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Elgin News Digest: New playgrounds to be installed at six U-46 schools; 4-H hosting open house on Kane County Fairgrounds; survey input sought on county's biking and walking plan

By: Mike Danahey



Washington Elementary School in Elgin is one of six District U46 schools that will receive new playground equipment this year. (Rafael Guerrero / The Courier-News)

New playgrounds to be installed at six U-46 schools

The **District U-46 School Board** has approved spending \$359,568 to buy new playsets for six elementary schools from North Carolina-based Game Time.

Creekside, **Lords Park** and **Washington** in Elgin, **Horizon** and **Laurel Hill** in Hanover Park and **Timber Trails** in Hoffman Estates are the schools receiving the new equipment. Each playset being replaced is in poor conditions and anywhere from 19 and 25 years old, district documents said.

The equipment should be delivered in 12 to 16 weeks, and is to be installed sometime before the end of the current school year, documents said.

To read the full article click [here](#).

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U-46 board president defends property tax increase accompanying new 2022-23 budget OK'd Monday night

By: Mike Danahey



Logo of School District U-46. (www.u-46.org)

The **District U-46** School Board unanimously approved a budget for the 2022-23 budget that increases taxes and spending despite declining enrollment, a plan board **President Sue Kerr** defended before the vote.

“I would go back to what things were like about 10 years ago. In 2012, according to the State Report Card, we were spending \$1,370 less per student, per student on instructional expenses, compared to the state average. We were spending \$2,250 less on operational expenses compared to the state average,” **Kerr** said.

A lot of the inequity has been addressed by evidence-based funding, which comes from the state, she said.

With the increased revenue, **U-46** has been able to reduce class sizes in the lower grades; implemented all-day kindergarten; added support staff, particularly counselors and social workers; and provided one-to-one technology for all its students, Kerr said.

The district also has started to catch up on building maintenance and has a replacement plan for old school buses; has built additions to three overcrowded elementary schools; and will be converting **Hawk Hollow** in Bartlett from an elementary to a middle school (the school will close for the 2023-24 school year and reopen for the 2024-25 year), she said.

“Since 2014, thanks to (Director of Financial Operations) **Mr. (Dale) Burnidge** and his staff, we have always received the highest designation (from the state),” **Kerr** said.

District officials say most property owners will be seeing a tax increase with years budget. Last month, Burnidge estimated that the owner of a home valued at \$250,000 would see a hike of about \$185.

The school board has attempted to keep the tax level steady and has abated about \$48 million in property taxes to ease the tax burden on residents, Kerr said.

“We continue to be very sensitive to taxpayers’ concerns,” she said.

Using her own property tax bill in DuPage County as example, **Kerr** said the portion she paid to **U-46** was \$6,005 in 2011 and \$6,260 this year, an increase of \$255 in 10 years.

“**U-46** has tried to keep things level,” Kerr said.

Board Vice President Melissa Owens recommended residents wanting to know more about the spending plan read the document, particularly the executive summary, which she said does a good job explaining what goes into the budget.

During the public comment portion of Monday’s meeting, eight people raised concerns about the district raising taxes during a time of high inflation, declining enrollment and low proficiency scores across the district.

“Although it is easy to blame the pandemic for these results, proficiency scores have been steadily declining, pre-pandemic,” Karina Gomez said.

The approved budget covers July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. It projects \$690.5 million in new revenue, \$696.9 million in expenditures and a net decrease in the total fund balance of \$5.9 million.

In the document’s letter of transmittal, **Superintendent Tony Sanders** said, “The deficit is due to making the final debt service payments on the 2003 bond issue, so the balance of the debt service fund is projected to decrease \$11 million.”

On Monday, **Sanders** and **Burnidge** said **U-46** will continue to maintain an overall surplus in its operating funds, some of which will be used to pay for capital projects, like the Hawk Hollow conversion.

Revenue is expected to be about \$28.2 million more than the 2021-22 budget, a 4.3% increase. It includes an additional \$8.1 million collected in property tax, a 2.5% increase to almost \$332.7 million. Property tax accounts for 48% of the district's revenues.

