

School District U-46

Elgin, Illinois

May 18, 2015

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m., at the Educational Services Center, 355 East Chicago Street, Elgin, Illinois. The following Board Members answered roll call: Phil Costello, Traci O'Neal Ellis, Cody Holt, Sue Kerr, Veronica Noland, Jeanette Ward, and Donna Smith. Student Board Member Allison Holloway was also present. Chief Executive Officer Tony Sanders, Interim Superintendent Dr. Kenneth Arndt and the following Administrators were in attendance: Jeff King, Miguel Rodriguez, Ron Raglin, Steve Burger, Dr. Suzanne Johnson, Dr. Ushma Shah, Christopher Allen, Dale Burnidge, Randal Ellison, John Heiderscheidt, Dr. Terri Lozier, Andy Martin, Melanie Meidel, Bruce Phelps, Claudie Phillips, Trisha Shrode, Rickey Sparks, and Craig Williams. Media representatives Dave Gathman of the Courier and Seth Hancock of the Examiner were also present, as well as other Administrators, guests, and visitors.

1. Call to Order – Mrs. Smith
 - A. Roll Call
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance
Mrs. Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
2. Accent on Achievement
 - A. Energy Conservation Awards Program
As part of the Board of Education's Accent on Achievement, the Board of Education recognized nine U-46 schools for having the greatest reductions in electrical use as part of their participation in the Energy Conservation Awards Program (E-CAP). All U-46 schools were challenged to reduce the amount of electricity they used as part of the E-CAP. While many schools saw a reduction in their electrical use, the Board of Education recognized Centennial Elementary, Century Oaks Elementary, Lincoln Elementary, Lords Park Elementary, Oakhill Elementary, Canton Middle, Larsen Middle, Bartlett High, and Elgin High.
 - B. IHSA Journalism Finals
As part of the Board of Education's Accent on Achievement, the Board of Education recognized Jonathon Gottschalk, South Elgin High School Senior, for winning first place in Editorial Cartooning at the IHSA Journalism Finals, which took place on Friday, May 1, 2015, at Eastern Illinois University.
3. District Improvement Plan Report
Retained Agenda Item.
4. Comments from the Audience
There were no comments from the audience.

5. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes of Board Meeting – May 4, 2015
- B. Itemized Bills – May 18, 2015
- C. Personnel Report and Workers' Compensation Cases – May 18, 2015
- D. Bid - Plant Operations Consumables
- E. Bid - Transportation Department Fuel

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Mrs. Kerr, to approve the Consent Agenda items B, C, D, and E as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, Mrs. O’Neal Ellis, Mr. Holt, Mrs. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Mrs. O’Neal Ellis, to approve the Consent Agenda item A as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, Mrs. O’Neal Ellis, Mr. Holt, Mrs. Kerr, Ms. Noland, and Mrs. Smith. Present: Mrs. Ward. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-1-0.

6. Discussion/Action

A. Zimniewicz v. Luedtke-Ostdick

Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the settlement agreement in the matter of Zimniewicz v. Luedtke-Ostdick.

Motion by Mrs. Ward, second by Mr. Holt, to approve Administration’s recommendation to approve the settlement agreement in the matter of Zimniewicz v. Luedtke-Ostdick. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, Mrs. O’Neal Ellis, Mr. Holt, Mrs. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

B. For the Display of and Public Hearing on the Northern Kane County Regional Vocational System (NKCRVS) Budget for Fiscal Year 2016

Vocational System budgets are required to be adopted by August 31, which is one month earlier than school district budgets. The tentative FY16 NKCRVS Budget will be presented at the June 15, 2015 Board of Education meeting. The Resolution sets June 16, 2015 as the date the budget goes on 30-day public display and August 3, 2015 as the date of the Public Hearing. Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, reviewed the Resolution. Administration recommended the Board of Education adopt the Resolution for the Display of and Public Hearing on the Northern Kane County Regional Vocational System Budget for Fiscal Year 2016.

