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"IF I WERE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN A GOVERNMENT WITHOUT A NEWSPAPER OR A NEWSPAPER WITHOUT A GOVERNMENT, I WOULD NOT HESITATE TO CHOOSE THE LATTER." THOMAS JEFFERSON

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Dist. U-46 in agreement with series of IASB stances

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education and administration in School District U-46 concurred with the Illinois Association of School Board's (IASB) stances this year.

The IASB, a lobbyist organization for government schools funded through taxpayer dollars, held its annual convention late last month when it determined what it would lobby for in the coming year.

One of the more controversial proposed resolutions, which was voted down, was submitted by CCSD 93 in Carol Stream which proposed a general gun control law.

The resolution sought "legislation which strengthens child safe gun storage laws in the state of Illinois" which dictates how gun owners must store their guns if there is a child 14 or under in the home. The resolution sought to increase the age to 18.

The IASB resolution committee statement was that

the issue did not "deal directly with issues that happen inside of a school district," which is why it opposed it.

The U-46 board also opposed it for the same reason, but board members generally agreed the government should tell gun owners how to store their guns.

Sue Kerr, the board's president, said "it's not that it's a bad idea" but "it doesn't deal with the schools."

Two resolutions asking for local control regarding COVID-19 restrictions were presented. One was approved and the other voted down, the IASB stating they were similar and only one was needed.

However, the approved resolution still recognized federal and states government control and asked for "a regional approach in response to national health emergencies." The other recognized more local con-

trol stating the IASB "shall support and advocate for schools to open back up and allow local school boards and the administration to make decisions based upon what is best for the school and school community."

Two other resolutions were adopted including one addressing teacher shortages and the other asking for allowance to use e-learning on election days.

Three resolutions were voted down regarding a loan program, school report card data and pre-kindergarten teacher licensure.

Three reaffirmations of existing positions were approved, all relating to opposition to charter schools. A new belief statement was adopted supporting "equity and inclusion in school."

U-46 defines equity as "supporting each student according to their need" and equality as "giving all students the same support."

Four candidates file for three U-46 trustee seats

By Seth Hancock

There will be at least one new member to the Board of Education in School District U-46 after the April 6, 2021 election as candidate filings are now closed.

Four candidates have filed to run for three open seats, one incumbent not filing.

Hanover Park resident Donna Smith will not seek reelection after two decades on the board, being first elected in 2001.

Incumbents Veronica Noland, of Elgin, and Melissa Owens, of Bartlett, have both filed to run for reelection. Elgin resident LeJewel Crigler and Bartlett resident Dawn Martin have also filed.

Noland is in her second four-year term and Owens in her first.

The district's response to COVID-19 and its inability to create a sustainable model for allowing consistent in-person learning is likely to be a big issue this election cycle.

Both Noland and Owens approved of the district's reopening plan, which U-46 administrators admitted lacked details, in July. U-46 missed several target dates for bringing students back in-person from the July plan and only a small number of students have had any in-person learning this year.

In September, Superintendent Tony Sanders said U-46 "could easily get all kids back into school in a hybrid model pretty quickly," but "that is not the model that we're choosing to go. We're going a little more complex."

Village Board approves design services contract

By Kristin Carreno

During the Village Board meeting on Thursday, Dec. 17, trustees unanimously approved a resolution for a professional services agreement with FGM Architects, Inc., Chicago, for architectural design services for Fire Station 32 and Fire Station 33. The cost of the services will be at 9.5 percent of the final cost of the total project.

"This is a proposal for a contract with FGM Architects to handle the planning, budgeting and specification preparation for several projects including renovations to Station 32 and Station 33 and some odds and ends for Public Works," said Fire Chief Chris Clark. "This was part of the space needs analysis that was conducted back in 2017. The bulk of the recommendations are going on right now including the renovation of Public Works

and the replacement of fire station 31. The smaller projects will be undertaken in 2021 and 2022."

Clark said a request for proposal was conducted in 2018 for architectural services for the replacement of Station 31 and the Public Works facility renovation. FGM Architects, Inc., was chosen as the design firm. They have excellent reviews, worked well with the village in the past, completing work within budget and in a timely manner.