Evidence Based Funding from the state is projected to increase from about \$212 million to about \$233 million, or almost 10%. Other categories of funding from the state are expected to rise about \$1.4 million to \$31.8 million,

Salaries are expected to collectively increase from \$334 million to \$347 million, and benefits from \$112 million to \$118 million. Salaries and benefits account for more than two-thirds of the district's expenditures.

To view the 2023 budget and past budgets, go to www.u-46.org/Page/9152.

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Storm catcher: He receives, he kicks, he plays cornerback. And South Elgin's Kyle Steinhofer carries a sterling GPA. 'Good kid to have around.'

By: Rick Armstrong



South Elgin's Kyle Steinhofer (6) picks up a deflected snap as teammate Nathan Downey (12) looks on against Larkin during an Upstate Eight Conference game on Friday, Sept. 16, 2022. (H. Rick Bamman / The Beacon-News)

Kyle Steinhofer's role for **South Elgin** could be best described as a little bit of this and a little bit of that.

Upon further review, however, that's selling the 5-foot-10, 170-pound senior short.

What does Steinhofer do for the **Storm**?

A wide receiver, he leads the undefeated Upstate Eight Conference co-leaders with 18 receptions for 352 yards from junior quarterback Jacob Sullivan.

Four of those catches have gone for touchdowns. Steinhofer has run the ball just twice — both on reverses covering a grand total of seven yards — but both have resulted in TDs.

Perhaps fittingly, he wears jersey No. 6.



South Elgin wide receiver Kyle Steinhofer (6) celebrates his touchdown in the second quarter against Larkin during an Upstate Eight Conference game on Friday, Sept. 16, 2022. (H. Rick Bamman / The Beacon-News)

“He’s just an awesome kid,” **South Elgin** coach Dragan Teonic said. “He’s growing into a leadership role and has no problem holding people accountable.”

It would be difficult for teammates to think Steinhofer is asking too much of them.

He also starts at cornerback, where he has three interceptions and three pass breakups.

A two-sport athlete who also plays center field for the baseball team, Steinhofer handles kicking duties this season and contributes on kick and punt returns.

He's 17-for-22 on extra-points kicks. He also has converted a field goal and caught a two-point conversion pass, giving him 58 points.

That ranks second on the team to 66 points from Mason Montgomery, who's second on the team in receiving to Steinhofer with 16 receptions for 342 yards and eight of his 11 TDs.

"Mason and I have been going at it," Steinhofer said.

Steinhofer played soccer early and started kicking at the pee-wee level.

"I just tried it," he said. "Always had a decent leg and was pretty good at it, so I just kept working at it."

It was while playing in the Bartlett Raiders youth program that Steinhofer and Sullivan first met and began developing their current connection.

"Our teams would scrimmage and sometimes practice together, and I've been with him since freshman year since he played up," Steinhofer said. "I've probably known him since fifth grade."



South Elgin's Kyle Steinhofer (6) sprints past the Larkin defense for a first down during an Upstate Eight Conference game on Friday, Sept. 16, 2022. (H. Rick Bamman / The Beacon-News)

Last season, Sullivan shared quarterback duties. Steinhofer was second on the team with 11 receptions for 120 yards.

"I was behind Jalen Jones last year and took it upon myself to learn as much as I could from him," Steinhofer said of the team's leading receiver. "That was a great help to me."

South Elgin (5-0, 5-0) travels to Glenbard South (5-0, 5-0) at 7 p.m. Friday to battle for first place in the UEC. The **Storm** have won three straight conference titles.

The challenge for Steinhofer and fellow senior cornerback Denver Davis will be 6-2 junior receiver Cam Williams, a Notre Dame recruit.

“I need to focus on my basics and what I stick to because when I get off my game and try to do something special, that’s when stuff goes wrong,” Steinhofer said. “If I play my game, the pieces will fall in place.

“We’re excited for the challenge of playing (Glenbard South) and ready to prove ourselves.”

