

School District U-46
Elgin, Illinois

January 23, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 5:16 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 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 5:17 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. Mr. Holt arrived at 5:19 p.m.

A motion was made at 7:08 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, Mr. Holt, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

The business session began at 7:12 p.m. Present for the business session of the meeting were the same Board members listed in the second paragraph above, Student Board Member Eric Loera, Chief Executive Officer Tony Sanders and Interim Superintendent Dr. Kenneth Arndt. The following administrators were also present: Chief Legal Officer Miguel Rodriguez, Steve Burger, Dr. Suzanne Johnson, Dr. Jeff King, Melanie Meidel, Ron Raglin, Dr. Ushma Shah, Christopher Allen, Celia Banks, Dale Burnidge, Randal Ellison, Mary Fergus, John Heiderscheidt, Laura Hill, Lisa Jackson, Karla Jimenez, Jackie Johnson, Bruce Phelps, and Trisha Shrode. Also present were: media representatives Seth Hancock of the Examiner and Rafael Guerrero of the Courier, as well as other administrators, guests, and visitors. Mr. Loera led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was held in honor of SheNetra Elizabeth Watkins Hayes, a U-46 transportation employee.

1. Strategic Plan Report - Mr. Sanders
 - A. Alignment Collaborative for Education (ACE)
Ms. Deering, President Advocate Sherman Hospital and Chairperson ACE Governing Board, Mr. Sikorski, Vice Chair ACE Governing Board, Ms. Preece, Alignment USA Community Consultant, and Mr. Raglin, Assistant Superintendent Educational Support Programs and Alignment, presented the

Board of Education with information relating to Alignment Collaborative for Education (ACE). ACE is made up of villages, municipalities, higher education, businesses, non-profit agencies, and civic and cultural organizations. ACE will have a community partners' meeting January 24, 2017 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Second Baptist Church.

2. Comments from the Audience

Katie Draus spoke about the National BioDiversity Teach-In taking place in February. The goal of the BioDiversity Teach-In is to create awareness about various environmental issues that students face today.

Ethan Culver spoke about his concerns with the proposed 2017-2018 calendar. Mr. Culver is very concerned that the proposed calendar has high school students taking finals after winter break.

3. Other Business – Board Member and CEO Update, If Necessary

A. Additional Information

Mrs. Ward reported that on Wednesday, February 1, 2017, she will be doing her annual physical fitness test at Bartlett High School.

Ms. Kerr reported that she attended the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Breakfast at ECC on Saturday as well as the program on Sunday. Both were very enjoyable.

Mrs. O'Neal Ellis reported that she also attended both the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. programs. Mrs. O'Neal Ellis acknowledged that Mr. Sanders was nominated for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award. They were wonderful celebrations.

Mr. Holt announced that this week is National School Choice week. Mr. Holt hopes the District can expand school choice options for parents and students.

Mr. Loera reported that he attended the CEO Student Advisory meeting where the date for the Student Summit was set. The Summit will be on February 13, 2017. Mr. Loera also reported that at the meeting they worked on questions for the Student Board Member interviews. He also attended the AVID presentation at the last CAC general meeting. Mr. Loera also attended the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. program on Sunday which he enjoyed. The next CEO Student Advisory meeting will be on February 1, 2017, where they will be narrowing down the applicants for the next Student Board Member.

Mrs. Smith stated how proud she was of Mr. Loera for how well he spoke on behalf of the AVID program at the CAC meeting.

