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Proposal seeks to hire leader full time

U46 foundation role would raise funds for scholarships, programs

By: Rafael Guerrero



The U46 Educational Foundation, the nonprofit group that raises money for School District U46 student scholarships, teachers grants and planetarium/observatory operational costs, says hiring a full-time executive director could quadruple the money it raises in less than a decade.

The proposal to create a director position was presented to the U46 School Board this past week by foundation President Bud Wilson. The new director would orchestrate fundraising efforts on full-time basis – something foundation board members do not have the time or expertise to do, Wilson said.

Under the plan, U46 would fund 100% of the director's salary in 2020 and 2021, Wilson said, and then pay a portion of the salary in annually decreasing amounts until the foundation is completely responsible for it by the 2025-26 school year.

“The potential (to bring in more money for the foundation) is there,” Wilson said.

“We’ve been very modest in our fundraising efforts annually. I am confident we can move the decimal point a point or two to the right” when an executive director is working on it full time.

“I think with this phase-in model, you will see investment in your students and opportunities for the students and all your schools will soar,” said Glenn “Max” McGee,

a former state superintendent of education who's now president of Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, a Chicago-based educational search firm working with the foundation board.

The school board must vote on the proposal for it to be enacted.

Wilson, speaking later about the proposal, said the position could be advertised in as soon as a few weeks if the concept wins board approval. The salary for the new job would be based on the applicant's experience.

The U46 Educational Foundation was created in 2006. Its goal was to raise money to fund those things the district could not, such as the Superintendent's Scholarship program for first-generation college students, a mini-grant program for classroom projects teachers want to undertake and the U46 planetarium/observatory, which relies on foundation money to operate.

One of the more high-profile programs the foundation has contributed money to increase the number of heart rate monitor devices available for physical education classes.

The foundation's board of directors meets quarterly, and currently employs just one part-time staffer, said Wilson, a former U46 school board member. The lack of someone working on foundation needs every day limits what they can accomplish, he told the school board.

"I've tended to be impatient about the rate at which we could move because we meet quarterly," he said.

The executive director would be asked to meet specific objectives set by the board, such as quadrupling the foundation's annual fundraising by 2029.

Since its inception, the foundation has raised about \$760,000. With an executive director, it's reasonable to expect the foundation to bring in as much as \$750,000 annually by 2029, McGee said.

U46 alumni would be asked to play a larger role in donating money to the district, McGee said. Foundations for school districts in St. Charles, Naperville and other communities have established successful alumni associations that help support school activities, something U46 lacks, he said.

"That will be the focus of the first two years, to get all the alumni connected," McGee said. "We could do that through social media, through reunion activities" and through printed communications, he said.

Wilson estimated more than 90,000 students have graduated from U46 high schools since the district went from being an Elgin-only school system to a unit school district encompassing several communities in three counties.

"Alumni are where the bucks are at," he said.

School board President Sue Kerr, who is also a foundation board member, said she sees the potential for alumni outreach and growth in U46, especially in the newer high schools in Bartlett and South Elgin, where there is less of an established graduates base compared to the older schools in Elgin and Streamwood.

“(The executive director hire) would come across like any new position and come through the personnel report,” she said. “If any board member were to have any concern, it would come up during the personnel report vote.”

SPORTS

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Glenbard South overcomes Larkin on Day 2

By: Julia Locanto

Glenbard South and Larkin played a tight football game Friday night. With the score tied 6-6, it was anyone's game to win -- until the Raiders scored a touchdown with less than three minutes left in the fourth on Saturday morning.

Glenbard South scored the first touchdown, leading the game 6-0 at halftime. The Raiders secured a 12-6 Upstate Eight Conference victory against the Royals.

Due to a lightning delay, the game was suspended with 10:34 remaining in the fourth quarter and the score tied at 6-6 Friday night. It was finished Saturday morning.

"We had the opportunity to kind of assess ourselves," Raiders coach Ryan Crissey said. "It wasn't an effort thing, it was really just execution on the offensive side of the ball."