With Sullivan’s development and the versatility of Steinhofer and Montgomery, **South Elgin’s** triple-option offense has become more diversified this season.



Kyle Steinhofer (6) catches a pass from South Elgin quarterback Jacob Sullivan in the second quarter of an Upstate Eight Conference game against Larkin on Friday, Sept. 16, 2022. (H. Rick Bamman / The Beacon-News)

Last season the **Storm** went 10-1 and finished with 3,179 yards rushing and 828 passing. Through five games in 2022, **South Elgin** has run for 1,285 yards and passed for 762.

“Everybody runs some form of option,” said Teonic, who cut his teeth calling plays for Otto Zeman’s pass-happy Riverside-Brookfield offense. “Any time a quarterback makes a decision, it’s still an option. It’s just been sexier to say ‘spread offense.’

“We’re old school triple-option and we tend to get a lot of one-on-one matchups.”

A good thing with receivers like Steinhofer in the mix.

“And he has like a 4.4 GPA,” Teonic said. “Good kid to have around.”

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Local scores for Aurora, Elgin, Naperville and Lake County

By: Staff Reports

FOOTBALL

HIGH SCHOOLS

UPSTATE EIGHT

Bartlett at Fenton, 7:30 p.m.

Glenbard East at **Elgin**, 7 p.m.

Larkin at East Aurora, 7 p.m.

South Elgin at Glenbard South, 7 p.m.

West Chicago at **Streamwood**, 7 p.m.

MONDAY'S RESULTS

HIGH SCHOOLS

BOYS SOCCER

East Aurora 1, **Bartlett** 0

East Aurora (10-3-2, 2-2 Upstate Eight): Erick Magallon goal. Efrain Rosales 10 saves.

Elgin 2, **Streamwood** 0

Oswego East 3, Oswego 0

Oswego East (7-4-2, 4-2 Southwest Prairie West): Josh Lopez, Drew Karg, Israel Torres goals.

St. Edward 2, Aurora Central Catholic 0

Warren 2, Wauconda 0

Warren (8-3-1): Matt Paraskos goal, assist. Chris Crowson goal.

West Aurora 4, South Elgin 2

LITTLE TEN TOURNAMENT

Hinckley-Big Rock 2, Indian Creek 1

IMSA 4, Somonauk 0

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Aurora Christian d. IMSA 25-14, 25-19

Benet d. Montini 18-25, 25-23, 28-26

Bartlett d. Hoffman Estates 25-17, 25-9

Lake Zurich d. Fremd 25-12, 21-25, 25-21

Lake Zurich (14-4): Chelsea Williams 10 kills, 10 digs.. Heidi Mason 30 assists.

Marian Central Catholic d. Harvest Christian 25-18, 25-18

Oswego d. Aurora Central Catholic 25-21, 26-24

St. Charles North d. Lake Park 25-22, 25-20

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

HIGH SCHOOLS

BOYS SOCCER

Benet 4, Carmel 1

Benet (8-3, 4-0 ESCC): Nico Picha 2 goals. Owen McGarry, Mateo Picha goals.

Buffalo Grove 2, Lake Forest 0

Downers Grove South 2, Neuqua Valley 1

Dundee-Crown 2, Burlington Central 1

Dundee-Crown (7-6-3, 4-0 Fox Valley): Miguel Pena, Diego Granados goal, assist.

Elgin 2, Lake Park 1

Hampshire 2, DeKalb 1

Indian Creek 5, Sandwich 5

Sandwich: Kayden Page 3 goals.

Oswego 2, Plainfield Central 0

Plainfield North 2, West Aurora 1

West Aurora (9-3-4, 2-1-3 Southwest Prairie West): Omar Juarez goal.

St. Charles East 1, South Elgin 0

St. Charles East (11-2-1): Colin Leatherbury goal. Logan Lewarchick assist.

Stevenson 1, Hersey 0

Zion-Benton 5, Grayslake North 1

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

HIGH SCHOOLS

FOOTBALL

WEEK 5

FOX VALLEY

Burlington Central 24, Crystal Lake South 20

Burlington Central (2-3, 2-3): Jackson Alcorn TD run, 2 TD passes to Caden West.

