

School District U-46
Elgin, Illinois

May 18, 2020

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[May 18, 2020, BOE Meeting](#)

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 355 East Chicago Street, Elgin, Illinois. The following Board members answered roll call: John Devereux, Veronica Noland, Melissa Owens, Eva Porter, Donna Smith, Kate Thommes, and Sue Kerr.

Present in-person for the business session was Superintendent Tony Sanders. The Board members listed above and Chief Legal Officer Miguel Rodriguez were present for the meeting virtually via Zoom. The following administrators were also present virtually via Zoom: Steve Burger, Dr. Josh Carpenter, Ann Chan, Dr. Suzanne Johnson, Dr. Jeff King, Lela Majstorovic, Dr. Ushma Shah, Sheila Downs, Mary Fergus, John Heiderscheidt, Laura Macias, and Bruce Phelps. Also present for the meeting via Zoom were student Board member Olivia Howell, other administrators, and members of the public. Ms. Kerr led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Accent on Achievement

A. Future Problem Solvers

As part of the Board of Education's Accent on Achievement, the Board of Education honored Glenbrook Elementary School 5th grade students who won Illinois' junior division. They are Mannat Ashta, Risha Lakkadi, Veer Gupta, and Yuvan Ganne, all part of the District's IGNITE gifted education program. Their coach is Ellen Smith is a 4th-grade IGNITE teacher at Glenbrook Elementary School. Future Problem Solvers is an international program that aims to develop students' problem-solving and critical-thinking skills to support a more positive future.

2. Comments from the Audience - Ms. Kerr

A. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3. Other Business - Board Member and Superintendent Update, If Necessary

A. Additional Information

Ms. Kerr stated that there have been a number of webinars with Franczek and IASB, and that a lot of the webinars are recorded so people can view them as time permits.

Ms. Owens stated that the IASB webinar "Ask an Attorney Anything" was informative and included attorneys from across the state which provided an interesting perspective and sparked a lot of good conversation.

Mr. Sanders stated that this past Saturday the District celebrated the latest graduates from the African American and Hispanic Parent Institute programs.

B. FOIA Requests

Mr. Sanders stated there was one (1) FOIA request that the District has responded to since the previous Board meeting, and the response is available on the Board book and would be made available on the District's website.

4. Consent Agenda

- A. Personnel Report and Workers' Compensation Cases
- B. Minutes of Board Meeting – May 4, 2020
- C. Contract Renewal - Information Services- Catalogic Software Maintenance for Backups
- D. Contract - Specialized Student Services - Reading Comprehension Cross Cat Resource, Explorations - The Intervention Solution, Crossland Literacy
- E. Contract Renewal - Human Resources - Frontline Absence and Substitute Management
- F. Contract Renewal - Information Services - SolarWinds Maintenance Agreement
- G. Bid - Plant Operations - Equipment Purchase Portable Bleachers
- H. Proposal - Transportation - Proposal to Purchase 20 Pre-Owned School Buses

Motion by Ms. Thommes, second by Ms. Noland, to approve the consent agenda items A-H as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

5. Discussion/Action

A. Itemized Bills – May 18, 2020

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education regarding the attached bills. Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the List of Bills in the amount of \$8,301,250.40.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Mrs. Porter, to approve the Itemized Bills of May 18, 2020 as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

B. Secondary Art Curriculum Resource Proposal

Dr. Johnson, Deputy Superintendent of Instruction, was available for discussion relating to the Secondary Art Curriculum Resource Proposal. Administration recommended adopting the curriculum.

Motion by Mrs. Noland, second by Ms. Owens, to approve the Secondary Art Curriculum Resource Proposal as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

C. Final 2019-2020 School Calendar

Annually, the Board of Education is required to adopt a final School Calendar and submit it to the Kane County Regional Office of Education. The final amended 2019-2020 School Calendar was attached to the agenda for Board of Education approval.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Mrs. Porter, to approve the Final 2019-2020 School Calendar as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

6. Other Business - CAC Update (Board Policy 2.152 - Advisory Committees to the Board)

Ms. Kerr stated that Laurel Bault, who was involved in CAC for many years, recently passed away and will be greatly missed in the U-46 community.

7. Other Business

A. April Financial Report

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, reviewed the Financial Report and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Mr. Burnidge stated the fund balance at the end of April totaled \$303,972,507, a decrease of \$21.3 million from the end of March. The District received \$2 million dollars in property tax payments, \$17.9 million in evidence-based funding, and \$370,000 in categoricals. \$10.8 million is still due from the State, and \$3.8 million in federal revenue was received in April. 81.2% of the annual budget has been accounted for.

8. Work Session

A. Elementary Integrated Curriculum Proposal

Dr. Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, Dr. Shrode, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Mrs. Banks, Coordinator of Elementary Literacy and Libraries, and Mr. Leaver, 6th Grade General Education Teacher, provided the Board of Education with information relating to stages 2 and 3 of the Elementary Integrated Curriculum Proposal. Mrs. Banks and Mr. Leaver presented to the Board. The Curriculum and Instruction team will collaborate to support the implementation of the Elementary Integrated Curriculum for the 2020-2021 school year. A full day of professional development around the updated Elementary Integrated Curriculum and the new literacy resources will be provided to all elementary teachers beginning in June 2020 by grade level. The professional development will also be offered on the August DCD. Additional professional development as well as online learning experiences will be offered on an ongoing basis. The estimated total cost for implementation of this proposal is \$7,157,916.52.

Ms. Kerr welcomed student Board member Olivia Howell to her first official Board meeting.

