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– Examiner of Bartlett –

Curriculum proposals set for District U-46 vote

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By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in **School District U-46** will vote on a pair of curriculum items at its upcoming meeting on Monday, June 26. They were presented at the June 5 board meeting.

Included was a preschool and kindergarten curriculum item that has an estimated cost of \$910,000.

The proposal states it will create “new thematic, integrated units for preschool and updated units in the integrated curriculum for kindergarten.”

The units for preschool: “1. All About Us - The First 30 Days; 2. On the Farm; 3. Animals All Around Us; 4. In the Kitchen; 5. Brrr...It’s Cold; 6. In the Community; 7. I Build, I Create; 8. The Great Outdoors; and 9. Changes, Changes.”

The units for kindergarten: “1. All About Us - The First 30 Days; 2. Farm to Table; 3. Traditions and Celebrations Around Us; 4. Animals and Their Environments; 5. My Community; 6. I Build, I Create; 7. All About Our Planet; and 8. The Whys and Wonders of Water.”

The proposal states that preschool “has a curricular resource, HighScope, but does not

have common units of study,” and the “goal is to have consistent thematic units across the district and provide equitable learning opportunities for all students.” For kindergarten, it stated that units “have been rewritten to provide engaging and equitable learning opportunities for all students” based off teacher feedback.

Specifics on resources were not provided in the proposal, but it states that “hands-on materials and books aligned to each unit should be purchased.”

The other curriculum item is a Japanese and Mandarin Chinese world language expansion with a cost of \$212,030 for resources from Education Perfect and Cheng & Tsui. It will be paid for through the education fund.

“As part of the continuing expansion of Asian languages in U-46, the Japanese curriculum writing team has reviewed and revised the Level 1 curriculum brought to the Board of Education last year,” the proposal states. “Additionally, the team has written a comprehensive Level 2 curriculum, rubrics, and assessments. The team has also selected resources to support Level 2 in particular and the expansion of Japanese classrooms in particular.”

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U-46 School Board slated to vote on nine resolutions

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The Board of Education in School District U-46 will vote on nine resolutions at its

upcoming meeting on Monday, June 26. They were presented at the June 5 board meeting.

Most are annual resolutions including one allowing the school treasurer to make bond and interest payments in the upcoming fiscal year, one allowing participation in federal and state grant programs and one allowing the transfer of interest earnings from the working cash fund to the operations and maintenance fund.

An annual resolution declaring the need to continue use of temporary classrooms was presented which include five single mobile and eight double mobile classrooms. It is the same as was used this past school year, officials said.

The resolution states the district “has experienced changes in student enrollments and educational program requirements that have resulted in a need for additional classroom space in certain schools.”

Two resolutions were presented regarding designation of hazardous transportation areas. An annual resolution was presented to designate the current 48 hazardous locations as remaining hazardous and another resolution was to resubmit a hazardous location.

The resubmittal was for Elgin’s Channing Elementary School. Marcy Murphy, director of transportation, stated “there was an error in the calculation” which needed to be corrected.

The hazardous area designation allows for the district to seek “reimbursement from the

state for transportation services provided” to students in those areas. If a student lives less than 1.5 miles from their school, they are not provided busing unless they live in a hazardous area.

Two resolutions were presented that pertain to upcoming capital projects based on the voter approved bond referendum.

Included was a transfer of \$45 million from the operations and maintenance fund to the capital project fund as well as a resolution expressing intent regarding certain capital expenditures to be reimbursed from proceeds of the bonds which allows the district to spend funds now and “reimburse itself once it receives the bond funds,” said **Ann Williams, deputy superintendent of operations.**

A resolution allowing disposal of surplus personal property was presented which includes eight vehicles, a front end loader and six buses. The eight vehicles will be donated to the district’s automotive program, **Murphy** said.

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Responding to book blaze

Last week, on Wednesday, June 7, firefighters responded to a report of a fire in the library at Tefft Middle School. It was reported by the Streamwood Fire Department that initially fire crews were hampered entering the building by construction at the site. For more details, see the fire department release on page 4.

(Examiner photo by Bruce Leighty)

Tefft Middle School library fire extinguished by firefighters

June 14, 2023

According to the Streamwood Fire Department, on Wednesday, June 7, the department personnel responded to a fire alarm activation at **Tefft Middle School**, 1100 Shirley Ave. Upon arrival firefighters had difficulty accessing the building due to construction, but were eventually able to gain access and locate a fire in the school library.