As work initiated on the new fire station (Station 31) staff began the analysis of optimal approach, costs and anticipated timeframes for completing work on the other two fire stations in conformance with space needs recommendations, Clark said.

According to Clark, the contract's cost is consistent with similar projects in the region.



Reflecting on the holidays

Hoosier Grove Schoolhouse decorated for the Christmas season. The one-room school is a village landmark and also a link to a simpler past, however, Christmas has always been a time for family, friends, reflection, celebration and decorations. May this season be all that and more and bring pleasant memories of seasons past to all. Happy holidays!

(Examiner photo by Bruce Leighty)

Storm's Roy commits to Purdue University

By Seth Hancock

South Elgin senior Abigail Roy will be continuing her soccer career at the Division I level after signing her letter of intent to play for the Purdue Boilermakers in Indiana competing in the Big Ten Conference (BTC).

Roy, a Bartlett resident, is a forward who played for the Storm her freshman year and was all-conference in the Upstate Eight. She ran track and field at South Elgin and played club soccer her sophomore year, and she intended to return to the Storm soccer field as a junior before COVID-19 regulations cancelled spring sports.

At Purdue, Roy plans to major in integrated business and engineering, and she hopes to be a strong competitor on the soccer field for the Boilermakers.

"I decided that Purdue was the perfect fit for me because when I stepped on campus, it immediately felt like a second home," Roy said. "The girls on the soccer team, the coaches and the academic advisor all made me feel welcomed and supported. I knew right away that Purdue was the place where I could become the best version of myself on and off the field."

Roy added: "Athletically, my goal at Purdue is to take my game to the next level. In the Big Ten, there is not one player who isn't working hard 110 percent of the time. With this competitive atmosphere, I plan to challenge myself, get faster, stronger and more creative with the ball to help Purdue win games and take home champi-

onship titles. Academically, my interest lies in business/engineering, and thankfully, Purdue has a major that covers both these interests."

The Boilermakers went 8-9-3 overall, 3-6-2 in the BTC, in 2019. Roy will play under coach Drew Roff who has coached Purdue the last four years while holding a 153-99-20 record in his 14-year collegiate coaching career.

Although things remain up in the air regarding high school sports, Roy intends to play for the Storm this season and wants to end her high school career strong.

"If we are able to have a high school season, I plan to lead the Storm to conference, regional and state championships. I know our team has the heart and talent to make it happen, so I'm really looking forward to it."



Abigail Roy, as a freshman in 2018, executing a header deep in West Chicago's end of the pitch between the Wildcats' Alex Alcantar, left, and Vanessa Montenegro. (Examiner photo by Bruce Leighty)

Vaccine allotments sent to DuPage hospitals

According to the DuPage County Health Department (DCHD), staff securely transported and delivered the first allotments of the Pfizer- BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine to all DuPage County hospitals on Thursday, Dec. 17. These initial vaccine shipments will serve to vaccinate and protect health-care personnel in DuPage County.

Following receipt of vaccine, hospital-based frontline health care workers were the first to roll-up their sleeves to receive their first dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine in DuPage County. The vaccine is given in two doses, three weeks apart, and offers up to 95 percent protection against COVID-19. All of the hospital systems planed to administer their full allotment of vaccine by Monday, Dec. 21. DCHD anticipates it will take several weeks to reach the estimated 43,000 health care personnel throughout the county. Long-term care facilities will receive vaccinations through a federal program, called the Pharmacy Partnership Program.

Additional vaccine is expected to arrive weekly, in the weeks and months ahead. DCHD is prepared to receive and distribute allocations to the local health systems. Additionally, plans are being finalized for DCHD to provide vaccination to healthcare personnel not affiliated with health systems and to other individuals in priority groups when more vaccine becomes available.

Timeline estimates to reach the various priority groups in Phase 1 are expected to change as additional quantities and other types of vaccine are made available. In the meantime, people have the opportunity to sign-up to receive weekly updates on vaccine planning in DuPage County at www.dupagehealth.org/covid19vaccine.

Importantly, residents are urged to continue to do their part in preventing the spread of COVID-19 by:

- Wearing a mask whenever outside their home;
- Staying at least 6 feet from people outside of their immediate household;
- Washing their hands often.

Additional COVID-19 information and resources can be found at www.dupagehealth.org/covid19.

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