

Press Clippings for 11/2/2022

– The Examiner of Bartlett –

Contract, itemized bills ratified by U-46 board vote

Nov. 2, 2022

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in **School District U-46** approved of a contract renewal with One Hope United at its Monday, Oct. 3 meeting.

The vote was 6-0, **board member John Devereux** was absent.

The contract will cost \$357,500 which will be paid for through Illinois Preschool for All grant funds.

“The Illinois State Board of Education Early Childhood Block Grant provides grant funds to collaborate with childcare centers in order to provide early childhood education in a facility that offers extended day childcare to families,” the proposal states. “**U-46** does not offer extended day childcare within the district preschool programs.”

The proposal added: “**U-46** subcontracts with One Hope United Elgin Child and Family Resource Center... to provide additional preschool slots within the childcare facility. The current maximum number of preschool slots is 90, based on a maximum number of 15 students per classroom. If permitted by the Illinois Department of Child and Family Services Restore Illinois Daycare Guidance, the number of slots may increase to a maximum number of 120. The subcontract pays for the salary and benefits of three teachers, three teacher assistants, facility expenses, and materials.”

The contract provides for before and after school care for the families whose children receive those slots. The proposal states this will allow children to “experience continuous care and fewer transitions between programs.”

Also approved 6-0 by the board were the terminations of two bus drivers, Brandon Carodine and Deanna Johnson. No details were provided.

The board unanimously approved \$7.2 million in itemized bills, \$4.3 million coming from the education fund as the highest category.

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Property tax levy amount slated for U-46 board vote

Nov. 2, 2022

By Seth Hancock

The **School District U-46 Board of Education** is prepared to vote on a property tax levy item, the district seeking the maximum allowed under the law, at its upcoming Monday, Nov. 7 meeting.

A resolution and determination of tax levy, both presented on Oct. 24, show the corporate and special purpose levy rising 6.3 percent from the 2021 extension of \$298.3 million to \$317.2 million, the debt service levy decreasing 1.2 percent from \$32.4 million to \$32.1 million.

That makes the total levy a 5.6 percent increase, \$330.7 million to \$349.3 million.

This is the first step in the levy process with determination needing to be approved at least 20 days prior to the actual levy vote. The certificate of levy and accompanying resolution will be presented Nov. 21 with a vote on Dec. 12.

Since the levy is over 5 percent higher, a public hearing is required which will be held Nov. 21.

The district expects a \$313.2 million levy, a 5 percent increase, but uses a defensive levy because U-46 believes the “District is entitled,” the determination states, to every dollar it legally can obtain from taxpayers.

“Since the equalized assessed valuation (EAV) of property and new construction numbers are unknown, it is a common practice to establish a defensive levy,” the proposal states. “This means levies are set higher than what is actually expected to be received. County Clerks will reduce levies to the maximum legal amounts.”

To also be voted on are various expenditure items including an electrical service supply contract. The item, which does not have determined costs yet, allows the district to sign a contract to lock in rates when they feel they are best, while the proposal notes rates are likely to nearly double from 2019, from \$0.04698/kWh to between \$0.08092-\$0.08382/kWh, with where rates are currently.

A three-year contract costing \$1.1 million (education fund) for the Infinite Campus system, a three-year contract with Northern Illinois University costing \$552,000 (federally funded grant) for teacher endorsements and \$75,000 (education fund) with Collaborative Leadership Consulting Group to consult on union bargaining will also be voted upon.

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U-46 policy changes slated for vote, one deferred

Nov. 2, 202

By Seth Hancock

The **School District U-46 Board of Education** is set to vote on various policy changes, including potentially limiting public comments at board meetings, at its upcoming Monday, Nov. 7 meeting.

The policies, presented on Oct. 24, include Policy 2:230 concerning public participation at board meetings and petitions to the board. Included was a request, by **Superintendent Tony Sanders**, to ban public commentators from reading statements from anonymous members of the public.

