

## Press Clippings 10/20/2021

### **---The Examiner of Bartlett---10/20/2021** **Village Board approves permit for foundation fun run** **By Seth Hancock**

A 5K run will be held this coming weekend by the **U-46 Educational Foundation**. The Village Board of Trustees approved of a permit to allow the run at its meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 5. The vote was 4-0. Trustees Aaron Reinke and Renée Suwanski were absent.

The foundation hired Chicago Race Management (CRM) for the 5K race which will be held at Bartlett High School on Saturday, Oct. 23, according to a memo from Samuel Hughes, senior management analyst.

“Setup will begin at 5:30 a.m. with the race being held between 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.,” Hughes wrote. “The race will run along the sidewalk on Schick (Road) and then the DuPage Forest Preserve path, looping and returning to the same path.”

A letter from Mary Zellmer, CRM’s race director, stated that cleanup is expected to be finished by 12:20 p.m.

“In addition to permission for the race, we are requesting barricades and police officers to block the driveway of the pickup lane, of the high school, exiting onto Schick Road,” Zellmer wrote. “The race will run along the sidewalk on Schick (making a right turn out of the pickup lane), and then onto the DuPage Forest Preserve path. The race has a turnaround on the path, and runners will return the same way they started the race. The race route will be open for (one and a half) hours total. After that time we sweep the route to let anyone still on the route (know) that the race has ended.”

According to the foundation’s website: “Proceeds from this run fund innovative faculty and staff projects, as well as scholarships for college-bound seniors.”

### **---The Examiner of Bartlett---10/20/2021** **Updated goals approved for U-46 superintendent** **By Seth Hancock; Note – This story also ran in The Examiner of South Elgin and in The Examiner of Streamwood**

The **Board of Education in School District U-46** voted unanimously to approve updated goals for 2021-2024 under Superintendent Tony Sanders’ contract its Monday, Oct. 4 meeting.

Sue Kerr, the board's president, said the board has discussed this over the "last few months," and "we decided it was time to update the goals."

"It makes me really happy to see how detailed our board keeps the goals for Mr. Sanders," said board member Dawn Martin. "I think it's good for Mr. Sanders, I think it's good for the board, it's good for the community."

The board appears ready to stay with an \$18.5 million contract, which the district can end without penalty, with Learning Sciences International (LSI) as the top priority goal area is U-46 Rising which the goals state "should be our focus given the investment the Board is making in this area."

A teacher, José Rosa, submitted comments to the board in September describing that contract effectively as a waste after attending a required LSI training. The board has not yet addressed the concerns raised by Rosa.

"We are confused because while this company acquired a millionaire contract to repeat the same training that we have already taken in previous years under other initiatives, at the moment, there are more important priorities where this money could have been used more effectively," Rosa stated in September.

The U-46 Rising goal includes creating an equity plan and informing the board of new curriculum.

Two other priority goal areas include school safety as well as facility utilization and board vision.

The annual planning goals areas include educational pathways, early childhood, professional development, family and community engagement tools, dark fiber and investment plans.

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### **Various expenditure items approved at U-46 meeting**

**By Seth Hancock; Note – This story also ran in The Examiner of South Elgin and in The Examiner of Streamwood**

School District U-46's face mask policy appears to have contributed to costing the taxpayers \$137,499, from the operations and maintenance fund, thanks to an emergency plumbing issue at Elgin's Lowrie Elementary School.

The item was part of \$383,260 in expenditure items approved with a 7-0 vote by the Board of Education on Monday, Oct. 4.

The plumbing was completed by Diemer Plumbing and Excavating on Aug. 31. The proposal stated Lowrie "suffered a catastrophic pipe collapse on the sanitation line" just two days after school started. The district had contracted with an on-call plumber who was unable to complete the work after a rod broke because of blockage caused by face masks.

"We have experienced a lot of unique plumbing issues with the introduction of masks," said Sheila Downs, director of plant operations. "So, we often find masks in the plumbing and so they're being flushed. This was kind of a perfect storm just because we did have a blockage.... I do not think this is necessarily representative of an overarching plumbing issues at Lowrie."