Motion by Mr. Costello, second by Mrs. Kerr, to approve the Resolution for the Display of and Public Hearing on the Northern Kane County Regional Vocational System (NKCRVS) Budget for Fiscal Year 2016 as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, Mrs. O’Neal Ellis, Mr. Holt, Mrs. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

7. Other Business - Board Member and CEO Update, If Necessary

Ms. Holloway thanked everyone that attended or donated to Larkin High School's Connie-a-thon. She said it was very successful and raised over \$10,000.

Mrs. Ward attended the Streamwood High School Honors night and the Top 2% event at South Elgin High School and they were both very inspiring. She also requested that the Board review, and add to the agenda of the next meeting, the policy to allow new Board members to listen to the recordings of the closed sessions. She believes that all Board members should have the ability to listen to the closed session recordings to bring them up to speed on things that have happened in the past.

Mr. Holt and Mr. Costello agreed that it would be very helpful to be able to listen to the recordings.

Mrs. O'Neal Ellis feels that making the recordings available would be overstepping boundaries and is not convinced that there is a need for this. She would like more information about how other districts handle their recordings.

Mrs. Kerr feels that it could be beneficial if there were an ongoing discussion of something but she worries that it could be a privacy issue.

Mr. Rodriguez said he would look into how other districts handle the recordings and get back to the Board.

Mrs. Noland understands how the new Board members feel and hopes that this can be explored and discussed possibly with a committee.

Mrs. Smith agreed that Mr. Rodriguez should get more information on what other districts do and this topic would be on the agenda as a Discussion Item for the next meeting.

Mrs. Kerr attended Canton Middle School's Motor Activities Day for special education students and it was very nice.

Mrs. Smith and other members attended the U46 Retirement Dinner and it was wonderful.

Mr. Sanders attended the Special Needs Prom and it was incredible. He and Dr. Arndt had a meeting with the Large Unit District Association about two weeks ago and got to meet and talk with Governor Rauner. Mr. Sanders thanked Mr. Burger and Dr. Shah for going with him to Springfield for the State Board of Education meeting.

Mr. Costello attended the Healthy Lifestyles Event at South Elgin High School and it was a great event.

8. Other Business - CAC Update

A. CAC Curriculum Committee Report

Ms. Melissa Lane, CAC Curriculum Committee Chair, presented the Report. This year the Curriculum Committee focused on Eureka Math. During school year 2014-2015, 42 early implementers began to use Eureka Math in their classrooms. These early implementers were distributed throughout the district at 38 elementary schools, representing all grade levels and several school-level programs. Many parents were surprised by the change in the math program, felt frustrated by a lack of parent resources to help their children, and angered at the inconsistencies in communication from the schools and the district about the change. The frustration and communication lapses led to several parents joining this committee to learn more, and to hopefully prevent other parents feeling the same frustrations for the next school year, when Eureka Math will be implemented district wide. Several questions and discussion points were raised by parents that the U-46 team used in their preparation of a rollout plan to prepare for school year 2015-2016. The Committee also wished to learn more about the CTE offerings available throughout the district. U-46 truly has some great offerings for our students. Close to 5,000 students are enrolled in CTE electives. How can the district better market these programs so that a student can find a fit for their interests and abilities?

Recommendations:

1. Follow through with the Eureka Math implementation plan presented by Kevin Wiland and his team.
2. The district should leverage the curriculum committee for their insight into the parent component of any curriculum adoption. The committee believes the early implementer model can be even more effective with improved parent communication.
3. Students should be made aware of the many offerings available to them as they begin middle school in the district. U-46 currently does not have guidance counselors on staff in the middle schools. This could be offset by:
 - a. Provide training and professional development to 6th grade teachers about the middle school class offerings. These 6th grade teachers are in a unique position to offer guidance to their students.
 - b. The online Course Guide, which currently outlines course offerings in grades 9 – 12, should be expanded to include course offerings for grades 7 – 12.
 - c. The middle school registration and course selection process should be standardized across the district. Parent and student informational sessions should occur well before course selection, so that decision makers have ample opportunity to discuss the offerings. This will aid in a seamless transition to middle school.
 - d. In the event that families are unable to attend a middle school informational session, assemblies should be held for all 6th graders during the school day, to learn about course offerings.