This comes after a meeting in September when a public commentator read a statement from an anonymous **U-46 teacher** who criticized the district's fiscal mismanagement and inappropriate books in the schools. Also, several years ago the board changed its practice to limit public comments after several straight lengthy meetings with opposition to district practices being addressed.

"I asked for this to be added, and it was really the concern about people coming in and speaking by proxy, speaking for somebody else whether it's anonymous or not," **Sanders** claimed.

Trisha Olson, chief legal officer, said "anonymous comments will only be accepted in writing to the Board of Education" under the proposal but admitted it's unclear if the district has legal authority to ban anonymous public comments at meetings.

Most board members agreed with the change but felt it may be unenforceable, **board member Dawn Martin** stating: "We can put it in writing, and people will do it or won't, but I don't know if there's actually a way in practice to stop people from reading comments that way or what we would do if they did."

Board members Kate Thommes and Melissa Owens both called it "theater" to read anonymous comments.

However, **board members Veronica Noland and Eva Porter** said there are many legitimate reasons one would want to remain anonymous.

"We also have folks in our community who may not feel comfortable giving their name for a variety of reasons that might not be related to the school," **Noland** said.

The board suggested further discussion is needed before making any change.

There were 11 other policies discussed, most changes being “technical” for legal references, Olson said.

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Editorial

U-46 Social engineering academic failure

Nov. 2, 2022

“Numbering children is a big and very profitable business, though what the business is designed to accomplish is elusive....‘School’ is an essential support system for a vision of social engineering that condemns most people to be subordinate stones in a pyramid that narrows to a control point as it ascends.... School is like starting life with a 12-year jail sentence in which bad habits are the only curriculum truly learned. I teach school and win awards doing it. I should know,” wrote John Taylor Gatto in 1991, the same year he won the New York State Teacher of the Year award.

For evidence of Gatto’s view on the government school system, look no further than School District U-46 where social engineering exists and academic failure is rewarded and they are inseparable.

At the Sept. 26 U-46 Board of Education meeting, State Rep. Anna Moeller (D-Elgin) came to thank the board for just following the orders of Dictator JB Pritzker to shut down schools. She described how “very hard” it was to be in government schooling during a time where they all kept their paychecks while some taxpayers lost their jobs because they were deemed “nonessential.”

Seriously, the U-46 Board of Education thought it would be a good idea to pat themselves on their backs for massively disrupting the education of children?

That same evening, the U-46 Board of Education unanimously approved a 5.4 percent increase in spending as well as set plans to yet again soak the property taxpayers with the largest levy allowed under the law, this as enrollment declines for the eighth straight year. Under the budget, spending will have increased 62 percent and enrollment will have declined 13.5 percent over the last decade.

Oh, and School District U-46 is currently seeking public support to go up to \$530 million more in debt by issuing bonds as the district surveys the public asking if there would be support for a

referendum to tie the taxpayers down with more debt and interest payments, this during a time of price inflation and increasing interest rates.

But if the ever-growing spending along with dwindling enrollment and use of deceptive tactics weren't enough to disgust, take a look at the Illinois State Board of Education's (ISBE) report card (www.illinoisreportcard.com) and see how the academic proficiency continues to decline year after year after year under **Superintendent Tony Sanders**, who has been superintendent/CEO since 2014.

When watching **Sanders** in action, he appears a man who views his job as one of a politician, lobbying for new ways to take money from the taxpayers to fund **School District U-46's** failures and then making excuses for those failures. Academics, the stated function of schools, and what should its overriding priority, is an afterthought to **Sanders**. And **Sanders** has a **U-46 Board of Education** derelict in its duty, unwilling to set academic standards for accountability. Consider the proficiency data. Keep in mind, this is from 2019 data since the ISBE has yet to fully update its report card. So, the never-ending excuse for politicians and bureaucrats of COVID does not wash.

Out of 53 **School District U-46** schools, only two are above 50 percent of students meeting or exceeding proficiency in English, only four in math and only 16 in science.

