

School District U-46
Elgin, Illinois

May 4, 2020

The video of the May 4, 2020 meeting can be found here:
[May 4, 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, Melissa Owens, Eva Porter, Donna Smith, Kate Thommes, and Sue Kerr. Board member Noland was not in attendance for this meeting.

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, Bruce Phelps and Dr. Leatrice Satterwhite. Also present for the meeting via Zoom were other administrators and members of the public. Ms. Kerr led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Accent on Achievement

A. 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 2,583 teachers serving nearly 39,000 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. Ms. Bettis accepted this award on behalf of U-46 teachers.

B. National Nurses Week

In recognition of National Nurses Week, the U-46 Board of Education presented a Proclamation of Appreciation on behalf of all U-46 nurses in recognition of National School Nurses Day on May 6, 2020. School District U-46 encourages all members of our community to join with it in personally expressing appreciation to our school nurses for the dedication and devotion to their work. Mr. Judge accepted this award on behalf of U-46 nurses.

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 congratulated Mr. Sanders on receiving his honorary doctorate from Judson University. Ms. Kerr also stated that she received an email from IASB regarding the resolutions for the 2020-2021 year and would like Board input regarding any additions to the resolutions.

Mr. Sanders stated that U-46 was accepted as presenters for the Triple I conference in November, and would be presenting on the Board and Superintendent evaluation process if the conference moves forward.

B. FOIA Requests

Mr. Sanders stated there were three (3) FOIA requests that the District has responded to since the previous Board meeting, and the responses are 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 – April 20, 2020
- C. Termination of Joseph Mason - Monitor
- D. Contract Renewal - Secondary Instruction and Equity - APEX Learning
- E. Bid - Plant Operations - Streamwood High School Exterior Waterproofing, Foundation Wall Insulation Repairs, and Sidewalk and Drainage Improvements Project #314
- F. Bid - Plant Operations - Washington Elementary School Sidewalk and Drainage Improvement Project #1544
- G. Bid - Plant Operations - Larsen Middle School Sound System Project #506
- H. Bid - Transportation - Service Truck Purchase
- I. Proposal - Curriculum and Instruction - Kindergarten Readiness Backpacks for Preschool
- J. Building Permits - 7

Motion by Ms. Owens, second by Ms. Thommes, to approve the consent agenda items A-J as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

5. Discussion/Action

A. Itemized Bills – May 4, 2020

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education regarding the itemized bills. Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the List of Bills in the amount of \$9,392,134.31.

Motion by Mrs. Porter, second by Ms. Owens, to approve the Itemized Bills of May 4, 2020 as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

B. Approval of Closed Session Minutes

A Motion is requested and the need for confidentiality still exists as to all or part of closed session minutes and, therefore, "all Closed Session Minutes, with the exception of the minutes already released including audio recordings, remain confidential. In addition, all audio recordings more than 18 months old having been put into writing and approved, may be destroyed." Board Policy #2.201 - Closed Session

The following Closed Session Minutes have been reviewed for approval:

Minutes for Approval – May 2020

September 23, 2019

October 7 & 21, 2019

November 4 & 18, 2019

December 16, 2019

January 13, 25, & 27, 2020

February 10 & 27, 2020

March 2 & 9, 2020

Audio to be Destroyed – May 2020

April 23, 2018

May 7, 14, 17, 18 & 21, 2018

June 4 & 18, 2018

July 23, 2018

August 6 & 20, 2018

September 10 & 24, 2018

October 1 & 15, 2018

Motion by Ms. Thommes, second by Mrs. Porter, to approve the Closed Session Minutes and the destruction of audio listed above as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

C. Board Policy Update - Section 6 - Graduation Requirements

Mr. Rodriguez, Chief Legal Officer, presented suggested revisions to Board Policy - Section 6 - Graduation Requirements. Administration recommended approval of the changes to Board Policy - Section 6 - Graduation Requirements.

Motion by Mrs. Porter, second by Ms. Owens, to approve the revisions to Board Policy – Section 6 – Graduation Requirements as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

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

Ms. Fergus, Director of School and Community Relations, on behalf of CAC, stated that CAC is going to withhold their general meeting in May and will pick up their work in the fall.