Glenbard South senior quarterback Nick Plaso did execute, scoring both Raiders touchdowns. With 5:43 left in the first quarter, Plaso ran from the 1-yard line. Kylan Henderson contributed significantly, rushing a total of 77 yards.

Glenbard South (4-1, 4-1) led in the first half, but Larkin (1-4, 1-3) picked up in the second. Marc Narvaez's touchdown from the 2-yard line gave the Royals momentum. With 1:32 left in the third. After the game's second lightning delay, the game was suspended in the fourth quarter.

Despite Larkin's slow start, the Royals' Dontrell Maxie covered a lot of ground. Maxie completed 5 of 11 passes and rushed for 64 yards. His 35-yard pass to Jamarion Stubbs was a highlight.

The Raiders' offense ultimately beat the Royals. The game's turning point arrived when the Raiders recovered a Royals fumble on the Raiders' goal line in the fourth.

"It was unbelievable," Crissey said. "I was in a bit of a panic when the drive got down to the goal line. But I'm glad it came out on our end."

Three first downs for Glenbard South followed the recovery. But it wasn't until 2:41 was left in the fourth that they scored.

Plaso secured his second touchdown from the 1-yard line.

"We had a game plan to drive as far as we had to," Plaso said. "Our plays worked, so we were very happy with the outcome."

After the Royals turned over the ball, Glenbard South managed to maintain possession until the end of the game.

Larkin coach Matt Gehrig said he was proud of his players and ready to improve.

"We had a couple of adjustments we made last night that we had ready," Gehrig said. "It worked out all right. We just have to make sure we finish at the goal line. But I'm proud of the effort that we gave."

South Elgin wins battle of unbeatens at Glenbard East

By: Bill Stone



South Elgin's Alex Noworol (3) looks for running room amongst a host of Glenbard East players including Doug Pham (9) David Hritz (23) and Benny Miller (29) Saturday during football in Lombard.



Glenbard East's LaDonus Rogers (2) slips past South Elgin's Tony DeRosa (18) towards Vince Clinite (44) Saturday during football in Lombard.



South Elgin's Marcus Gillespie II (1) is wrapped up by Glenbard East's Ilijaz Lemes (45) and Sean Banks (6) Saturday during football in Lombard.



Glenbard East's Christopher Whitehead (8) is brought down by South Elgin's Vince Clinite (44) Saturday during football in Lombard.



Glenbard East's Connor Cerkas (15) is wrapped up by South Elgin's Jake Wascher (66) Saturday during football in Lombard.



Glenbard East's Connor Cerkas (15) looks for an open teammate upfield Saturday during football in Lombard.



South Elgin's Alex Noworol (3) stiff arms Glenbard East's Connor Peterson (56) Saturday during football in Lombard.



Glenbard East's Daniel Quirk (7) tries to evade South Elgin's Rylan Cruthers (5) and Alex Noworol (3) Saturday during football in Lombard.



Glenbard East's Deon Cook (13) goes up for a pass in front of South Elgin's Davion Cherwin (42) and Anthony Viscuso (4) Saturday during football in Lombard.



South Elgin's Ben Karpowicz (2) celebrates a touchdown Saturday during football in Lombard.



Glenbard East's Christopher Whitehead (8) finds some running room Saturday during football in Lombard.



South Elgin's Ben Karpowicz (2) muscles his way for a few more yards Saturday during football in Lombard.



South Elgin's Samuel Robles (23) moves the ball upfield Saturday during football in Lombard.



South Elgin's Corve King (11) tries to move past Glenbard East's David Hritz (23) Saturday during football in Lombard.

Junior Davion Cherwin makes big contributions for the South Elgin football team at running back and defensive back.

"I like it both," Cherwin said. "I like covering, I like hitting and I also like running the ball. Whatever coach needs me to do, I'll do it."

The defensive side of Cherwin may have been a little disappointed when the Storm gave up its first points of the season Saturday at Glenbard East.