And the truly scary contained number: **Elgin's Ronald D. O'Neal Elementary School** reported at 4 percent in English and 7 percent in math. And not one single high school has proficiency above 37 percent in any category: **Bartlett** (36 percent English, 32 percent math, 28 percent science), **Elgin** (18 percent English, 17 percent math, 13 percent science), **Larkin** (13 percent English, 12 percent math, 11 percent science), **South Elgin** (37 percent English, 35 percent math, 26 percent science) and **Streamwood** (26 percent English, 23 percent math, 14 percent science).

In reviewing 2010's data, **School District U-46's** 13 secondary schools alone beat the current numbers in English, 10 schools above 50 percent, and math, 11 schools above 50 percent.

The ISBE's report card data, reveals almost every academic number declining year after year during **Sanders'** tenure. This is a long-term trend that predates **Sanders** as **School District U-46** and its board of education long ago created a culture of social engineering over academic rigor and excellence.

Let's compare **School District U-46** to neighboring Community Consolidated School District 93, which has eight elementary/middle schools. Six schools are above 50 percent in English, and the range in math is 32 percent to 54 percent with most in the 40s, and every school is above 50 percent in science.

But maybe an even better comparison is the focus of the District 93 board. In D93, which holds just 18 board meetings a year, they present school improvement plans twice, annual assessment reports twice and winter and spring student growth updates.

However, reviewing the agendas over the last year for the **U-46 Board of Education**, which has 24 regular meetings and an additional 10 optional meeting dates, and the only presentation focused on academic growth was one on school improvement plans, something required to come before the board by the state. Instead, there are nonsensical presentations like “equity audits” and “disproportionality in **U-46**” as **School District U-46**, its board of education and Sanders love to push divides and use minority groups as excuses rather than promoting academic progress for all.

Instead of academics, we get new administrators making over \$233,000 between salary and benefits with the title “assistant superintendent for equity and innovation.” And what does she, **Teresa Lance**, do to justify that six-figure income? She creates “affinity groups” as a way to divide people “to work together within their own identity group” because in **School District U-46**, segregation is a virtue.

During the last decade, the elementary school student to teacher ratio has dropped from 23:1 to 19:1 and in high school from 24:1 to 20:1 while the student to administrator ratio dropped from 287:1 to 181:1. That’s right, any promise of lower class sizes improving academic results is a ruse.

All you get from **School District U-46**, its board of education and Sanders are excuses, like blaming standardized tests for their failures.

Now, there are legitimate arguments against standardized tests, but they are what we have to grade schools. But why are the tests bad, according to **Sanders**? It’s because they are not “culturally and linguistically appropriate,” Sanders wrote in an Oct. 13 message to staff.

School District U-46, its board of education and **Sanders** clearly have little regard for the taxpayers and parents who fund their operations. This cabal of controllers will always go back to the excuse that they just aren’t taking enough money from the rest of us because money is the only thing that solves the problem, according to them.

District U-46 has continued to seek the maximum levy allowed under the law year after year, and will continue to do so because they feel entitled to more taxpayer money.

The U-46 Board of Education rewards failure, extending a new five-year contract to **Sanders**, unanimously approved in June, including a 4 percent salary increase to \$269,243 (over \$300,000 with benefits) with absolutely no explanation as to how **Sanders** earned it. That’s because he didn’t.

That deal came with two years left on Sanders' previous contract as we head into a local board election next year. The U-46 Board of Education did the same with Sanders' last two contracts, approving extensions while two years remained on his previous pacts and while heading into contested election seasons.

The U-46 Board of Education has a responsibility to hold the bureaucracy accountable with academic success being the central focus. Instead, the U-46 Board of Education acts as a rubber stamp to a political grifter, Sanders, who profits off socially engineering the future generations rather than setting standards for academic excellence. The results are ever higher tax bills and ever lower test scores for students.

So, when will this madness end? Well, there is an election in April 2023 with four U-46 Board of Education seats on the ballot. If the U-46 Board of Education isn't going to do its job and hold School District U-46 and Sanders accountable, the public they should be representing, can do so in the voting booth. This current U46 Board of Education needs to be replaced, and Sanders needs to follow right along with them.

