# School District U-46 Elgin, Illinois

#### February 26, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 5:46 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, Melissa Owens, 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 5:47 p.m. by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Owens. 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.

A motion was made at 6:55 p.m. by Ms. Ward, second by Ms. Owens to reconvene into open session. 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.

The business session began at 7:03 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: Steve Burger, Dr. Suzanne Johnson, Dr. Terri Lozier, Melanie Meidel, Ron Raglin, Dr. Ushma Shah, Christopher Allen, Dale Burnidge, Mary Fergus, John Heiderscheidt, Laura Macias, Bruce Phelps, Claudie Phillips, and Dr. 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. Accent on Achievement

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# National Board Certified Teachers

As part of the Board of Education's Accent on Achievement, the Board of Education recognized School District U-46 teachers who have recently achieved or renewed National Board Certification. This is the highest credential in the teaching profession and may be the most powerful professional development experience available to teachers. New National Board Certified Teachers at U-46 include Meagen Balzer, Christine Bowen, Sandra Citron, Nicole Fernstrom, Eric Hill, Brooke McGrath, Amanda Patano and Karen Witt. Renewing National Board Certified Teachers at U-46 include Maryellyn Friel, Nicholas Vassolo, and Naushina Rahman.

# 2. <u>Comments from the Audience</u>

Rob Moskal, a representative from AT&T, spoke about the fact that AT&T was disqualified from the bid for wide area network and internet services and wanted to make sure the Board knew that AT&T's pricing was in line with the District's requirements and they were not given the opportunity to discuss any clarification.

Audrey Ossewaarde spoke about her concerns with the Board Agreements. Ms. Ossewaarde is disturbed that Board Members would be asked to not talk about things that might be considered volatile on social media.

### 3. Other Business - Board Member and CEO Update

A. Additional Information

Mrs. Smith reported that Mr. Sanders was named the Chairman of the Large Countywide and Suburban District Consortium.

Mr. Sanders stated that it was his honor to have been selected and he thanked Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. Smith also reported that Board Member Ward has filed a complaint against the Board with the Office of the Attorney General. Mrs. Ward alleges that the Board violated the Open Meetings Act on February 3, 2018, during the Self-Evaluation by discussing how to prevent her from posting on social media. Mrs. Smith reported that outside legal counsel is preparing the response that is required and requested from the Public Access Bureau of the Attorney General and a copy of the audio of the meeting will be supplied to them.

Ms. Pearce spoke about the tragedy in Parkland Florida. Ms. Pearce read a statement about her and her fellow students' thoughts, feelings, and insights on the tragedy.

Ms. Kerr reported that she, Ms. Owens, and Mrs. Smith were at the African American & Hispanic Parent Leadership Institute (AAPLI and HPLI) and she really enjoyed it. Ms. Kerr also reported that she and Ms. Owens also attended the STEM Exhibition at Bartlett High School.

Ms. Owens reported that she really enjoyed the AAPLI and HPLI. Ms. Owens also really enjoyed the STEM Exhibition.

Mr. Sanders thanked Ms. Pearce for her statement. Mr. Sanders asked the Board to hold a work session around the District equity data instead of just an update. Mr. Sanders reported that the District's Financial Services Department received a certificate of achievement for excellence in financial reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association. Mr. Sanders also reported that the Elgin High School Clumsy Chef won State in the ProStart Culinary Competition. B. FOIA Requests - 11

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

- 4. Consent Agenda
  - A. Personnel Report and Workers' Compensation Cases
  - B. Termination of Nichole Babinesak, Monitor
  - C. School Fees 2018-2019
  - D. Bid Information Services E-Rate Program Wide Area Network and Internet Services
  - E. Bid Information Services E-Rate Program Wireless Access Point
  - F. Proposal Curriculum and Instruction Title 1 Technology Purchase
  - G. Contract Renewal Financial Operations/Human Resources Tyler Technologies MUNIS Software
  - H. Change Order Illinois Park Elementary School Paving Parking Lots and Drives
    I. Building Permits 3

Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the applications for submission to the Kane County Regional Office of Education for issuance of building permits for the following projects:

Food Service Commissary - Renovations to Food Commissary Building Plant Operations/Warehouse Building - Electrical Hookup for Back up General Warehouse Distribution Center - Information Services Imaging Center