B. Minutes of Board Committee Meetings
Motion by Mr. Costello, second by Ms. Noland to accept the minutes of the November 7, 2016, Board of Education Finance Committee. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, Mrs. O'Neal Ellis, Mr. Holt, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

C. FOIA Requests – 10
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. Minutes of Board Meeting – December 12, 2016 – Mr. Sanders
- C. Proposal – Career and Technical Education - iPads for the NATEF Program Technology Upgrade
- D. Proposal – Secondary Education – AVID CNA Program
- E. Proposal – 21st Century Libraries at Elgin High School and Streamwood High School – Information Technologies Phase 1
- F. Change Order – Coleman Elementary – 10-Classroom North Addition – #1 Final
- G. Change Order – Elementary and Pre-K Schools – Lockdown Hardware Phase 1 – #1 Final
- H. Change Order – Wireless Cabling Project – Part 4 – #1 Final

Motion by Mr. Holt, second by Mrs. Ward, to approve the Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H, as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mrs. O'Neal Ellis, Mr. Holt, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. Present: Mr. Costello. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-1-0.

5. Discussion/Action

- A. PreK-12 Information and Digital Literacy Curriculum Proposal
Dr. Johnson, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, Jackie Johnson, Coordinator of Secondary Literacy and Libraries, and Ms. Banks, Coordinator of Elementary Literacy and Libraries, provided the Board of Education with information relating to the PreK-12 Information and Digital Literacy Curriculum Proposal. Administration recommends the Board of Education approve the PreK-12 Information and Digital Literacy Curriculum.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Kerr to approve the PreK-12 Information and Digital Literacy Curriculum proposal, as presented.

Mrs. Ward stated that she would be voting no on any curriculum text or resource that glorifies Communism and denigrates Capitalism, deliberately misrepresents Israel's history and right to live in its own land, presents the pseudo-science of climate change as established scientific fact, or celebrates Planned Parenthood founder Margaret Sanger as a champion for women when in fact she was a racist who believed in eugenics.

Mrs. O’Neal Ellis stated that these are library resources, not a class, not mandatory and no student is forced to read these materials. Mrs. O’Neal Ellis believes in students being exposed to a broad range of materials and not censoring resources. She stated that this is the digital version of the Encyclopedia Britannica. Mrs. O’Neal Ellis does not think that it is reasonable to keep the encyclopedia out of schools.

Mrs. Ward stated that she also wants students to be exposed to a wide-range of resources and if both sides were presented she would be voting yes but sadly that is not the case.

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

B. Itemized Bills – January 23, 2017

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, presented the January 23, 2017, itemized bills. Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the List of Bills in the amount of \$7,812,315.90.

Motion by Mr. Holt, second by Mr. Costello, to approve the Itemized Bills of January 23, 2017, in the amount of \$7,812,315.90, as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, Mrs. O’Neal Ellis, Mr. Holt, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

6. Other Business - Mr. Sanders

A. December Financial Report

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, reviewed the Financial Report. As of December 31, 2017, the total fund balances were \$241,868,418.00. That is a \$26.8 million decrease from November. The District received \$1.6 million in property tax payments. The State continues to make its General State Aid payments on time, however, the District only received \$1.5 million from the State for categoricals. At the end of December, the State owed the District \$25.6 million. In Federal funds, the District received \$2.7 million. Total revenue is 5% lower than last year and expenditures are 4% higher but in line with the budget. The cash balance without working cash is \$157.8 million or 111 days of cash on hand.

B. Secondary Schools Financial Report for the Second Quarter

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, reviewed the Secondary Schools Quarterly Financial Report. Balances have increased by 5% from \$3,906,855.00 to \$4,162,008.00. The increase is due to the collection of athletic fees and various fundraisers where funds will be spent in the 3rd and 4th quarters.

C. Investment Report for the Second Quarter

Dr. King, Chief Operations Officer/Chief School Business Official, presented the Investment Report. As of December, the District had over \$187 million in short-term investments. The current yield is .749%. The interest accrued from October 2016 thru December 2016 was \$116,109.08.

D. 2017 Capital Projects List

Dr. King, Chief Operations Officer/Chief School Business Official, and Mr. Allen, Director of Plant Operations, reviewed the 2017 Capital Projects List.