B. Middle School Family And Consumer Sciences Culinary and Personal Success and Culinary and Leadership Skills Curriculum Proposal

Ms. Majstorovic, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Schools Instruction and Equity, Ms. Brown, Director of Educational Pathways, Ms. Stewart, Coordinator of Career and Technical Education, Ms. Roberts, Teacher Leader for Pathways Design and Implementation, Ms. Malone, Canton Middle School Teacher, Ms. Major, Larsen Middle School Teacher, Ms. Southcomb, Eastview Middle School Teacher, and Ms. Scarpaci, Larkin High School Teacher, provided the Board of Education with information relating to

the Middle School Family And Consumer Sciences Culinary and Personal Success and Culinary and Leadership Curriculum Proposal. Ms. Stewart presented to the Board. This proposal recommends offering both middle school FACS courses both semesters beginning in the 2020- 2021 school year. Students will have the option to select either course at any time during their middle school years. This allows students to pursue multiple areas of interests and build their level of skill as they desire. The estimated total cost for implementation of this proposal is \$358,326.90.

C. Middle School Family And Consumer Sciences Essential Technology Proposal

Ms. Majstorovic, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary School Instruction and Equity, Ms. Brown, Director of Educational Pathways, Ms. Stewart, Coordinator of Career and Technical Education, Ms. Roberts, Teacher Leader for Pathways Design and Implementation, Mr. Burau, Larsen Middle School teacher, Mr. Gollias, Eastview Middle School teacher, and Mr. Lynch, Ellis Middle School teacher, provided the Board of Education with information relating to the Middle School Family And Consumer Science Essential Technology Proposal. Ms. Roberts presented to the Board. This proposal recommends offering both Middle School Essential Technology courses both semesters beginning in the 2020-2021 school year. Students will have the option to select either course at any time during their Middle School years. This allows students to pursue multiple areas of interests and build their level of skill as they desire. The estimated total cost for implementation of this proposal is \$69,809.44.

D. Heritage Spanish Curriculum Proposal

Dr. Shrode, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Mr. VandeMoortel, Coordinator of World Languages and Social Studies, provided the Board of Education with information relating to the Heritage Spanish Curriculum Proposal. Mr. VandeMoortel presented to the Board. Five high schools and three middle schools in U-46 offer Heritage Spanish Language courses that provide different experiences and knowledge depending on the teacher, resources and school beliefs. The District does not currently have a consistent, standards-based curriculum in place for the Heritage Spanish program. These course templates, assessments and rubrics will provide standards-based learning and assessment, common experiences, rigor, and the opportunity for students to develop their interpretive, interpersonal and presentational proficiency. The estimated total cost for implementation of this proposal is \$209,962.78.

9. Work Session – Resolutions

A. Resolution for the Display of and Public Hearing on the Northern Kane County Regional Vocational System (NKCRVS) Budget for Fiscal Year 2021

Vocational system budgets are required to be adopted by August 31st, which is one month earlier than school district budgets. The tentative FY21 Northern Kane County Regional Vocational System Budget will be presented at the June 15, 2020 Board of Education meeting. This Resolution sets June 16, 2020 as the date the budget goes on 30-day public display and July 20, 2020 as the date of the Public Hearing. Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, presented the Resolution and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended the Board of Education adopt

the Resolution for the Display of and Public Hearing on the Northern Kane County Regional Vocational System Budget for Fiscal Year 2021.

10. Work Session - Contracts Over \$25,000.00 (Board Policy 4.060 - Purchasing/Purchasing Authority)

A. Contract - Curriculum and Instruction - BlueStreak Math Intervention Resource Adoption
Mr. Phelps, Senior Business Official of Business Services, Dr. Shrode, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Mrs. Ingente, Math Coordinator, presented the attached proposal and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract with BlueStreak Education in the amount of \$65,000.00 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 2020-2021 fiscal year.

B. Contract Renewal - Curriculum and Instruction - ST Math Intervention Resource Renewal
Mr. Phelps, Senior Business Official of Business Services, Dr. Shrode, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Mrs. Ingente, Math Coordinator, presented the attached proposal and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract renewal from Mind Research Institute in the amount of \$102,000.00 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 2020-2021 School Year.

11. Work Session - Bids/Proposals (Board Policy 4.060 - Purchasing/Purchasing Authority)

A. Proposal - Curriculum and Instruction - Kami Distance Learning Resource Adoption
Mr. Phelps, Senior Business Official of Business Services, and Dr. Shrode, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, presented the attached bid and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract from Notable, Inc. in the amount of \$40,000.00, and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This expenditure qualifies for reimbursement under the CARES Act. The cost is included in the budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

B. Proposal - Curriculum and Instruction - Learning A to Z Distance Learning Resource Adoption
Mr. Phelps, Senior Business Official of Business Services, and Dr. Shrode, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, presented the attached bid and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract from Learning A to Z in the amount of \$194,830.62, and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This expenditure qualifies for reimbursement under the CARES Act. The cost is included in the budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

C. Proposal - Information Services - Smartboard Replacement

Mr. Phelps, Senior Business Official of Business Services, and Ms. Macias, Director of Information Services, presented the attached bid and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the proposal from TIERNEY and PACE Systems Inc. in the amounts of \$232,300.00 and \$110,000.00, respectively, 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 2019-2020 fiscal year.

12. Move to Closed Session

President Kerr 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, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public, or legal counsel for the public body; 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 8:28 p.m. by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Thommes. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Thommes and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.


13. Move to Open Session

A motion was made at 9:05 p.m. by Ms. Owens, second by Ms. Noland, to reconvene into open session. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

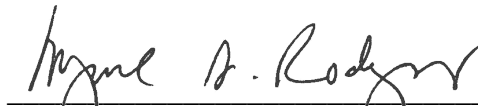
14. Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Owens, second by Ms. Noland, to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of May 18, 2020, at 9:06 p.m. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Approved this 1st day of June, 2020.



President



Secretary