Crystal Lake Central 37, Dundee-Crown 24

Dundee-Crown (2-3, 2-3): Zach Randl 2 TD passes. Anthony Aguilar, Torrion Bell TD receptions.

Hampshire 12, McHenry 8

Huntley 37, Jacobs 20

Jacobs (4-1, 4-1): Antonio Brown 3 TD runs (74,6, 1).

UPSTATE EIGHT

Elgin 48, West Chicago 20

Glenbard East 42, Streamwood 8

Glenbard South 47, Bartlett 6

Larkin 37, Fenton 10

South Elgin 52, East Aurora 20

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Rick Armstrong's Aurora, Elgin and Naperville football rankings and players of the week for Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022

By: Rick Armstrong



Oswego East quarterback Tre Jones (9) celebrates his 88-yard touchdown run with Aiden Moriarty (15) against West Aurora during a Southwest Prairie West game on Friday, Sept. 23, 2022. (Mark Black / The Beacon-News)

Top 10

With records through Sunday and previous rankings in parentheses.

1. Neuqua Valley 4-1 (1)

Wildcats' defense pitches a shutout in showdown with Naperville Central.

2. St. Charles North 4-1 (5)

Unstoppable Drew Surges powers North Stars to top spot in DuKane Conference.

3. Batavia 3-2 (8)

Cast on hand can't stop Drew Gerke from making three touchdown catches.

4. Naperville North 4-1 (9)

Aidan Gray throws for 276 yards, four TDs to stick it to Barbs.

5. **South Elgin** 5-0 (7)

Jacob Sullivan connects with Kyle Steinhofer six times for 114 yards, two TDs.

6. Oswego East 4-1 (10)

Tre Jones does it all against West Aurora, combining for 251 yards and three TDs.

7. Geneva 4-1 (3)

Slow start gives Vikings wakeup call.

8. Jacobs 4-1 (4)

Antonio Brown runs 22 times for 226 yards and three TDs in tough loss.

9. Yorkville 4-1 (2)

Time was on Plainfield North's side, with edge of 31:23 to 16:07 in time of possession.

10. Naperville Central 3-2 (6)

Interception return for TD was Redhawks' only score.

Offensive Player of the Week

Oswego East quarterback Tre Jones, a Navy recruit, ran for 129 yards and two TDs and passed for 122 yards and one TD to lead the Wolves.

Defensive Player of the Week

Zach Saucedo, a freshman outside linebacker, had 13 tackles in St. Edward's 35-7 loss to Riverside-Brookfield.

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Paul Johnson's Aurora, Elgin and Naperville girls volleyball rankings and player of the week for Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022

B: Paul Johnson



Naperville North's Paige Lauterwasser (14) goes up for a kill against Wheaton Warrenville South's Lilly King (18) during a nonconference match in Naperville on Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022. (Mike Mantucca / Naperville Sun)

Top 10

With records through Monday and previous rankings in parentheses.

1. Benet 19-1 (2)

Redwings welcome Thursday visitor to Lisle in Skutt Catholic, winners of seven straight state titles in Nebraska.

2. Metea Valley 17-4 (1)

Camille Morrison, Addison Torain continue to lead offense without injured Florida recruit Kira Hutson.

3. Naperville North 15-2 (4)

Huskies take down St. Charles North in three sets to win Hersey Invitational.

4. St. Charles East 10-2 (3)

Saints have won four straight heading into this weekend's rugged Asics Challenge at Mother McAuley.

5. Genoa-Kingston 22-2 (6)

Alayna Pierce had 12 kills in a win over Oregon on Volley for the Cure night.

6. Oswego East 17-5 (8)

Wolves keep rolling, picking up championship at Prospect Invitational.

7. Newark 18-4 (7)

Norsemen bounced back from three straight losses with two Little Ten Conference wins.

8. St. Charles North 16-6 (9)

The North Stars use fast-paced offense to reach finals of the Hersey Invitational.

9. Kaneland 16-4 (NR)

Knights win 10 straight, hope to make noise in Class 3A playoffs this season.