J. Occupancy Permits - 2

Administration recommends the Board approve the following Applications for submission to the Kane County Regional Office of Education for issuance of Occupancy Permits:

Plant Operations/Warehouse Building - Electrical Hookup for Back up General Warehouse Distribution Center - Information Services Imaging Center

Mrs. Smith requested that item D. Bid - Information Services - E-Rate Program -Wide Area Network and Internet Services, be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Kerr, to approve the Consent Agenda of February 26, 2018, items A, B, C, E, F, G, H, I and J, 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. Discussion/Action

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Bid - Information Services - E-Rate Program - Wide Area Network and Internet Services

Motion by Ms. Kerr, second by Ms. Noland, to approve the bid - Information Services - E-Rate Program-wide area network and internet services as presented.

Mr. Phelps explained the process for the sealed bid and explained why AT&T was disqualified.

Bid Opening was posted for March 12, 2018, 11:30 a.m. After review of the documents, they were given to Information Services to evaluate the bids. The following day (March 13, 2018) each vendor was sent a communication to verify the prices in the far right column were by site only. This was done to verify the total dollar amount was taken into consideration. The paperwork submitted by the vendor cannot be altered by the District. In response to the communication (via email), AT&T responded that the pricing was incorrect. The question in the email was about whether the price was per site—no other information was requested, including alternative pricing. Per the sealed bid process this cannot be done without allowing everyone else to submit a new bid. As a result, the pricing that was used to determine the bid award was based on the pricing provided in the far right column. The AT&T bid was rejected based on their pricing.

Mr. Phelps informed AT&T that he could not change the pricing after a sealed bid has been opened.

Ms. Kerr asked a clarifying question that the pricing error was not found until the bid was opened. Mr. Phelps responded yes.

In response to a question by Mrs. O'Neal Ellis, Mr. Phelps indicated that the monthly cost was correct; however, the far right column total was incorrectly calculated at 120-months rather than by site.

Mrs. Ward asked why a sealed bid process is used. Mr. Phelps confirmed that a sealed bid does avoid "bidding wars."

In response to Ms. Noland, Mr. Phelps indicated that in a sealed bid process the District is allowed to ask for clarification on the data provided; however, at no point can the bid be altered. Mr. Phelps added that there was a pre-bid meeting in which the vendors are given the directions and bid specs.

Mr. Costello asked if AT&T asked for clarification on the bid specs prior to submitting the sealed bid. Mr. Phelps responded no.

Ms. Kerr asked about the E-Rate if the bid were to be resubmitted. Mr. Phelps stated that the District would lose the E-Rate and approximately \$1.3 million. Ms. Owens confirmed the E-Rate would be lost because of a timing issue. Mr. Phelps responded yes.

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.

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### Itemized Bills - February 26, 2018

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, presented the itemized bills of February 26, 2018. Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the List of Bills in the amount of \$9,291,390.14.

Motion by Ms. Kerr, second by Ms. Owens, to approve the itemized bills of February 26, 2018, in the amount of \$9,291,390.14 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.

### 6. Other Business - Mr. Sanders

### A. January Financial Report

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, will review the attached Financial Report and will respond to questions from the Board of Education. Total fund balance as of January 31, 2018, was \$214,625,338.00, which was a decrease of \$59.3 million from the December 2017, balance. During the month of January, the District received \$3.9 million in property tax payments, \$12.2 million in State aid, and \$780,000.00 for categoricals. The State currently owes the District about \$6 million. The District received \$2.3 million in federal funds. Total revenue is 5.6% higher than last year and expenditures are 1.5% higher but in line with the budget.

### 7. Other Business - Student Disciplinary Cases

A. Student F

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Owens, to approve administration's recommendation to expel Student F for two semesters, the remainder of the 2017/2018 school year and the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of the 2018/2019 school year. While serving the expulsion Student F will have the opportunity to enroll in alternative education programs. 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. Student G

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Kerr, to approve administration's recommendation to expel Student G for three semesters, the remainder of the 2017/2018 school year and the entire 2018/2019 school year. While serving the expulsion Student G will have the opportunity to enroll in alternative education programs. 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.

### 8. Other Business - CAC Update

Lisa Hopp presented the CAC update. The January and February meetings were both postponed due to weather. The Specialized Student Services Committee will host an event regarding social skill deficits in special needs children tomorrow, February 27<sup>th</sup> at

the Poplar Creek Library. On March 8, 2018, the CAC will host the U-46 Realtor Breakfast at 9 a.m. at Streamwood High School.

