# School District U-46 Elgin, Illinois

#### May 7, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 5:31 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 355 East Chicago Street, Elgin, Illinois. The following Board members answered roll call: Phil Costello, Sue Kerr, Melissa Owens, Jeanette Ward, and Donna Smith.

President Smith requested a motion to move into closed session to discuss information regarding; 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; pending, probable or imminent litigation; information regarding the discipline, performance, appointment, employment or reclassification of an employee; review of closed session minutes. The motion was made at 5:32 p.m. by Ms. Owens, second by Ms. Kerr. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0. Board member Noland arrived at 5:37 p.m.

A motion was made at 6:55 p.m. by Mrs. Ward second by Ms. Owens to reconvene into open session. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, 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 7:04 p.m. Present for the business session of the meeting were the same Board members listed above, Student Board Member Casey Pearce, Chief Executive Officer Tony Sanders, and Chief Legal Officer Miguel Rodriguez. The following administrators were also present: Dr. Josh Carpenter, Dr. Suzanne Johnson, Dr. Jeff King, Dr. Terri Lozier, Melanie Meidel, Ron Raglin, Dr. Ushma Shah, Dr. Annette Acevedo, Christopher Allen, Dale Burnidge, Mary Fergus, John Heiderscheidt, Patricia Makishima, Bruce Phelps, Mark Villaros, and Scott Winter. 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 of Achievement

A. <u>Illinois' 6th Congressional District App Challenge Winner</u>

As part of the Board of Education's Accent on Achievement, the Board of Education honored Patrick Stephen of Bartlett High School for placing first in the Illinois' 6th Congressional District App Challenge for his App called Student Driver.

B. <u>SkillsUSA State Competition Winner</u> As part of the Board of Education's Accent on Achievement, the Board of Education honored Brian Kulpa, a Precision Manufacturing student, of South Elgin High School for placing first in the SkillsUSA State Competition for CNC Milling.

#### C. Teacher Appreciation Week

In recognition of National Teacher Appreciation Week, the U-46 Board of Education presented a Proclamation of Appreciation on behalf of all U-46 teachers for delivering inspiration, knowledge, and motivation in an effort to create exemplary citizens. School District U-46 has 2,489 teachers serving nearly 40,000 students from 11 communities across Kane, Cook, and DuPage counties. The role of a teacher is to provide knowledge, to build a welcoming environment, to mentor students, and to be a role model while continuing to grow in their individual knowledge. Our educators demonstrate a commitment to education and a love for teaching and learning.

#### 2. Comments from the Audience

Cheryl Brumbaugh-Cayford spoke about her concerns with a plan to bring ROTC into the District. Ms. Brumbaugh-Cayford believes that training U-46 children to carry and use military weaponry is completely inconsistent with the District's educational goals.

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

A. <u>Additional Information</u>

Mrs. Smith reported that she and Ms. Owens attended the Kane County Educator of the year banquet where Mrs. Fulin, a teacher from Otter Creek Elementary School, was chosen as the Elementary Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Smith congratulated Mrs. Fulin and all the nominees. Mrs. Smith also attended the Superintendent Scholarship Award where there were thirty students receiving scholarships.

Ms. Owens reported that this was her first time attending the Kane County Educator of the year banquet and it was inspiring. Ms. Owens also attended the Transition Artistic Exhibition with Ms. Kerr and the pieces were fantastic. She also attended the Superintendent Scholarship Award, the United Black Scholarship event, and the Hanover Township Leadership reception.

Ms. Kerr reported that she attended the Volunteer Reception and the Food Services Youth Advisory Council and they were a lot of fun.

Mrs. Ward reported that she had the pleasure of giving the opening remarks at the last CAC General meeting.

Ms. Noland reported that she attended the ribbon cutting for the new welding lab and it was amazing.

Mrs. Ward asked why it seemed that the Board was receiving fewer updates from Mr. Heiderscheidt. Mr. Sanders responded that Mr. Heiderscheidt's reports used to come out almost on a daily basis but they are now coming out every few days. Mrs. Ward stated that she would like to receive all updates from Mr. Heiderscheidt. Mr. Sanders reported that he culls through them and makes sure that the Board is made aware of all major incidents. Mr. Sanders stated that in the past few weeks the Board has not missed any of Mr. Heiderscheidt's reports. Mr. Costello stated that he would like to see a standard of what constitutes a major incident. Ms. Owens agrees with Mr. Costello that there should be a standard set. Ms. Noland stated that she would like administration to use this as an opportunity to revisit the types of incidents that will be reported to the Board.

Mr. Costello asked if there is any preference given to vendors that do business within the U-46 boundaries. Dr. King replied that a rubric is used, however, the location of the business cannot be considered when anything is competitively bid. Dr. King said some municipalities are considered "home rule" and can take location into consideration, however, school districts cannot. Dr. King will defer to legal to further determine if home rule can apply to school districts. Dr. King and Chief Legal Officer Rodriguez will verify and report back to the Board.

