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-Alignment Collaborative for Education- Interns Gain “Hands-On” Understanding of Civil Engineering and Architecture July 27, 2023



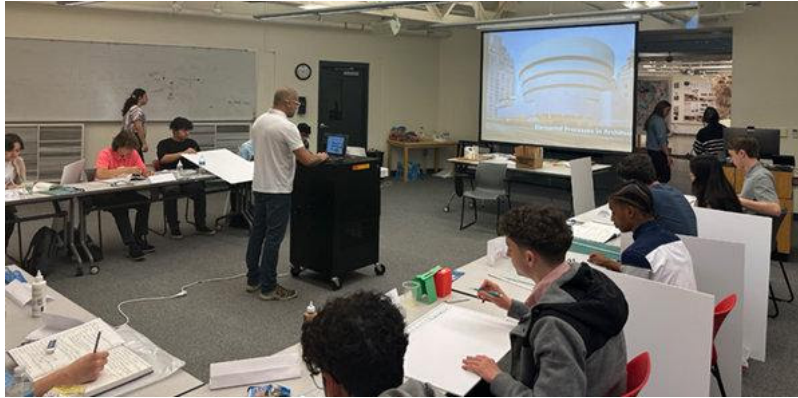
Kristen Dykema, HLR, teaching a group of interns in a wetland area

Alignment is very fortunate to be able to partner with Hampton, Lenzini and Renwick Inc. (HLR) and Judson University to provide students interested in architecture and civil engineering with real-life experience in the field. These experiences allowed 15 students to solidify their goals for the future and determine if this is the path for them.

During this internship students learned how civil engineering ties into architecture and design. Garrett Burton, one of the interns described his experience at Judson as having the opportunity to look into the more creative side of architecture/civil engineering. “We didn't focus on the more technical parts, but we did a lot of things surrounding creativity.” says Garrett Burton.

Intern Hannah Savella commenting on the HLR portion of the internship described it as, “learning about engineering [through HLR] was an incredibly eye-opening experience. Seeing familiar classroom concepts used in the real world and affecting our lives really makes what we learn feel far more important and grounded.”

Once again, Alignment would like to express its gratitude to both HLR and Judson University in allowing us to host these ambitious students. Their generosity and the education they are providing to these interns are helping to shape future generations of civil engineers and architects.



Interns in the Judson classroom learning about architectural design

Article and photos were provided by Alignment's two high school interns: Bryanna Cole, [Elgin High School](#) and Jasmine Fox, [Bartlett High School](#).

-The Examiner-

U-46 student conduct code changes ratified by board

July 27, 2023

By: Seth Hancock

The [Board of Education in School District U-46](#) unanimously approved, changes to the Student Code of Conduct at its meeting on Monday, June 26.

The changes largely include correction to grammatical errors, updated internet links and updates to dates and contact information, according to a memo from David Bell, coordinator of culture and climate.

“The changes you see are mostly in language and in revising of definitions and revising of behavior event titles,” Bell said. “And the primary reason for that was, my work this year was focused a lot on trying to increase consistency in how the behaviors are applied and increase consistency on how they’re being documented.”

Bell added: “A lot of this work that I did with the safety council... was to try to revise the language so that it reduced the redundancy and the overlap that we saw in some of these behaviors. And the primary goal was to try to fix the thermometer so we knew what the temperature was in the building. We don’t know what the temperature is if the data’s coming in different places and different words are being used. So, a lot of those revisions, almost all of them are around trying to make sure that the thermometer is better equipped and can give us a better idea of what is going on in the schools.”

Additionally, the board voted 7-0 to approve both a preschool/kindergarten curriculum and a Japanese and Mandarin Chinese world language curriculum expansion as well as

the board meeting schedule for the 2024-2025 school year

The preschool/kindergarten curriculum has an estimated cost of \$910,000 for “hands-on materials and books aligned to each unit should be purchased” with the curriculum creating “new thematic, integrated units for preschool and updated units in the integrated curriculum for kindergarten,” the proposal states.

The world language curriculum expansion has an estimated cost of \$212,030 for resources from Education Perfect and Cheng & Tsui

The 2024-2025 board meeting schedule follows past schedules with 22 regular board meeting dates and 11 optional meeting dates, all Mondays.

-The Examiner- Multiple resolutions given support from U-46 board

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By: Seth Hancock

The **Board of Education in School District U-46** unanimously approved, via 7-0 votes, of nine resolutions at its meeting on Monday, June 26.

Included were two resolutions pertaining to upcoming capital projects based on the voter approved bond referendum, 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 the disposal of surplus personal property was approved which includes eight vehicles, a front end loader and six buses. The remaining resolutions were basically annual resolutions including one designating hazardous transportation areas with the current 48 locations remaining the same.

The hazardous area designation allows for the district to seek “reimbursement from the state for transportation services provided” to students in those areas, the resolution states. If a student lives less than 1.5 miles from their school, they are not provided busing unless they live in a hazardous area.

Another approved resolution is related as it was a resubmittal for a location at Elgin’s Channing Elementary School to be deemed a hazardous area. The resubmittal was necessary due to an error in the original resolution.

Resolutions allowing the school treasurer to make bond and interest payments in the

upcoming fiscal year, allowing participation in federal and state grant programs, allowing the transfer of interest earnings from the working cash fund to the operations and maintenance fund and declaring the need to continue use of temporary classrooms were also approved.