

School District U-46
Elgin, Illinois

May 2, 2022

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[May 2, 2022, BOE Meeting](#)

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 5:47 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 355 E. Chicago Street, Elgin, Illinois. The following Board members answered roll call: John Devereux, Dawn Martin, Veronica Noland, Melissa Owens, Eva Porter, Kate Thommes, and Sue Kerr.

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; 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 5:48 p.m. by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Owens. Upon roll call yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 7-0.

A motion was made at 6:57 p.m. by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Martin, to move to open session. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Present for the business session were Superintendent Dr. Tony Sanders, Chief Legal Officer Trisha Olson, Board members John Devereux, Dawn Martin, Veronica Noland, Melissa Owens, Eva Porter, Kate Thommes, and Sue Kerr. The following administrators were also present at the District's central office: Dr. Josh Carpenter, Dr. Suzanne Johnson, Dr. Teresa Lance, Lela Majstorovic, Dr. Ann Williams, Brian Lindholm, and Bruce Phelps. 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 - Dr. Sanders

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 2,657 teachers serving nearly 37,000 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.

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 11, 2022. School District U-46 encourages all members of our community to join with it in personally expressing appreciation to our school nurses for their dedication and devotion to their work.

2. Public Comments.

There were no public comments.

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

A. Additional Information

Dr. Sanders stated that the Board has been recognized for being a 70+ year member of the Elgin Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Sanders stated the District recently celebrated this year's retirees, and also held the first "Unite U-46" session. Dr. Sanders noted that the next session of "Unite U-46" would be held on May 11, 2022 at the Welcome Center. Dr. Sanders congratulated Eva Porter for being named Hanover Park Citizen of the Year.

Mr. Devereux stated that the "Unite U-46" session was well attended, and there was good public engagement. Mr. Devereux stated the session included a formal presentation on the facilities work, followed by small working groups to discuss ideas, questions, and concerns. Mr. Devereux stated that he appreciated the turn out, and would encourage the public to attend the next sessions, as this work is valuable for the District's future.

Mrs. Porter stated that she attended the Kane County Educator of the Year reception on Friday, and it was an amazing event.

Ms. Kerr congratulated the nominees for Kane County Educator of the Year: Juan Figueroa, Faviola Ximena Escobar, Dr. Steve E. Tucker, and Sandy Ritter.

Ms. Thommes stated that the Kane County Educator of the year was a great event.

Dr. Sanders stated that there were 20 recipients of the Superintendent Scholarship, which is awarded to students who are first in their family to attend college. Dr. Sanders also noted that a networking event was held for these students, and thanked the Board for their continued support for this scholarship program.

Ms. Thommes stated that next Monday's Board meeting would acknowledge high school seniors in the Top 2% of their graduating class.

Mr. Devereux stated that people can make donations to the U-46 Educational Foundation to support the Superintendent Scholarship, and can also make a donation of any amount to acknowledge a District teacher.

Ms. Owens stated that the U-46 Educational Foundation uses donations to fund mini-grants for teachers, which is an important program.

B. FOIA Requests

Dr. Sanders stated there were five (5) 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 – Dr. Sanders

- A. Personnel Report and Workers' Compensation Cases
- B. Minutes of Board Meeting – April 25, 2022
- C. Updated District Travel Guidelines
- D. Bid - Plant Operations - Bartlett Elementary School and Ronald D. O'Neal Elementary School Ceiling and Lighting Replacement - Projects #552 and #1403
- E. Bid - Plant Operations - Educational Service Center Renovation Phase One - Project #331
- F. Bid - Plant Operations - Kimball Middle School and Channing Elementary School Bathroom Renovations Phase One - Projects #482 and #628
- G. Bid - Plant Operations - Streamwood High School Educational Pathways Phase One Asbestos Abatement - Project #319
- H. Bid - Plant Operations - Hillcrest Elementary School Fascia Replacement - Project #M0181
- I. Bid - Plant Operations - Custodial Plastic, Paper, and Consumable Products
- J. Bid - Plant Operations - Eastview Middle School Gym Floor Refinishing
- K. Bid - Plant Operations - Huff Elementary School Library Asbestos Abatement
- L. Bid - Plant Operations - Ellis Middle School Library Asbestos Abatement Project
- M. Bid - School Safety and Culture - Radio Repeater Replacement
- N. Bid - Transportation Department - New Bus Purchase
- O. Proposal - Educational Pathways - Regional Career Pathways Veterinary Assistant

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

5. Discussion/Action – Dr. Sanders

A. Itemized Bills – May 2, 2022

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 \$6,750,185.94.

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

B. Magnet Academy Integrated Mathematics Curriculum Proposal

Mr. Briesemeister, Director of Educational Pathways, Ms. Stewart, Streamwood High School Assistant Principal of Innovation, Ms. Ingente, Math Coordinator, Ms. Roberts, Educational Pathways Teacher Leader, Ms. Tomal, Streamwood High School Teacher, and Ms. Valentine, Streamwood High School Teacher, were available to respond to questions relating to the Magnet Academy Integrated Mathematics Curriculum Proposal.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Mr. Devereux, to approve the proposal, as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote 7-0.

C. Hawk Hollow Boundary Proposal

Mr. Lindholm, Chief of Staff, was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended the Board of Education vote to accept the boundary change proposal.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Martin, to approve the proposal, as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote 7-0.