But by the Rams' touchdown late in the first half, Cherwin had 2 of the Storm's 4 rushing TDs and it was on its way to a 35-7 showdown victory between the undefeated Upstate Eight Conference leaders in Lombard.

The Storm (5-0, 5-0) have outscored opponents 267-7 to remain among the state's leaders in most points scored and fewest allowed.

Cherwin rushed for 63- and 34-yard TDs and 123 yards. sophomore quarterback Ben Karpowicz rushed for 64 yards and two 2-yard TDs. Corve King rushed for 120 yards and a 34-yard TD carry in the third quarter. The Storm gained 391 of its 420 yards on the ground.

The Rams (4-1, 4-1) won last year's meeting by the same 35-7 margin en route to their undefeated UEC title.

"This is huge because we're both 4-0. It's just a huge revenge week because they really (defeated us) last year," Cherwin said. "We've been waiting for this moment for a year now. We just went out and got after it."

Despite many key graduations, Glenbard East also had a streak of 15 straight regular-season victories since Week 8 in 2017.

"They're by far the best team that we've faced all year. They were impressive physically considering how young they are," South Elgin coach Dragan Teonic said.

"I thought we rallied to the ball well. I thought our guys responded well to getting scored upon. That was a really great job by our defense. They spread you out. We knew about (receiver Deon Cook), some really good guys. It's hard to cover guys like that in space the entire game."

Afterward the Rams emphasized regrouping toward achieving back-to-back playoff appearances for the first time.

"That's all you can do at this point. You move on. You flush, you get rid of it," Glenbard East coach John Walters said.

"We got beat 35-7. They're a very good football team. They won the line of scrimmage for four quarters and that was the difference."

Like its previous games, South Elgin scored on its opening possession, this time a 71-yard drive on 9 rushes. Cherwin's TD runs and Karpowicz's second TD opened a 28-0 lead 3:28 before halftime.

Thanks to great blocking by center Sam Minnifield, guards Jess Mize and Michael Roath and tackles Calvin Harvey and Vincent Tringali -- four of them juniors -- Cherwin's clear TD runs looked more reminiscent of his all-state track sprinting with the Storm's 400-meter relay.

"I couldn't have done that (123 yards) without my lineman and all of my teammates blocking for me," Cherwin said. "Track running and football running are two really different things. I like doing both. I think track really helps me speed-wise for football and it just really showed today."

Cook also made a great athletic play for the Rams' TD, a 41-yard pass play with sophomore quarterback Connor Cerkas 1:23 before the half.

Cook leaped with arms extended to catch the ball over South Elgin's Shiking Marshall at the 8. Safety Marquis Gillespie II caught Cook by his jersey near the 2, but Cook spun and eventually scored.

"After I caught it I started stumbling. And then the safety's right there. But I found a way to get in that end zone," Cook said.

"I knew they were going to play hard on us because they were trying not to let up a score. I knew I was just going to have to come down with it."

Other Glenbard East drives reached the South Elgin 15, 23, 14 and 26 but came up empty.

With the Rams trailing 7-0, a first-quarter 32-yard field-goal attempt clipped the bottom of the crossbar after Cherwin and Gillespie II broke up passes to the end zone.

The Storm thwarted the respective second-half threats with Dylan Bernal's tackle-for-loss on fourth-and-2 at the 23, Justin Giannini's fumble recovery at the 17 and on downs after Bernal's 11-yard sack back to the 26.

"On defense we work hard every day. We all believe in each other and I believe that we can keep on getting better," South Elgin senior linebacker Samuel Robles said. "We let up one touchdown today. It kind of upset us a little bit but we got back at it and didn't allow another one. We like to say that we are the best D in Illinois, not allowing so many points."

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Bartlett races to 21-0 lead over Fenton

By: Jared Birchfield



Bartlett's Tyler Rivelli, left, looks to turn the corner as Fenton's Jalen Williams closes in.



Bartlett's Hawks enter the field for warm ups before facing Fenton in varsity football at Millennium Field in Streamwood on Friday night.



Fenton fans try to stay dry as the Bison face Bartlett in varsity football at Millennium Field in Streamwood on Friday night.