– The Examiner of Streamwood –

Letters to the Editor

Taxpayer set-up to pay for new U-46 debt has already begun

Nov. 2, 2022

Dear Editor,

Statement from last year's 2021-2022 school year U-46 budget document "executive" summary: Currently, with no plans for new building construction, District management anticipates the outstanding debt to decline over the next few years.

Compare to this year's 2022-2023 school year U-46 budget document "executive summary: Any new building construction would be funded by new outstanding debt.

And now the U-46 phone and on-line survey set-up for a \$350M renovation and middle school expansion program or a general \$180M bond issuance.

What changed from one school year to the next? Well, really nothing. School administration's year-to-year standards continue: Higher spending, fewer students, mediocre achievement scores, more administrators, fewer teachers (certified staff) than two years ago plus a school board that acquiesces to school administration and fails in their duty to their bosses – the taxpayers.

What may have gotten school administration's attention? The reality that the on-going year-over-year loss of students is affecting the need for so many to reign over a much smaller kingdom. Their answer to loss of student population is shabby facilities that cannot compete with other school districts; to increase property taxes during a very high inflationary period; and to call the bond issue if approved "not a tax increase" lacks transparency and is downright disingenuous.

Most school districts contiguous to U46 school boundaries are also experiencing lower student population and facility under-utilization.

Anyone looking at school district boundary changes? Consolidation?

How about an alternative proposal that should be net positive for students (improved facilities), teachers (improved facilities; additional classroom supplies; potentially higher pay), and taxpayers (reduced school district operating expense resulting in a lower property tax burden)? Consolidate schools and sell off those school buildings and properties that are no longer necessary. Capture the proceeds up to \$180M as a proxy for the bond issuance. All proceeds greater than \$180M are to be utilized to pay down and eliminate existing debt principal and interest where possible with all residual dollars directly returned to property owners. A 45 percent reduction in school administration and 35 percent reduction in technical/other headcount which brings these two cost areas back to the total number of employees in school year 2017- 2018 when there was a substantially higher student population in U-46. Annual savings estimate: \$15M to \$20M. Re-purpose 50 percent of this savings into teachers' salaries and to improve teacher retention and the additional 50 percent into building improvements and classroom supplies. There is no debt issuance required to meet the Unite-46 building and maintenance goals. Just some imagination and financial creativity.

U-46 2022-2023 school year budget documents do show that overall school utilization – students seated in a desk versus total number of desks – that 7 to 8 desks out of every 20 desks will be unoccupied. This is NOT due to COVID protocols.

Selling off 25 percent to 40 percent of school buildings and properties based on school district real estate value of \$1.5B will achieve gross sale proceeds of \$375M to \$600M. Cha-ching! As stated in a prior paragraph, NO bond issue needed.

There is some good news. 2023-2024 school year debt payments decrease by \$22.5M. This is due to payments for prior bond issues being completed in the current school year. Yes - tax relief. Unless our existing school board members mess this up.

What should we expect? A bond issue as part of the election process along with school board member replacement voting on April 4, 2023.

Four **school board members** are up for replacement on April 4, 2023: **Kerr, Thommes, Devereux, Porter**. If any of these four board members seek re-election, replacement not re-election is the only choice. If you are fiscally-minded, will represent your constituents, students, and teachers first, want to improve student achievement, and will not be an automatic "yes" to everything asked by U46 administration please consider running for the **U-46** School Board.

Below is the link to the IASB School Board Election Calendar or Google: Illinois school board elections 2023. https://www.iasb.com/IASB/media/General/Elections/2023/candidates_keydates.pdf

Ken Walters

--- The Daily Herald---

Boys soccer: Defending champ York survives PK thriller with Elgin

Nov. 1, 2022

By Jake Bartelson

Kleber Rodriguez sat in stunned silence as York celebrated 20 yards away.

Rodriguez, **Elgin's** senior goalie, was moments removed from York junior forward Jayden Waski smoking the game-clinching penalty kick past him. It sent the defending state champion Dukes back to the Class 3A state tournament in a thrilling 3-2 decision in the Class 3A **Streamwood** supersectional.

