should be reducing the property tax burden correspondingly. Mrs. Ward stated that she is aware of the abatement but feels this is a sleight-of-hand as the District is increasing the levy in a permanent manner and abating back the money on a temporary basis. Mrs. Ward feels this is disingenuous to the taxpayer. Mrs. Ward indicated that she would be voting no on the Certificate of Tax Levy and the Tax Levy Resolution and voting yes on the abatement.

Mr. Costello added that he is concerned about the overall state of the budget. Mr. Costello would like to see more cost containment and various avenues to bring down costs.

Ms. Kerr stated that the District is still living with the cuts that were made in 2010 and the District still spends over \$1,200.00 less per student than the state average. Ms. Kerr also stated that the District is using up the last of the Working Cash Bonds for capital improvements. Ms. Kerr stated that at some point the District is going to have to look at how it will fund future capital improvements. Ms. Kerr would also like to see property taxes go down but she also wants to keep the District running.

Ms. Owens reiterated what Ms. Kerr said. Ms. Owens stated that there are also cuts that were made in the early 2000's that are still not restored.

Upon roll call, yes votes: Mrs. O'Neal Ellis, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: Mr. Costello and Mrs. Ward. The motion carried by a vote of 5-2.

F. Tax Levy Resolution

Dr. King, Deputy Superintendent Operations/Chief School Business Official, and Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, reviewed the Resolution. The Resolution and the Certificate of Tax Levy are filed with the County Tax Extension offices. Administration recommended the Board of Education adopt the Tax Levy Resolution.

Motion by Ms. Kerr, second by Ms. Owens, to approve the Tax Levy Resolution, as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mrs. O'Neal Ellis, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: Mr. Costello and Mrs. Ward. The motion carried by a vote of 5-2.

G. RESOLUTION Abating the Working Cash Fund of School District Number 46, Kane, Cook and DuPage Counties, Illinois.

Dr. King, Deputy Superintendent Operations/Chief School Business Official, reviewed the Resolution and summary. Administration recommended the Board of Education adopt the RESOLUTION Abating the Working Cash Fund of School District Number 46, Kane, Cook, and DuPage Counties, Illinois.

Motion by Mrs. Ward, second by Ms. Kerr, to approve the Resolution abating the Working Cash Fund of School District Number 46, Kane, Cook, and DuPage counties, Illinois, as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, 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 7-0.

5. Other Business - CAC Update

Mr. Sanders reported that the next General CAC meeting will be Thursday, December 7, 2017, and will be the roundtable discussion meeting.

6. Work Session

A. Advanced Placement U.S. Government and Politics and Advanced Placement Human Geography Resource Proposal

Dr. Lenart, K-12 Social Studies Coordinator, provided the Board of Education with information relating to the Advanced Placement (AP) U.S. Government and Politics and AP Human Geography resource proposal. The purpose of this proposal is to recommend a purchase of resources to support the implementation of the AP US Government and Politics and AP Human Geography curricula. The resources chosen are AP U.S. Government and Politics, American Government: Roots and Reform O'Connor and Sabato (Pearson, 2018); and AP Human Geography, The Cultural Landscape: Introduction to Human Geography Rubenstein (Pearson, 2017). The total cost is \$91,657.99.

7. Work Session – Bids/Proposals

A. Bid - Distribution Center - Truck Replacement

Mr. Phelps, Interim Director of Business Services, Mr. Bhatia, Assistant Buyer/Asset Management Coordinator, presented the bid. Administration recommended award of the low bid meeting specifications to TransChicago Truck Group in the amount of \$119,603.00 and requested 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 2017-2018 school year.

B. Proposal - Educational Support Programs & Alignment - AVID Regional Path Training

Mr. Phelps, Interim Director of Business Services, and Mr. Raglin, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Support Programs and Alignment, presented the proposal. Administration recommended approval of the proposal from AVID Center in the amount of \$55,900.00 and requested 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 2017-2018 school year. This amount will cover 130 participants at \$430.00 each. This is a slight increase of \$10 per participant compared to the 2017 cost of \$420.00 per participant. It is also a significant reduction from past expenses when teachers would travel out-of-state.

C. Proposal - Dale Carnegie Leadership Training

Mr. Phelps, Interim Director of Business Services, and Dr. King, Deputy Superintendent of Operations/Chief School Business Official, presented the proposal. Administration recommended approval of the proposal with Dale Carnegie Training in the amount of \$66,000.00 (approximately \$1,320.00 per person and will include 25 hours of training per person for 50 people) and requested 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 2017-2018 school year.

8. Work Session - Change Orders

A. Change Order - Horizon Elementary School - Roof Replacement


Mr. Allen, Director of Plant Operations, presented the change order.

Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the change order from G.E. Riddiford Company, Inc. in the amount of minus \$98,681.00.

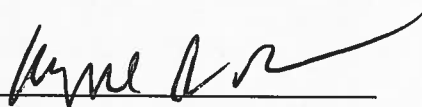
9. Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Ward, second by Ms. Noland, to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of December 4, 2017, at 8:10 p.m. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, 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 7-0.

Approved this 22nd day of January, 2018



President



Secretary