- 9. Work Session Mr. Sanders
  - A. <u>Secondary Math Resources</u>

Ms. Ingente, Math Coordinator, Dr. Johnson, Deputy Superintendent of Instruction, Dr. Shrode, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, provided the Board of Education with information relating to the secondary math resources. The purpose of this proposal is to purchase resources and technology to support the implementation of secondary mathematics and to propose course name changes. The proposed name changes are; Algebra 1-2 changed to Algebra 1; Algebra 3-4 changed to Algebra 2; Geometry 1-2 changed to Geometry. The proposed resources are; Discovery Math Techbook; Graphical, Numerical, Algebraic Series, Pearson; Finite Mathematics, Pearson; The Practice of Statistics, 6th Ed., MacMillan; laptop computers; student materials in Spanish; and TI-nspire Calculators. The total cost will be \$5,522,356.50.

B. Board Agreements

The Board of Education discussed the Board Agreements. Mrs. Smith stated that Board Agreements do not in any way take away rights from any Board Member. They are aspirations agreed upon on how Board Members want to conduct themselves in order to best serve the District. Mrs. Ward had several concerns with the wording of the document. After reviewing and debating the suggested changes, the Board decided to leave the wording as is and bring it to Discussion/Action for a vote at the next meeting.

# 10. Work Session - Resolutions

- A. <u>RESOLUTION Directing the Superintendent to Prepare the FY 2019 Budget</u> Dr. King presented the Resolution Directing the Superintendent to Prepare the FY2019 Budget. At this time last year, the Board requested Administration review the need for this resolution to be presented annually. Pursuant to Board Policy 4.003, the Board needs to approve this resolution pending a change to policy during the next review of Section 4. Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the Resolution.
- B. <u>The Purchasing Cooperative RESOLUTION and Intergovernmental Agreement</u> The District is interested in participating in a food service purchasing cooperative that will include approximately 50-80 school districts across the State of Illinois. The cooperative will jointly bid food and beverages which will reduce the labor hours for each district to construct their own bids and seek approval at the state level which is very time-consuming. Additionally, it will leverage the size of the cooperative to gain better pricing on products and supplies. Dr. King, Deputy Superintendent of Operations /Chief School Business Official, presented the Resolution. Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the Resolution.

### 11. Work Session - Bids/Proposals

- A. <u>Proposal Financial Operations/Business Services Employee Retirement Plan</u> Mr. Phelps, Senior Business Official, Dr. King, Deputy Superintendent of Operations/Chief School Business Official, and Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, presented the proposal. Administration recommended approval of the proposal for RVK, Inc. in the amount of \$205,000.00 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. <u>Bid Information Services- E-Rate program Wireless Cabling Project Part 5</u> Mr. Phelps, Senior Business Official, Ms. Macias, Information Services Director, and Mr. Allen, Plant Operations Director presented the bid. Administration recommended award of the low bid meeting specifications to Peak Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$1,249,000.00 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.
- C. <u>Proposal Curriculum and Instruction Title 1 Technology Purchase</u> Mr. Phelps, Senior Business Official, Ms. Macias, Information Services Director, and Dr. Shrode, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, presented the bid. Administration recommended award of the low bid meeting specifications to Dell Marketing LP and CDW-G in the amount of \$280,281.57 and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Title 1 Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2017-2018 School Year.
- D. <u>Bid Food and Nutrition Service Food Service Equipment</u> Mr. Phelps, Senior Business Official, Claudie Phillips, Director of Food and Nutrition Services, presented the bid. Administration recommended award of the low bid meeting specifications to Chef's Depot and Douglas Equipment in the amount of \$34,676.22 and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Food and Nutrition Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2017-2018 School Year.
- E. <u>Bid Plant Operations- New Food Service Commissary Renovation Work</u> Mr. Phelps, Senior Business Official, Claudie Phillips, Director of Food and Nutrition Services, and Mr. Allen, Director of Plant Operations, presented the bid. Administration recommended award of the low bid meeting specifications to Happ Builders, Inc. in the amount of \$3,970,000 and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Capital Project Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2017-2018 School Year.

# 12. Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Ward, second by Ms. Kerr, to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of February 26, 2018, at 9:01 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 \_\_\_\_\_\_ 9th \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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