D. Business for Innovators Curriculum Proposal

A Motion was requested as 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 2022

October 4 & 18, 2021

November 1 & 15, 2021

December 13, 2021

January 10, 22 & 24, 2022
February 7 & 28, 2022
March 7, 14 & 21, 2022
April 11, 2022

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April 6 & 20, 2020
May 4 & 18, 2020
June 1, 15 & 29, 2020
July 20 & 27, 2020
August 3 & 17, 2020
September 14 & 28, 2020
October 5 & 19, 2020
November 2, 2020

Motion by Ms. Thommes, second by Ms. Noland, to approve the closed session minutes, as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote 7-0.

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

A. Additional Information

Dr. Sanders stated there is a CAC General Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 5th via Zoom.

7. Recognition of Service as Student Board Member

A. Jessica Pearce

The Board of Education recognized Student Board Member, Jessica Pearce, and thanked her for her contributions to this year's Board meetings, and her contributions to the District throughout her time in U-46.

8. Oath of Office for New Student Board Member

A. Oath of Office

Angelica Harris, was sworn in by Ms. Olson, Board of Education Secretary.

9. Election of Officers

A. Process for Election of Officers

Ms. Olson, Board of Education Secretary, lead the election process for the Board of Education President. Election procedures were as follows: Nominations were made by any Board of Education Member and did not require a second. However, a Motion to close nominations was required. Election was 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. President

Ms. Kerr was nominated for President of the Board of Education.

Close of Nominations:

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Mr. Devereux to close the nominations for President. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Election Vote:

Yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0.

C. Vice President

Ms. Owens was nominated for Vice President of the Board of Education.

Close of Nominations:

Motion by Ms. Martin, second by Ms. Noland to close the nominations for Vice President. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Election Vote:

Yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0.

D. Secretary Pro-Tempore

Ms. Thommes was nominated for Secretary Pro Tempore of the Board of Education.

Close of Nominations:

Motion by Ms. Owens, second by Ms. Noland to close the nominations for Secretary Pro Tempore. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Election Vote:

Yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0.

10. Other Business – Appointment of IASB Governing Board Representative

A. IASB Governing Board Representative

Kate Thommes was designated as the Board's IASB Governing Board Representative.

11. Work Session – Dr. Sanders

A. Japanese and Mandarin Chinese World Language Curriculum Expansion Proposal

Mr. Phelps, Director of Business Services, and Mr. VandeMoortel, Coordinator of K-12 Social Studies and World Languages, provided the Board of Education with information relating to the Japanese and Mandarin Chinese World Language Curriculum Expansion Proposal.

As the Streamwood High School Language and International Studies Academy transitions into the L.E.A.D. Magnet Academy, old Academy courses are being phased out. This phase out would have included the gradual elimination of Japanese and Mandarin Chinese courses. Because of the prevalence of both Japanese and Mandarin Chinese languages in business, culture, security, and diplomacy, as well as increasing student interest, these languages will be offered at all five traditional high schools in U-46 as general education world language electives.

Schedule of Work: This curriculum and resource proposal will be in effect for the 2022-2023 school year and will be in effect through the 2027-2028 school year, per the six-year curriculum cycle.

Proposed Results: As the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) graduation requirement to complete two years of world languages for all incoming high school students starting in school year 2028-2029 approaches, all U-46 high school students will have increased choice in their world language electives and have the opportunity to work up through four years of language learning with the opportunity to earn honors credit in levels three and four.

Ms. Thommes asked if the District anticipates having difficulty finding certified teachers. Mr. VandeMoortel stated the District was able to network and found highly qualified candidates.

Ms. Owens stated that she would like thank the team for this work, as it was a concern that the District would be losing world languages.

Ms. Kerr asked if student interest was higher for any particular course. Mr. VandeMoortel stated that at this point, there is significantly more interest in Japanese. Ms. Kerr noted that it would be important for the District to think of the future impact of the language requirement, particularly on elective courses.

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

A. Contract - Fine Arts Department - Elementary Music Curriculum Resource Renewal

Mr. Phelps, Director of Business Services, Ms. Banks, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Ms. Giraldo, Fine Arts Coordinator, presented the proposal and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract renewal with QuaverEd.com in the total amount of \$360,150.00 and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Educational Fund. The cost will be included in the budget for the 2022-2023 through 2026-2027 fiscal years.

B. Contract Renewal - Financial Operations/Human Resources - MUNIS Software Annual Support and Update Licensing

Mr. Phelps, Director of Business Services, and Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, presented the contract renewal and were available to respond to Board questions. Administration recommended approval of the contract renewal with Tyler Technologies in the amount of \$130,861.60 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 2021-2022 fiscal year.

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

A. Bid - Plant Operations - Centennial Elementary - Concrete Repairs

Mr. Phelps, Director of Business Services, and Ms. Waldau, Interim Director of Plant Operations, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended award of the low bid meeting specification to Grade Restoration and Construction Services in the amount of \$27,248.00 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 2021-2022 fiscal year.

B. Proposal - Curriculum and Instruction - LitCamp Resources for Elementary Summer School

Mr. Phelps, Director of Business Services, Ms. Banks, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Ms. Gilbert, Comprehensive Coordinated Early Intervening Services Coordinator, presented the proposal and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the proposal from Scholastic, Inc. in the amount of \$72,801.60, and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

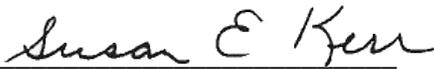
C. Proposal - Gifted Office - Northwestern University Center for Talent Development Summer Programming

Mr. Phelps, Director of Business Services, and Ms. Wells, Gifted Coordinator, presented the proposal and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the proposal from Northwestern

University Center for Talent Development in the amount not to exceed \$122,500.00 and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

Motion by Ms. Martin, second by Ms. Thommes, to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of May 2, 2022 at 8:08 p.m. Upon roll call yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Approved this 16th day of May, 2022



President



Secretary