10. Dundee-Crown 11-5 (10)

After dropping three of four, Chargers bounce back with wins over Cary-Grove and **Larkin**.

Player of the Week

Senior outside hitter Paige Lauterwasser tallied 52 kills as the Naperville North went 5-0 to win the Hersey Invitational.

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Boys soccer / Top 20

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1. York (9-0-3) Jayden Waski 1v1 threat

2. Naperville Central (12-3-0) Chase Adams dynamic up top

3. Naperville North (8-3-1) Aidan McMahon fun to watch

4. Stevenson (11-0-3) Gopalam one of many scoring options
5. Elgin (10-0-3) No answer for Miguel Navarro
6. St. Charles East (11-2-1) Brockmeyer leads with 14 goals
7. Conant (12-3-1) MSL West leaders
8. Grayslake Central (9-1-1) Rams hit hard by injuries
9. Benet Academy (9-3-0) Nico Picha runs the show in the middle
10. West Aurora (9-3-4) Tough loss to high profile Plainfield North
11. Hinsdale Central (7-3-1) Visits York on Tuesday
12. Warren (7-3-3) Busy week for Blue Devils
13. St. Charles North (7-3-3) Crosstown match at St. Charles E. Tuesday
14. Geneva (6-1-7) Vikings just keep winning
15. Wheaton Academy (6-2-4) Crosstown contest with St. Francis on Tues
16. Rolling Meadows (9-3-0) Joe Salemi classy MF
17. Hersey (7-4-1) Shiffman first class defender
18. Elk Grove (6-3-3) Grens back in MSL East race
19. Round Lake (5-3-2) Sophomore Jorgie Morales rising star
20. Vernon Hills (7-4-1) Cougars atop CSL North

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Football / Top 20

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York's Chris Danko tries to break away from Lyons' Jack Campbell during the Dukes' 27-14 win Saturday in Elmhurst. York improved to 5-0 and will play undefeated Glenbard West Friday in a matchup of the No. 1 and 2 teams in the Daily Herald Top 20. *Tony Gadomski/for Shaw Local*

Football

Team Week 5 result/Week 6 opponent

1. Glenbard West 5-0 Beat Addison Trail 48-14; at York
2. York 5-0 Beat Lyons 27-14; at Glenbard West
3. Hersey 5-0 Beat Prospect 41-34; hosts Rolling Meadows
4. Neuqua Valley 4-1 Beat Naperville C. 14-7; hosts Metea V.
5. South Elgin 5-0 Beat East Aurora 52-20; at Glenbard South
6. Prospect 4-1 Lost to Hersey 41-34; at Elk Grove

7. Wheaton North 4-1 Beat Lake Park 28-7; hosts Glenbard N.
8. Warren 4-1 Lost to Lake Zurich 23-14; at Mundelein
9. Maine South 3-2 Beat Glenbrook N. 43-0; at Glenbrook S.
10. Batavia 3-2 Beat Glenbard North 35-6; hosts WW South
11. Naperville North 4-1 Beat DeKalb 38-21; vs. Naperville Central
12. Palatine 4-1 Beat Fremd 31-7; at Conant
13. St. Charles North 4-1 Beat Geneva 35-20; at Lake Park
14. Downers Grove North 4-1 Beat Proviso West 49-0; hosts Hinsdale C.
15. Jacobs 4-1 Lost to Huntley 37-20; at Burlington C.
16. Naperville Central 3-2 Lost to Neuqua V. 14-7; vs. Naperville N.
17. Glenbard South 5-0 Beat Bartlett 47-6; at South Elgin
18. St. Francis 5-0 Beat Champaign C. 69-14; vs. Aurora Christian
19. Elk Grove 5-0 Beat Buffalo Grove 28-14; hosts Prospect
20. Geneva 4-1 Lost to St. Charles N. 35-20; at St. Charles E.

Others to watch: Wauconda 5-0, IC Catholic Prep 4-1, Cary-Grove 3-2, Hinsdale Central 3-2, Conant 4-1