Waski and the Dukes had practiced penalty kicks since the beginning of October. The moment came where 100 minutes of soccer weren't enough to decide a winner and break a 2-2 stalemate.

"Before this game, I envisioned myself -- if this went down to [penalty kicks] -- I was going to win the game for my team," Waski said. "I stepped up; knew what I was going to do and executed."

York (20-0-3) and **Elgin** (20-1-3) both entered Tuesday undefeated. The two teams had previously played to a draw on Sept. 13. The **Maroons** were coming off winning the school's first sectional title.

The No. 1 seeded Dukes will now advance to Friday's state semifinal vs. Romeoville at 5 p.m. in Hoffman Estates.

In the first round of PKs, Dukes senior Ryder Kohl and Maroons senior Geo Catalan converted their chances. Jose Herrera came through with his subsequent attempt for the Dukes, but Aaron Saldana's chance to the left side was artfully saved by Diego Ochoa.

In round three, both Kevin O'Connor and Miguel Navarro converted.

Rodriguez saved Gustavo Herrera's chance down the middle to give Elgin a chance in round four, but Eduardo Nava's opportunity sailed wide left.

Waski took care of the rest.

"This is my first year on varsity so that was just a big moment of realization for me that I belong here," Waski said. "My team belongs here. We weren't a one-year-wonder last year and just massive, massive accomplishment for me and the team."

"I couldn't tell [Ochoa] how much more proud I am," Dukes coach Jordan Stopka said. "Because a sophomore stepping up in that situation; you don't know how he's going to respond ... this is why we've been practicing PKs. We've been ending every practice with PKs. For this moment -- exactly. You don't know. You don't want to use them, but might have to."

Waski put the Dukes on the board with a 1-0 lead about 12 minutes into the first half, but the Maroons managed to equalize with 1:19 left on a scorcher from Catalan to set up an eventful second half.

York narrowly missed on a handful of chances, but Joe Hernandez converted on a feed from Waski to give the Dukes a 2-1 lead with 9:45 left.

Elgin was able to draw a penalty with 3:08 left after a collision with Kohl. Catalan's chance somehow squirmed in for a goal off a deflection from the York defensive wall.

"It was just a deflection off our wall. I turned to coach [David] Alvarez and said: 'That's how they tied it?' Because [Elgin is] a very good team," Stopka said. "Their first goal ... beautiful hit. They were really pressuring us. You thought it would be some ticky-tacky thing up the middle, but if it goes over the line, it counts."

York kept the pressure on for both overtime periods. The Dukes nearly cashed in on a goal in the closing seconds of the first one from Waski.

He saved his best for last.

"We told these guys that we'd be facing adversity at some point in the season and these types of games, where you might go down or [get] a red card, it's just [about] how you respond and the next play," **Maroons** coach Jimmy Romano said. "And staying mentality tough in these situations, which they did, no matter how the game is going. It kept us alive."

"And, always gave us an opportunity to be in the game," Romano continued. "And in the end, it's unfortunate, right? It comes down to penalty kicks. But, that's how the way the game goes. The way our guys showed character and left it all out there [was admirable]. You have two of the best teams in the state going at it and someone's got to come out on top."

To Romano, the "most important thing is they set a pathway."

Rodriguez, in his first season on varsity, reflected how proud he was of his team.

"We did everything we could," he said. "At least we broke the '**Elgin** Curse' [of not winning a sectional]. I wish we would've continued but everything comes to an end."

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Rick Armstrong's Aurora, Elgin and Naperville football rankings and players of the week for Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2022

Nov. 1, 2022

By Rick Armstrong

Top 10

With records through Sunday and previous rankings in parentheses.

1. St. Charles North 9-1 (1)

2. Yorkville 9-1 (2)

Next up for North Stars is Hoffman Estates (9-1). Both teams lost to Palatine.

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Foxes stay at home and play Moline (9-1), which lost 24-21 to Benet in regular season.

3. **South Elgin** 10-0 (4)

Storm get second-round buzz saw in Maine South (8-2), which beat Bolingbrook 24-0.