B. CAC Special Education Report

Ms. Melissa Owens and Ms. Sarah Thompson, CAC Special Education Committee Co-Chairs, presented the Report. The Citizens' Advisory Council Special Education & Services Committee had two objectives for the 2014-2015 school year: 1. Continue Special Education University with an enhanced in-depth topic. 2. Plan and coordinate the Annual Special Needs Parent Resource Fair.

Recommendations:

Continue the Special Education University with a tentative outline for next year's program focusing on specialized services that might comprise all or part of a student's Individualized Education Plan.

Continue the Annual Special Needs Parent Resource Fair. As the budget issues with the state continue to evolve, the Committee would like to reserve the option to be flexible with the composition of the Fair. Two of those options would be increasing the number of for-profit exhibitors to replace those non-profits that are no longer providing active services for the SPED population, and/or putting more of a focus on relevant presentations at the Fair by outside resources.

9. Other Business - Individual Student Matters, If Necessary

A. Student K

Motion by Mrs. O'Neal Ellis, second by Ms. Noland, to approve Administration's recommendation to expel student K for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year including summer school. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, Mrs. O'Neal Ellis, Mr. Holt, Mrs. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

10. Other Business - Employee Matters, If Necessary

Retained Agenda Item.

11. Other Business – Mr. Sanders

A. April Financial Report

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, reviewed the Financial Report. At the end of April the total fund balance was \$183,178,227, which is a decrease of approximately \$8.1 million from March. In April the District received \$1.4 million in tax revenue, \$9 million in General State aid, and \$11.4 million in State Categorical payments. At the end of April the State owed the District \$3.1 million. Federal Grant revenue was \$4.3 million. Total revenue is 1.5% lower than last year at this time. April expenditures are \$36.7 million which is \$1.7 million less than last April. Year to date the expenditures are 3.4% higher than last year but in line with the budget.

12. Work Session Items – Mr. Sanders

Retained Agenda Item.

13. Work Session – Resolutions
- A. Resolution Requesting Approval of Hazardous Transportation Area Designations
This Resolution is required annually by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). The resolution confirms that the hazardous transportation area designations previously approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation still exist, and students that resided within the designated areas during the 2014-2015 school year were provided free transportation services. The District will request reimbursement from the State for transportation services provided. Mr. King, Chief Operations Officer/Chief School Business Official, and Mr. Martin, Director of Transportation, presented the Resolution. Administration recommended the Board of Education adopt the Resolution Requesting Approval of Hazardous Transportation Area Designations.
- B. Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Interest from the Working Cash Fund to the Transportation Fund
Mr. King, Chief Operations Officer/Chief School Business Official, presented the Resolution. Administration recommended the Board of Education adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Interest from the Working Cash Fund to the Transportation Fund.
- C. Resolution Establishing Prevailing Wages
This is an annual Resolution that affects only outside contractors, not employees of the District. This action is required by State law. May 2015 wage rates, as stated in the Resolution, and any future revisions to the wage determinations supersede the Department’s May 2015 determination. Mr. King, Chief Operations Officer/Chief School Business Official, presented the Resolution. Administration recommended the Board of Education adopt the Resolution Establishing Prevailing Wages.
- D. Resolution Authorizing Participation in Federal and State Supported Programs
The District receives many Federal and State grants that require Board of Education approval. This annual Resolution allows the grant application and acceptance process to move ahead without each individual application coming to the Board of Education for approval. Mr. King, Chief Operations Officer/Chief School Business Official, presented the Resolution. Administration recommended the Board of Education adopt the Resolution Authorizing Participation in Federal and State Supported Programs.
14. Work Session – Contracts over \$25,000.00
- A. Contract Renewal - Secondary Schools – Ombudsman
Mr. Sparks, Director of Business Services, Dr. Lozier, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Schools Instruction & Equity, and Mr. Ellison, Coordinator of Student Discipline & Education Options, presented the proposal and contract summary. Administration recommended a one-year contract renewal with Ombudsman for a total cost of \$200,988.00 and requests authorization for District

administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Education Fund.