Ms. Pearce reported that she has been working on wrapping up her senior year.

B. FOIA Request - 9

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 Dominique S. Adams, Driver's Assistant/Transportation
  - C. Termination of Karla M. Echols, Driver's Assistant/Transportation
  - D. Termination of Douglas Hansmann, Bus Driver/Transportation
  - E. Minutes of Board Meeting March 19, 2018
  - F. Minutes of Board Meeting April 9, 2018
  - G. Contract Renewal Information Services Micro Focus (formerly Novell) software renewal
  - H. Contract Renewal Educational Support Programs and Alignment AVID Contract
  - I. Business Services Cafeteria/Lunchroom Tables
  - J. Information Services Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) Attack Protection Services
  - K. Information Services Technology Purchase Teacher Laptops
  - L. Plant Operations Department Equipment Replacement
  - M. Plant Operations Department Vehicle Replacement
  - N. 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:

Sunnydale Elementary School electrical and mechanical (HVAC) work

Motion by Ms. Kerr, second by Mrs. Ward, to approve the Consent Agenda of May 7, 2018, items A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, and N, as presented.

Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, 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 May 7, 2018

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, presented the itemized bills. Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the List of Bills in the amount of \$8,795,998.81.

Motion by Ms. Owens, second by Ms. Kerr to approve the itemized bills of May 7, 2018, in the amount of \$8,795,998.81 as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

## B. Spanish Language Arts (SLA) Resources

Dr. Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, Dr. Acevedo, ELL Director, Ms. Makishima, Coordinator of ELL Initiatives provided the Board of Education with information relating to the Spanish Language Arts (SLA) resources.

Motion by Ms. Kerr, second by Ms. Owens to approve the Spanish Language Arts (SLA) resources as presented.

Mrs. Ward stated that it is not the role of public education to create activists as is the stated goal of this proposal and she has spoken about her opposition to the Dual Language program previously. Mrs. Ward believes the Dual Language program prolongs dependence on Spanish. Mrs. Ward also stated that as part of the list of Newsela articles students can read for this course two of them present anthropogenic global warming as the only view. Mrs. Ward stated that another article covers the Day without Immigrants protest and is decidedly anti-President Trump. Mrs. Ward believes the Newsela resource is a treasure trove of biased information. Mrs. Ward indicated she would be voting no.

Mr. Costello asked administration to address Mrs. Ward's concerns.

Dr. Acevedo responded that the resources outlined are just resources. Dr. Acevedo stated that students have the opportunity to research a broad range of topics and present different viewpoints. Dr. Acevedo also stated that the goal is to develop critical thinkers and students have the opportunity to research alternate opinions. Dr. Acevedo stated that this is not an exhaustive list of resources available to teachers.

Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: Mr. Costello and Mrs. Ward. The motion carried by a vote of 4-2.

C. Purchase of 1019 E. Chicago Street

Dr. King, Deputy Superintendent of Operations/Chief School Business Official, provided the Board of Education information related to the purchase of 1019 E. Chicago Street, Elgin, Illinois.

Motion by Ms. Kerr, second by Ms. Owens to approve the purchase of 1019 E. Chicago Street. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

D. <u>Wormley/Rizo v. School District U-46</u> Administration recommended that the Board of Education approve the settlement agreement in this matter.

Motion by Ms. Kerr, second by Mr. Costello to approve Wormley/Rizo v. School District U-46 settlement and release agreement. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

6. <u>Other Business - CAC Update</u> There was no update from the CAC.

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- 7. <u>Selection of a Person to Fill a Board Vacancy</u>
  - **Board Member Vacancy Timeline** 
    - May 9, 2018: Deadline for applications.
    - May 14, 2018: Board review of applications and resumes in closed session.
    - May 17, 2018: Board interviews of candidates in open session.
    - May 18, 2018: Board interviews of candidates in open session.
    - June 4, 2018: Board vote to approve the selection of a new Board member.
- 8. <u>Recognition of Service as Board Member</u>
  - A. <u>Traci O'Neal Ellis</u>. The Board of Education recognized Traci O'Neal Ellis for her service as a Board Member for the last seven years.
- 9. Oath of Office for New Student Board Member
  - A. <u>Oath of Office</u>. The newly elected Student Board Member, Jackson Teetor, was sworn in by the Board of Education Secretary.
- 10. <u>Recognition of Service as Student Board Member</u>
  - A. <u>Casey Pearce</u>. The Board of Education recognized Casey Pearce, the ninth Student Board of Education Member.
- 11. <u>Election of Officers</u>
  - A. <u>Process for Election of Board Officers</u>. Mr. Rodriguez read the process for election of Board officers.
  - B. President

Nominations: Mrs. Ward nominated Mr. Costello; Ms. Kerr nominated Mrs. Smith.