7. Recognition of Student Board Members

A. Halle Furtak

The Board of Education recognized Hallie Furtak, the eleventh Student Board of Education Member, for her service.

8. Oath of Office for New Student Board Member

A. Oath of Office

The newly appointed Student Board of Education Member, Olivia Howell, was sworn in by Miguel Rodriguez, Board of Education Secretary.

9. Election of Officers

A. Process for Election of Officers

The current officers' terms have ended. The Board of Education Secretary led the election process for the Board of Education President. Election procedures: Nominations can be made by any Board of Education Member and do not require a second. However, a Motion to close nominations is required. Election will be by roll call. Although the Illinois School Code specifies Board of Education officers serve two-year terms, the Board of Education has passed a Board Policy (#2.210) limiting these terms to one year at any given time.

B. Board President

Nominations: Mr. Devereux nominated Ms. Kerr for President.

Close of nominations: Motion by Ms. Owens, second by Ms. Kerr to close the nominations for President. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Roll call to elect Ms. Kerr as President: Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

C. Board Vice President

Nominations: Ms. Thommes nominated Mr. Devereux for Vice President.

Close of nominations: Motion by Ms. Owens, second by Ms. Thommes to close the nominations for Vice President. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Roll call to elect John Devereux as Vice President: Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

D. Board Secretary Pro-Tempore

Nominations: Mrs. Porter nominated Ms. Owens for Secretary Pro-Tempore.

Close of nominations: Motion by Ms. Thommes, second by Mr. Devereux to close the nominations for Secretary Pro-Tempore. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Roll call to elect Ms. Owens as Secretary Pro-Tempore: Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

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

A. Contract - Specialized Student Services - Reading Comprehension Cross Cat Resource, Explorations - The Intervention Solution, Crossland Literacy

Mr. Phelps, Senior Business Official of Business Services, Dr. Satterwhite, Director of Specialized Student Services, and Mrs. Fabianczyk, Assistant Director of Specialized Student Services, presented the proposal and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the new contract with Crossland Literacy - Okapi Educational Publishing in the amount of \$135,344.25 and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Federal IDEA Grant. The cost is included in the budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

B. Contract Renewal - Human Resources - Frontline Absence and Substitute Management

Mr. Phelps, Senior Business Official of Business Services, and Ms. Chan, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, presented the proposal and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract renewal with Frontline Education for one year in the amount of \$35,583.65 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.

C. Contract Renewal - Information Services - SolarWinds Maintenance Agreement

Mr. Phelps, Senior Business Official of Business Services, and Ms. Macias, Director of Information Services, will presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract renewal with SolarWinds in the amount of \$86,421.00 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 2019-2020 fiscal year

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

A. Bid - Plant Operations - Equipment Purchase Portable Bleachers

Mr. Phelps, Senior Business Official of Business Services, and Ms. Downs, Director of Plant Operations, presented the attached bid and were available to respond to Board questions. Administration recommended award of the low bid meeting specification to Bleachers International in the amount of \$170,400.00 and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to

the Operations and Maintenance Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

B. Proposal - Transportation - Proposal to Purchase 20 Pre-Owned School Buses

Mr. Phelps, Senior Business Official of Business Services, and Mr. Prowell, Director of Transportation, presented the attached bid and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the proposal from Midwest Transit Equipment in the amount of \$1,447,240.00 and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Transportation 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 8:15 p.m. by Mrs. Porter, second by Ms. Thommes. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Thommes and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

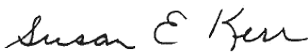
13. Move to Open Session

A motion was made at 8:49 p.m. by Ms. Owens, second by Ms. Thommes, to reconvene into open session. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

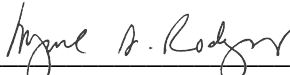
14. Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Owens, second by Mrs. Porter, to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of May 4, 2020, at 8:50 p.m. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Approved this 18th day of May, 2020.



President



Secretary