The board approved \$27,345 (operations and maintenance fund) with EHC Industries for removal of asbestos-containing materials (ACMs) from sinks at six elementary schools.

The district is in the process of replacing drinking fountains, called bubblers, on sinks at 14 schools, and the ACMs were found at six of those schools during the inspection process. The proposal states: "In order to facilitate the work, the ACMs need to be removed by a licensed environmental contractor per county, state, and federal regulations."

The board approved \$218,416 (education fund) for replacement of VMware servers through Dell Technologies.

Also approved 7-0 was \$6.4 million in itemized bills.

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**South Elgin dominates in blanking Hawks 46-0**  
**By Seth Hancock**

The **South Elgin** football team kept up its dominance on both sides of the ball as the Storm defeated Bartlett 41-0 in Upstate Eight Conference play on Friday, Oct. 15 at **Bartlett**.

For the Storm (8-0, 7-0 UEC), they are now averaging 45 points a game while having allowed just four touchdowns, one a defensive score.

And on a muddy field playing in tough conditions, which South Elgin coach Dragan Teonic called the “worst field I’ve ever played or coached on,” the Storm stuck to the run game picking up 423 yards, all rushing, compared to 65 for Bartlett.

“We could have thrown the ball more, but with these muddy conditions and the ability to completely control the line of scrimmage, there was no sense in throwing the ball,” Teonic said.

Anthony Marshall (113 rushing yards), had a pair of touchdown runs, from one and two yards out, in the first half as South Elgin grabbed a 26-0 lead by the break. Quarterback Jordan Jones added a one-yard TD run and Jalen Jones broke for a 76-yard scoring run late in the second quarter.

Jones added a 14-yard touchdown run and Spencer Menchaca a four-yard TD run in the third quarter. Mason Montgomery added 95 rushing yards.

“This is a really great team,” said Jones whose team clinched a third straight UEC title. “I think we really came together today. We clicked, and we definitely showed our bond today.”

The game included five turnovers including interceptions from Kai Paz and Michael Tringali as well as a Salvi Macaluso fumble recovery for the Storm. Dominic Harris and Bryce Kim had fumble recoveries for the Hawks.

It was the third straight loss for the Hawks who fell to 4-4 overall, 4-4 in the UEC. Entering the game, Bartlett coach Matt Erlenbaugh said “this is a critical time for the Bartlett program with “playoff eligibility and playoff seeding... determined in these final two weeks.”

Bartlett will need a win over East Aurora (4-4, 4-4) this week for playoff eligibility.

## **---The Examiner of Streamwood---10/20/2021**

### **Sabres Volleyball beaten by Fenton in straight sets**

**By Seth Hancock**

The **Streamwood** volleyball team competed with Fenton but came up short in a 25-21, 25-16 Upstate Eight Conference loss on Wednesday, Oct. 13 at Streamwood.

Despite the loss, Sabres coach Michele Mueller was pleased with her team's effort but said it came down to some unforced errors in the opening set and a slow start to the second.

"Overall, I think that was one of our better matches this season," Mueller said. "A few errors on our side in Game 1 was really the difference, but overall the girls went out and competed which was great to see. Game 2, we started out a little flat and ended a little flat, I thought we competed well in the middle as a team."

Seniors Maris Hauserman (five kills, one block), Jordan Rohner (three kills) Isabelle Archulita (two blocks) and Natalia Maniak (12 assists) as well as junior Leah Delgado (two kills, two blocks) led the effort.

Streamwood was coming off a weekend tournament at Elk Grove Village, who the Sabres will end the regular season against this week. The Sabres, now 5-23 overall and 1-6 in the UEC, will prepare for No. 4 St. Charles North who No. 14 Streamwood, which hosts the regional, opens postseason play against.

"We really have been improving, and we have seen some tough competition this year," Mueller said. "Our girls went out and had a great time competing with some really great teams this weekend (at Elk Grove). We are up against a strong team, in St. Charles North. So, I really just want our girls to give it their best effort and have fun competing at a high level."