<u>Close of nominations</u>: Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Owens to close the nominations for President. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

<u>Vote</u>: Motion by Mrs. Ward, second by Mr. Costello to approve Mr. Costello as President. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello and Mrs. Ward. No votes: Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, and Mrs. Smith. The motion failed by a vote of 2-4.

Motion by Ms. Kerr, second by Ms. Noland to approve Mrs. Smith as President. Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: Mr. Costello and Mrs. Ward. The motion carried by a vote of 4-2.

C. Vice-President

Nominations: Ms. Noland nominated Ms. Kerr.

<u>Close of nominations</u>: Motion by Ms. Owens, second by Ms. Noland to close the nominations for Vice-President. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

<u>Vote</u>: Motion by Ms. Owens, second by Ms. Noland to approve Ms. Kerr as Vice-President. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Nominations: Mrs. Smith nominated Mr. Rodriguez.

<u>Close of nominations</u>: Motion by Ms. Kerr, second by Ms. Noland to close the nominations for Secretary. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

<u>Vote</u>: Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Kerr to approve Mr. Rodriguez as Secretary. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

E. <u>Secretary Pro-Tempore</u> <u>Nominations</u>: Ms. Kerr nominated Ms. Noland.

D. <u>Secretary</u>

<u>Close of nominations</u>: Motion by Ms. Owens, second by Ms. Kerr to close the nominations for Secretary Pro-Tempore. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

<u>Vote</u>: Motion by Ms. Owens, second by Ms. Kerr to approve Ms. Noland as Secretary Pro-Tempore. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

F. <u>Treasurer</u>

Nominations: Ms. Noland nominated Dr. King.

<u>Close of nominations</u>: Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Kerr to close the nominations for Treasurer. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

<u>Vote</u>: Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Owens to approve Dr. King as Treasurer. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

- 12. Other Business Appointment of IASB Governing Board Representative
  - A. <u>IASB Governing Board Representative</u>. Ms. Kerr volunteered to be the IASB Governing Board Representative.
- 13. Work Session Contracts Over \$25,000.00
  - A. <u>Contract Renewal Ombudsman Three Year Contract Renewal</u>. Mr. Phelps, Senior Business Official of Business Services and Dr. Lozier, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Schools Instruction & Equity, and Mr. Heiderscheidt, Director of School Safety and Culture, presented the proposal summary. Administration recommended approval of the contract renewal with Ombudsman in the amount of \$1,108,575.00 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 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years.
- 14. Work Session Bids/Proposals
  - <u>Business Services Multi Functional Copier Purchase</u>. Mr. Phelps, Senior Business Official of Business Services and Mr. Villaros, Assistant Buyer/Document Control Specialist, presented the bid. Administration recommended award of the low bid meeting specifications to Konica Minolta and Canon Solutions America in the amount of \$23,261.34 (Konica Minolta) \$44,036.46 (Canon Solutions America) for a grand total of \$67,297.80 and requested authorization for District Administration to execute related documents.

This expenditure will be charged to the Educational Fund and is in the budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

- B. <u>Business Services Xerographic Paper</u>. Mr. Phelps, Senior Business Official of Business Services and Mr. Winter, Assistant Buyer/Distribution Center Coordinator, presented the bid. Administration recommended award of the low bid meeting specifications for three years to Veritive (8½ X 11 White Copier Paper) and Office Depot (8½ X 11 Color Copier Paper) in the amount of \$288,834.00 and \$24,522.00 for a grand total of \$313,356.00 and requested authorization for District Administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Educational Fund and the expenditure will be included in the school and department budgets for the 2019-2021 fiscal years.
- C. <u>Plant Operations Department Canton Middle School HVAC Replacement Part 2</u> <u>- Asbestos Abatement</u>. Mr. Phelps, Senior Business Official of Business Services, and Mr. Allen, Director of Plant Operations, presented the proposal. Administration recommended that the Board of Education approve the low bid meeting specifications to Colfax Corporation for the total sum of \$60,200.00 and requested authorization for District Administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Capital Projects Fund and the Life Safety Fund and is in the budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.
- D. <u>Plant Operations Department Softball Infields Upgrade</u>. Mr. Phelps, Senior Business Official of Business Services, and Mr. Allen, Director of Plant Operations, presented the proposal. Administration recommended approval of the proposal from Stabilizer Solutions in the amount of \$338,080.00 and requested authorization for District Administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Operations and Maintenance Fund and is in the budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

### 15. Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Ward second by Ms. Kerr, to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of May 7, 2018, at 8:59 p.m. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, 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 <u>4<sup>th</sup></u> day of <u>June</u>, 2018.

President

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