Fire crews extinguished the fire and then turned attention to smoke evacuation. The smoke and heat generated by burning books and bookshelves was significant and the library has no windows with outside access. Firefighters spent several hours on scene removing the smoke from the building. The assistance of Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Division 1's mobile ventilation unit from the Elk Grove Fire Department was

requested to aid in smoke evacuation.

The fire remains under investigation by the Streamwood Fire Investigation Team, but it does not appear suspicious in nature. Damage was initially estimated at \$85,000.

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Who's who at Class 4A state tournament

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By Matt Kamp

JOLIET – The Class 4A state tournament is scheduled for Friday and Saturday at Duly Health & Care Field in Joliet.

In the semifinals on Friday, Edwardsville (31-9) will take on York (25-13-1) at 3 p.m., followed by Brother Rice (25-15) against New Trier (29-7). The third-place game is scheduled for 3 p.m. Saturday and the championship game will proceed at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Below is a look at all four teams.

EDWARDSVILLE TIGERS (31-9)

Colors: Orange/Black

Conference: Southwestern

State Tournament Appearances: 18 (First place in 1990, 1998, 2019 and 2022; Second in 1991, 2002 and 2017).

Head Coach: Tim Funkhouser (801 wins in 27 seasons)

Assistant Coaches: Craig Ohlau, Mike Sabatino, John Klepak, Matthew Rogers

Prep Baseball Report State Rank: 14

Postseason Sectional Seed: 1

Top Hitters: Senior first baseman Riley Iffrig (.377, 8 HR, 51 RBI); senior right fielder Caeleb Copeland (.400, 2 HR, 40 RBI); senior second baseman Cole Funkhouser (.380, 5 HR, 26 RBI); senior shortstop Kayden Jennings (.333, 26 RBI); sophomore pitcher/outfielder Joe Chiarodo (.333, HR, 18 RBI); junior catcher Lucas Huebner (.327, HR, 30 RBI) and senior third baseman Andrew Hendrickson (.293, 2 HR, 32 RBI).

Top Pitchers: Logan Geggus (10-0, 2.14 ERA, 49 IP); Chiarodo (5-2, 0.98 ERA, 50 IP); Hendrickson (5-1, 2.47 ERA, 34 IP); junior Alec Marchetto (6-1, 3.80 ERA, 35 IP) and freshman Hunter Baugh (0-1, 1.75 ERA, 16 IP).

Advancement: Won the Edwardsville Regional with wins of 6-4 over Quincy and 5-4 over Collinsville; won the Illinois Wesleyan Sectional with wins of 9-5 over O'Fallon and 3-2 over Minooka; and won the Illinois Wesleyan Super-Sectional with 5-2 win over Oswego East.

YORK DUKES (25-13-1)

Colors: Kelly Green/White

Conference: West Suburban

State Tournament Appearances: 3 (First place in 1960 and 1993).

Head Coach: Dave Kalal (263 wins in 13 seasons)

Assistant Coaches: Robert Fisher, Kevin Mundle, River Pitlock

Prep Baseball Report State Rank: Unranked

Postseason Sectional Seed: 5

Top Hitters: Sophomore infielder Josh Fleming (.464, 7 HR, 38 RBI); senior outfielder Ryan Turner (.402, HR, 31 RBI); junior pitcher/outfielder Chris Danko (.319, 3 HR, 42 RBI); and senior infielder Jack Braun (.288, HR, 29 RBI).

Top Pitchers: Senior Tommy Van Daff (5-4, 3.77 ERA, 39 IP); junior Ryan Sloan (4-1, 0.91 ERA, 46 IP); senior Brendan Fleming (2-1, 1.83 ERA, 23 IP); senior Lucas Bormann (1-2, 1.33 ERA, 21 IP); and junior Noah Hughes (1-2, 3.27 ERA, 30 IP).

Advancement: Won the South Elgin Regional with wins of 4-0 over Wheaton North and 7-2 over **South Elgin**; won the South Elgin Sectional with wins of 2-0 over St. Charles

East and 4-3 over Batavia; won the Kane County Super-Sectional with 5-0 win over Rockton (Hononegah).

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