7. Other Business - Individual Student Matters

Mrs. Ward stated that in general, she does not support punishing students for conduct that occurred outside of school hours using private social media accounts. She stated that student conduct in certain cases may be illegal but that is not for the school to decide. Mrs. Ward understands that the Illinois law was amended last year to put this sort of thing under school jurisdiction but she believes that to be ambiguous and problematic.

A. Student I

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Kerr, to approve administration's recommendation to expel Student I for two semesters, the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year and the first semester of the 2017-2018 school year. While serving the expulsion Student I 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, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: Mr. Holt and Mrs. Ward. The motion carried by a vote of 5-2.

B. Student J

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Kerr, to approve administration's recommendation to expel Student J for two semesters, the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year and the first semester of the 2017-2018 school year. While serving the expulsion Student J will have the opportunity to enroll in alternative education programs. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, Mrs. O'Neal Ellis, Mr. Holt, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: Mr. Holt and Mrs. Ward. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

8. Other Business - CAC Update

Melissa Owens and Larry Bury presented the CAC update. Ms. Owens thanked Mr. Raglin and Mr. Loera for their AVID presentation at the January CAC General Membership meeting. On January 24, the Special Education Committee and Gail Borden Library will present Post Graduation Life, Community, and Employment for Special Education Students. Ms. Owens will be at the ACE community partners meeting representing CAC at 5:30 p.m. at Second Baptist Church in Elgin.

Mr. Bury reported on the CAC candidate forum that will be held on Thursday, March 9, 2017, at ESC in the auditorium. The U-46 community will be generating the questions. The deadline for submitting questions has been extended to Monday, February 6, 2017.

9. Work Session - Mr. Sanders

A. 2017-2018 School Calendar

Mr. Sanders provided the Board of Education with the Proposed Calendar for the 2017-2018 school year.

Mrs. Ward, Ms. Kerr, and Mr. Holt are against changing the start date to accommodate high school finals because the majority of the community voted for the later start date.

Mrs. O'Neal Ellis, Mr. Costello, Ms. Noland and Mrs. Smith would like to see an earlier start date to allow for high school finals before winter recess. They felt as though the survey offered did not clearly communicate the fact that finals would be held after winter recess. The later start date would also push the end of the school year to one week after high school seniors have graduated.

The Board majority recommended that administration bring forth the calendar with the earlier start date for approval at the February 6, 2017, meeting.

B. School Improvement Plans

Mr. Burger, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools Instruction and Equity, Dr. Erickson, Principal of Century Oaks Elementary School, Ms. Hill, Director of Assessment and Accountability, Ms. Jackson, Coordinator of Assessment and Accountability, Ms. Jimenez, Coordinator of Family and Community Engagement and Dr. Shah, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools Instruction and Equity, Ms. Macias, teacher at Century Oaks Elementary School, Mrs. Ramirez, parent from Century Oaks Elementary School, and Century Oaks students Isabella Ramirez and Camilla Ramirez presented a PowerPoint relating to School Improvement Plans. The purpose of the presentation was to update the Board of Education on the continuous school improvement process, the integration of a Family and Community Engagement Plan within the School Improvement Plan, and the Board's role in approving the School Improvement Plans.

10. Work Session - Resolutions

A. RESOLUTION abating a portion of the tax heretofore levied for 2016 to pay debt service on the \$18,300,000 School Bonds, Series 1999, of School District Number 46, Kane, Cook and DuPage Counties, Illinois.

Dr. King, Chief Operations Officer/Chief School Business Official, presented the Resolution. Administration recommended the Board adopt the Resolution abating a portion of the tax heretofore levied for 2016 to pay debt service on the \$18,300,000 School Bonds, Series 1999, of School District Number 46, Kane, Cook and DuPage Counties, Illinois.

11. Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Ward, second by Mr. Costello, to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of January 23, 2017, at 9:19 p.m. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, Mrs. O'Neal Ellis, Mr. Holt, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Approved this 27th day of February, 2017.



President



Secretary