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

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LOCAL SCOREBOARD

NOV. 2, 2022

Compiled By Josh Krockey

Note: Schedules are subject to change because of weather and other factors.

FOOTBALL

HIGH SCHOOLS STATE PLAYOFFS

Second Round

FRIDAY'S GAMES

CLASS 8A

(1) Lincoln-Way East 10-0 at (17) Neuqua Valley 8-2, 6 p.m.

(13) Maine South 8-2 at (4) **South Elgin** 10-0, 7 p.m.

CLASS 7A

(10) Moline 9-1 at (7) Yorkville 9-1, 7 p.m.

CLASS 6A

(8) Notre Dame 7-3 at (1) Wauconda 9-1, 7 p.m.

(4) St. Ignatius 8-2 at (12) Grayslake Central 7-3, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

CLASS 8A

(8) Warren 9-1 at (24) Andrew 7-3, 7 p.m.

CLASS 7A

(4) St. Charles North 9-1 at (20) Hoffman Estates 7-3, 2 p.m.

(2) Hersey 10-0 at (18) Batavia, 1 p.m.

(11) Lake Zurich 9-1 at (6) Wheaton North 9-1, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS HIGH SCHOOLS STATE PLAYOFFS

First Round

FRIDAY'S GAMES

CLASS 8A

Neuqua Valley 37, Lane 0

Warren 26, Stevenson 14

South Elgin 28, Belleville East 20

York 31, Oswego East 10

Oswego East (5-5): Tre Jones TD pass to Aiden Moriarty.

Marist 42, Naperville North 28

Lyons 26, Naperville Central 17

Naperville Central (6-4): Logan Devick 2 TD receptions.

CLASS 7A

Brother Rice 27, Jacobs 0

St. Charles North 47, Maine West 10

St. Rita 27, Geneva 14

Batavia 42, Rockford Guilford 0

Batavia (7-3): Ryan Boe 2 TD passes, TD run. Ryan Whitwell 2 TD runs. Charlie Whelpley, Drew Gerke TD receptions. Tyler Jansey fumble return TD.

Yorkville 33, Libertyville 8

Yorkville (9-1): Michael Dopart 45-yard TD pass to Isaiah Brown. Gio Zeman 9-yard TD run. Blake Kersting 58-yard INT return TD. Luke Zook blocked punt return TD.

Libertyville (5-5): Quinn Schambow 17-yard TD pass to Kristian Gavric.

Lake Zurich 48, **Larkin** 6

Grayslake North 55, Senn 0

Grayslake North (9-1): Jacob Donohue 5 TD passes. Michael Jefferson Jr. 33-yard TD run. DeAndre Neely 3 TD receptions (35, 58, 72). Cameron Bates 2 TD receptions.

BOYS SOCCER

CLASS 3A SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

BUFFALO GROVE

Stevenson 2, Waukegan 1

Stevenson (20-0-3): Bryant Rouse, Filip Janda goals.

Waukegan (8-11-3): Andy Tobar goal.

HAMPSHIRE

Elgin 3, Larkin 2 (SO)

HINSDALE CENTRAL

Hinsdale Central 1, Benet 0

Compiled by Josh Krockey.

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FOOTBALL RANKINGS

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By Rick Armstrong

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3. **South Elgin** 10-0 (4)

Storm get second-round buzz saw in Maine South (8-2), which beat Bolingbrook 24-0.

4. Batavia 7-3 (6)

Does it ever get easier for Bulldogs? Nope, not with unbeaten Hersey (10-0) next.

5. Neuqua Valley 8-2 (7)

Wildcats give up 7.7 points a game. Lincoln-Way East (10-0) scores 40.8. Something gives.

6. Kaneland 7-3 (10)

Knights to meet Prairie Ridge (9-1), which has scored 48 points or more five times.

7. Naperville North 7-3 (5)

Huskies trailed Marist 14-0 after one quarter Friday, and that was the final difference.

8. Jacobs 8-2 (3)

Golden Eagles couldn't solve Brother Rice's defense in a 27-0 first-round loss.

9. