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U-46 expense proposals set for Oct. 23 board vote

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The Board of Education in **School District U-46** is set to vote on \$528,131 in expenditure items at its upcoming meeting on Monday, Oct. 23.

The items were presented at the Oct. 2 board meeting. The largest item is \$385,303, from the operations and maintenance fund if approved, with Cunningham Recreation: Playcore to replace playground playsets at five elementary schools (Bartlett, Fox Meadow, Huff, Ronald D. O'Neal, Spring Trail).

The proposal states that the district uses a playground inventory index to determine replacement of playground equipment based on "age, type, and condition of the equipment, as well as repairs both required and completed." The sites scheduled for replacement currently have playsets between 22 and 29 years old and "are recommended for replacement due to their age and current condition."

Two contract renewals with McGraw-Hill were presented, both education fund items.

The largest of the two is \$59,661 for a one-year renewal of licenses for the 11th-grade United States history and dual language United States history resource US History and Geography-Modern Times. The other is a one-year license renewal for the 8thgrade United States history and dual language United States history resource Discovering Our Past: A History of the United States-Early Years.

Additionally, an operations and maintenance fund item costing \$26,629 with Peters Electric and Technology was presented. It was for emergency electrical repairs at Bartlett's Liberty Elementary School that were already completed on Aug. 12.

The proposal stated that "electrical feeds that run underground... failed and an electrical service shutdown was required to replace them."

"All five electrical mains were replaced at Liberty Elementary School prior to the start of the school year providing uninterrupted electrical service, allowing staff and students to be welcomed back to a fully operational, and a comfortable learning environment," the proposal stated.

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Varied expenditure items approved by U-46 board

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The Board of Education in **School District U-46** unanimously approved, via 7-0 votes, of \$3.3 million in expenditure items at its Sept. 25 board meeting.

Included was an item, \$839,723 (tort fund) with Chubb Insurance, that was presented and approved the same evening.

The item is for property insurance as the district's previous insurance provider exited the school district property insurance market in August.

"The district's insurance broker Alliant reported that this is Year Five of a hard market cycle where insurance rates continue to increase, coverage options become more limited and underwriting standards continue to increase for most lines of coverage," the proposal stated. "As a result of the hardening property marketplace, the district's long-time property carrier, CNA, decided to exit the school district insurance property marketplace effective August 31, 2023."

The proposal added: "Alliant contacted carriers to obtain proposals for property coverage. The vast majority declined to provide a quote, most stating their price would not be competitive. Three carriers submitted quotes ranging from [\$839,723 to \$1,127,635]. Chubb Insurance provided the lowest quote, a 41.6 [percent] increase over the prior year's cost with CNA. According to the district insurance broker, property markets have seen increases between 15 [percent] and 100 [percent]."

Two education fund items were approved including a five-year contract renewal costing \$2.2 million with Newsela for digital resources and \$48,510 with the Illinois Principals Association for mentoring of 16 resident administrators.

The remainder were operations and maintenance fund items including \$161,617 with Game Time c/o Cunningham Recreation for a picnic pavilion at Streamwood High School's Millennium Field, \$89,211 with Alta Equipment to purchase a replacement skid steer and \$43,447 with Vermeer Midwest to purchase a mini skid steer to add to the district's current mini skid steer fleet, which includes one other purchased in 2020.

Regarding the picnic pavilion, the proposal states the plan is to install one at all five high schools over the next five years.

Also approved by a 7-0 vote was \$11.4 million in itemized bills.

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On the bubble: Making the IHSA football playoffs is no sure thing for these teams

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Jacobs' Caden DuMelle scoots in for a touchdown in varsity football at Metcalf Field on the campus of Crystal Lake Central Friday night.

Five wins makes a high school football team eligible for the upcoming IHSA playoffs, but entering Week 9 of the season they know another victory will ensure a postseason berth. For teams with 4 wins, it's essential that they win this weekend to get that fifth win and hope they have enough playoff points to see Week 10.

Team (record) Playoff pts Projected class Week 9 opponent

Neuqua Valley (5-3) 44 8A at Naperville C. (7-1)

Bubble talk: With that many playoff points, the Wildcats should be in, win or lose Friday.

Palatine (5-3) 42 8A vs. Schaumburg (2-6)

Bubble talk: The Pirates have the points but would prefer to make it a sure thing.

Naperville North (5-3) 37 8A vs. Waubonsie Valley (4-4)

Bubble talk: Huskies just beat Warriors 28-7 last Friday. Can they do it again a week later?

West Aurora (5-3) 32 8A vs. Minooka (6-2)

Bubble talk: Do the Blackhawks have enough points? Probably not.

Bartlett (4-4) 36 8A vs. Glenbard East (7-1)

Bubble talk: The Hawks have a very tough assignment this weekend.

Waubonsie Valley (4-4) 34 8A at Naperville North (5-3)

Bubble talk: The Warriors need to reverse last week's results.

Lake Park (4-4) 33 8A at Wheaton North (5-3)

Bubble talk: The Lancers have had a solid season. A playoff berth would be nice.

Wheaton North (5-3) 38 7A vs. Lake Park (4-4)

Bubble talk: If the Falcons make the playoffs, they will have earned it.
 Hoffman Estates (5-3) 37 7A vs. Fremd (3-5)
 Bubble talk: Hawks don't want to have to sweat out Saturday night's pairings show.
 Buffalo Grove (5-3) 35 7A at Rolling Meadows (2-6)
 Bubble talk: The records say the Bison should win. They might have to.
 Jacobs (5-3) 35 7A at Crystal Lake South (3-5)
 Bubble talk: Jacobs wants to be a sure thing Saturday night, but this matchup is no sure thing.
 WW South (4-4) 39 7A at St. Charles East (1-7)
 Bubble talk: Tigers have losses to LT, Geneva, St. Charles North and Batavia. They've been tested.
 Mundelein (4-4) 39 7A at Lake Forest (4-4)
 Bubble talk: The winner watches the pairings show Saturday, the other turns in equipment.
 West Chicago (4-4) 36 7A vs. Larkin (3-5)
 Bubble talk: Wildcats would love to end two-decade playoff drought. They need a win.
 Kaneland (5-3) 44 6A at LaSalle-Peru (4-4)
 Bubble talk: Knights should have plenty of playoff points.
 Libertyville (5-3) 39 6A vs. Stevenson (6-2)
 Bubble talk: A win vs. Stevenson would show the Wildcats deserve to be in the playoffs.
 Grant (5-3) 30 6A vs. North Chicago (2-6)
 Bubble talk: That's probably not enough points. Grant needs a win.
 Benet (4-4) 40 5A at Providence Cath. (4-4)
 Bubble talk: The season comes down to this game; only one team can keep its season going.
 Burlington Central (4-4) 36 5A vs. Huntley (7-1)
 Bubble talk: The Rockets need an upset Friday to earn a playoff berth.
 Grayslake North (4-4) 32 5A at Wauconda (6-2)
 Bubble talk: If Grayslake North is going to play in Week 10, it will have to earn that berth in Week 9.
 St. Viator (4-4) 34 4A at Marmon (2-6)
 Bubble talk: St. Viator has to take care of business Friday.
 Montini (5-3) 38 3A at St. Laurence (6-2)
 Bubble talk: The Broncos probably have the points, win or lose Friday.

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Streamwood soccer ends regular season strong

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The Streamwood soccer team ended the regular season with a 2-0 victory over **South Elgin** in Upstate Eight Conference play on Wednesday, Oct. 11 at South Elgin.

There was a steady rain on a grass field, but that didn't slow down AJ Sabanovic who netted both goals including his first thanks to strong teamwork with Jairo Sanchez who "knows how to do a great service in," Sabanovic said.

“We did what we had to do,” said Streamwood coach Matt Polovin. “It was a good game. AJ had two goals. He showed again why he’s one of the top players in the state. If anyone denies him as an all-state player, they don’t know anything about the game. He was getting double teamed, tripled teamed, knocked all around and still found ways to put the ball in the back of the net.”

Polovin added: “It was a good allaround game. That’s what we needed to get us ready for the regional, a good last regular season game against a conference foe. I’ll take a shutout win.”

While Sabanovic got the job done on offense, Polovin said goalie Issac Morales was “the MVP of the game, simple as that.”

Moralas had four saves in the game, the biggest coming on two diving stops off of South Elgin penalty kicks.

Prior to the game, the South Elgin side was declaring they would win the game, Moralas said. “That was a confidence boost,” said Moralas. “That made me want to win more. I said to myself they’re not going to score at all. I want to win, and we won the game.”

Polovin also credited his midfield of Jairo Sanchez, Max Galvan and Jose Peña for helping in the shutout.

Streamwood, which hosts regional play, enter the postseason 13-4-4 overall, 5-1-3 in the UEC. The No. 2 Sabres will play the winner of the quarterfinal between No. 15 Rockton Hononegah and No. 18 Rockford Auburn.

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All-UEC golfers **The Bartlett High School** boys golf team had four members named all-conference in the Upstate Eight Conference. The four were among the top golfers in the conference this year that was comprised of 10 area high schools. Awards were distributed at the annual golf banquet at Bartlett Hills Golf Club on Wednesday, Oct. 11. Pictured, left to right: junior Daniel Ryniec, senior Nicasio Villarin, senior Jayden Patel and junior Robby Coyne.