Line judge Tony Rappold, left, and head linesman Jose Marrero survey the gathering clouds as Bartlett prepares to face Fenton in varsity football at Millennium Field in Streamwood on Friday night. Rain and severe weather forecasts forced Bartlett along with many other area teams to adjust game schedules.



Fenton fans try to stay dry as the Bison face Bartlett in varsity football at Millennium Field in Streamwood on Friday night.



Above: Bartlett's quarterback Michael Priami looks for an option as the rain begins to fall during the Hawks' Upstate Eight game against Fenton at Millennium Field in Streamwood on Friday night. Right: Bartlett's Tyler Rivelli, left, looks to turn the corner as Fenton's Jalen Williams closes in.



Bartlett's Michael Priami, right, and Mathew Young celebrate Priami's first-quarter touchdown against Fenton during varsity football at Millennium Field in Streamwood on Friday night.



Fenton's John Salgado gets a handle on a pass as he prepares to run against Bartlett during varsity football at Millennium Field in Streamwood on Friday night.



Fenton's John Salgado, left, celebrates a reception and gain with teammate Sherby Brown during varsity football against Bartlett at Millennium Field in Streamwood on Friday night.



Bartlett's Mathew Young runs the ball against Fenton during varsity football at Millennium Field in Streamwood on Friday night.



Bartlett's Max Nordlund catches up to Fenton ball carrier Sherby Brown during varsity football at Millennium Field in Streamwood on Friday night.



Bartlett's Alexander Becque, top, tries to snag a pass intended for Fenton's Nickolas Bubalo during varsity football at Millennium Field in Streamwood on Friday night. The pass fell incomplete.



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Fenton's Andre Bess, left, gets caught up after running the ball against Bartlett during varsity football at Millennium Field in Streamwood on Friday night.



The Bison from Fenton enter the field to face Bartlett in varsity football at Millennium Field in Streamwood on Friday night.

Bartlett did its best to outwit the weather Friday night.

The Upstate Eight Conference game with Fenton was moved to Streamwood's Millennium Field to take advantage of the artificial turf and the kickoff was bumped up two hours to 5:30 p.m.

Mother Nature still had the upper hand. With 6:32 left in the first half and the Hawks up 21-0, the game was halted due to lightning. Play will resume at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Millennium Field.

Fenton had the ball at Bartlett's 37-yard line when officials stopped the game. After waiting the mandatory 30 minutes, the teams prepared to resume play. Referees spotted another lightning strike and the game was suspended.

"We tried," said Bartlett coach Matt Erlenbaugh. "We were trying to bump up the start time even more to get ahead of this. We've just got to come back and play tomorrow."

Erlenbaugh saw a benefit to the delay.

"We saw some good things, definitely some things that we need to correct," the Hawks coach said. "Which is a benefit of tonight -- having time to get back to it and make sure that we are all set for tomorrow. "

Bartlett quarterback Mike Priami agreed.

"It's really an opportunity for us to get better, look at film and try to see the defense a little better," Priami said.

Fenton coach Matthew Lynch would have preferred conceding to the forces of nature.

"We knew this was going to happen at this time. So to start the game, I don't know why," Lynch said. "So now it's frustrating to have to come back."

Bartlett and Fenton traded interceptions to open the contest. On their opening drive, the Hawks got down to Fenton's 9-yard line when a Priami pass was picked off in the end zone. On Fenton's ensuing drive, Alec Palella returned the favor and grabbed a Nick Benn pass at the Hawks' 9-yard line.

His pick set up the Hawks' first score. A 20-yard TD toss from Priami to Matt Young capped an 81-yard, 6-play drive.

Bartlett needed only one play on its next possession to score another touchdown. Priami rambled 54 yards for the score to put his team up 14-0 with 2:55 left in the first quarter.

The Hawks extended their lead to 21-0 with 7:46 left in the second quarter. Palella grabbed a Priami pass over the middle, cut to the left and ran down the sideline 64 yards for the TD.