- B. Contract Renewal - Healthcare Plan Administrator
Mr. Sparks, Director of Business Services, Mrs. Berg, Coordinator of Benefits, and Mr. Carl Mowery, Health Care Consultant/Grant-Thornton, presented the renewal documents. Administration recommended the Board of Education approve a three-year contract renewal with United Healthcare for an annual cost of \$4,003,486.00 and requests authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Education Fund, the Operations and Maintenance Fund, and the Transportation Fund, allocated as a percentage of enrollments in the health plan.

- C. Contract - IS - Managed Security Service
Mr. Sparks, Director of Business Services, and Mr. Williams, Director of Information Services, presented the contract proposal and summary. Administration recommended approval of a three-year contract with AT&T for a total cost of \$108,000.00 and requests authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Education Fund.

15. Work Session – Bids/Proposals

- A. Bid - IS - Apple iPad Tablets - Staff and Students
Mr. Sparks, Director of Business Services, and Mr. Williams, Director of Information Services, presented the bid. Administration recommended award of the low bid meeting specifications to Apple Inc. for the sum of \$605,700.00. This expenditure will be charged to the Education Fund.

- B. Bid - IS - Computer Equipment
Mr. Sparks, Director of Business Services, and Mr. Williams, Director of Information Services, presented the bid. Administration recommended award of the low bids meeting specifications for a total sum of \$3,145,034.00 submitted as follows:
Heartland Business Systems \$2,739,434.00
Lenovo \$405,600.00
This expenditure will be charged to the Education Fund.

- C. Bid - IS - Computer Peripheral Equipment and Accessories
Mr. Sparks, Director of Business Services, and Mr. Williams, Director of Information Services, presented the bid. Administration recommended award of the low bids meeting specifications for a total sum of \$1,349,999.20 submitted as follows:
Bradfields Inc. \$392,720.00
CDW-G \$140,700.00
Heartland Business Systems \$470,395.00
Southern Computer Warehouse \$19,921.00

Tiger Direct \$326,263.20
This expenditure will be charged to the Education Fund.

D. Bid - Transportation - Direct Fired Heaters

Mr. Sparks, Director of Business Services, and Mr. Martin, Director of Transportation, presented the bid. Administration recommended award of the low bid meeting specifications to Midwest Transit Equipment Inc. for the sum of \$196,656.00. This expenditure will be charged to the Transportation Fund.

E. Bid - Food Service – Beverages

Mr. Sparks, Director of Business Services, and Mrs. Phillips, Director of Food & Nutrition Services, presented the bid. Administration recommended award of the low bids meeting specifications for a total sum of \$64,813.00 submitted as follows:

Home Juice Corporation \$25,237.00

Pepsi Beverage Company \$39,576.00

This expenditure will be charged to the Education/Food & Nutrition Fund.

F. Bid - Food Service - Vended Meal Services

Mr. Sparks, Director of Business Services, Mr. King, Chief Operations Officer/Chief School Business Official, and Mrs. Phillips, Director of Food & Nutrition Services, presented the bid. Administration recommended award of the low bid meeting specifications for a three-year contract to Preferred Meals System with annual costs as follows:

2015-2016 \$4,852,943.81

2016-2017 \$5,451,016.99

2017-2018 \$5,560,037.32

This expenditure will be charged to the Education/Food & Nutrition Fund.

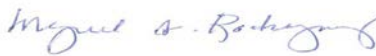
16. Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. O'Neal Ellis, second by Mrs. Kerr, to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of May 18, 2015 at 8:58 p.m. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, Mrs. O'Neal Ellis, Mr. Holt, Mrs. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Approved this 15th day of June, 2015.



President



Secretary