## School District U-46 Elgin, Illinois

#### March 19, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 5:17 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, Jeanette Ward, and Donna Smith. Board member Costello was not present at the meeting.

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 5:18 p.m. by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Kerr. 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.

A motion was made at 7:11 p.m. by Mrs. Ward, second by Ms. Noland 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 7:15 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. Jeff King, Dr. Terri Lozier, Melanie Meidel, Ron Raglin, Dr. Ushma Shah, Christopher Allen, Dale Burnidge, Mary Fergus, John Heiderscheidt, Bruce Phelps, and Jeffrey Prowell. Also present were: media representative Seth Hancock of the Examiner, as well as other administrators, guests, and visitors. Ms. Pearce led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 1. Strategic Plan Report

A. <u>Alignment Collaborative for Education (ACE) Update</u>

Ms. Nancy Coleman, Executive Director of ACE, Mr. Peter Sikorski, Chief Financial Officer of Get Fresh Produce, and Mr. Bill Wright, Director of the Overture Group, provided the Board of Education with an update on ACE. ACE has been focused on the following strategies: continuing to build relationships with U-46 and the community; strengthening the capacity of the A teams: building awareness for ACE and greater engagement from the community; and establishing a donor development and retention system. The A teams have made progress with educational pathways, early education, trauma-informed care, and made a commitment to strengthen communications District-wide. The new initiatives for ACE in 2018 are to host industry roundtables, create a work based learning survey, and a national campaign for grade level reading.

B. Dual Credit Update

Mr. Christopher Boden, Lead Counselor and Dr. Lozier, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools Instruction & Equity, provided the Board of Education with an update on the U-46 Dual Credit Program. U-46 continues to earn General State Aid for each student in the ECC Accelerate College program. Students pay for books and their regular School District U-46 instructional fees. School District U-46 pays for tuition and course fees at ECC. Students enroll in 12 to 16 credit hours per semester. For the 2017-2018 school year, each credit hour was \$125.00. For the 2018-2019 school year, each credit hour will cost \$129.00. There are 45 available spaces in the program. There were 45 students accepted into the program for the 2017-2018 school year, 44 students were enrolled in the program first semester, and 42 students were retained for the second semester. The next steps for Dual Credit are to continue to monitor student success, explore Dual Credit options that allow U-46 students to take college credit bearing classes at their own high school, and explore Dual Credit options and agreements for U-46 courses/programs as the District develops educational pathways.

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

There were no comments from the audience.

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

A. Additional Information

Ms. Pearce reported that the interviews for the new Student Board Member have begun.

Ms. Kerr reported that she and several other Board members attended the CAC Realtor Breakfast and it was very well attended.

Mrs. O'Neal Ellis requested that when administration is creating an equity plan that they include a plan for increasing the number of African-American and Latino teachers in the District.

Mr. Sanders reported that Talent Fest was last week and it was wonderful. Mr. Sanders congratulated Larkin High School basketball team for placing 4<sup>th</sup> in the state. Mr. Sanders also congratulated the Elgin High School band for winning an Image Award, the Bartlett High School Performing Arts students who are going to state for their performance of Forrest Gump, and Abbott, Eastview and Larson students heading to the Science Olympiad.

- 4. Consent Agenda
  - A. Personnel Report and Workers' Compensation Cases
  - B. Termination of Jonathan Rodriguez, Paraeducator

- C. Contract Renewal Secondary Education- HERO Software Renewal High and Middle School
- D. Bid Plant Operations Canton Middle School HVAC Replacement Part 2

Motion by Ms. Kerr, second by Ms. Owens, to approve the Consent Agenda of March 19, 2018, items A, B, C, and D, 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.

- 5. Discussion/Action
  - A. Itemized Bills March 19, 2018

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, presented the itemized bills of March 19, 2018. Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the List of Bills in the amount of \$7,072,623.19.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Kerr to approve the itemized bills of March 19, 2018, in the amount of \$7,072,623.19 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. <u>School Improvement Plans</u>

Mr. Sanders and Cabinet reviewed the PowerPoint presented at the March 12, 2018 Board of Education meeting relating to School Improvement Plans with the Board of Education.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Owens to approve the school improvement plans as presented on Monday, March 12, 2018. 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.

## 6. Other Business

A. <u>Student H</u>

Motion by Mrs. Ward, second by Ms. Noland to approve administration's recommendation to expel Student H 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 H will have the opportunity to enroll in an alternative education program. 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. <u>Student I</u>

Motion by Mrs. Ward, second by Ms. Kerr to approve administration's recommendation to expel Student I 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 I will have the opportunity to enroll in an alternative education program. 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.

- 7. <u>Other Business CAC Update</u> There was no update from the CAC.
- 8. Other Business Mr. Sanders
  - A. February Financial Report

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, reviewed the Financial Report. Total fund balance as of February 28, 2018, was \$214,850,509.00, which was an increase of \$225,000.00 from January. During the month of February, the District received \$14.8 million in property tax payments, \$12.8 million in state aid, and \$6.1 million for categoricals. The state owed the District about \$6.1 million at the end of February. The District received \$2.6 million in federal funds. Total revenue is 6.4% higher than last year and expenditures are 1.2% higher but in line with the budget.

 B. <u>Age & Obsolescence Plan for Bus Replacement 2018</u> Mr. Prowell, Director of Transportation, presented the updated Age and Obsolescence Plan, adopted in December 2011. The recommendations for 2018 are to purchase 37 pre-owned large buses, 5 pre-owned wheelchair buses, and extend and secure pricing for 32 small buses model year 2019.

# 9. Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Ward second by Ms. Noland, to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of March 19, 2018, at 8:45 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	7 <sup>th</sup>	day of	May	, 2018.	
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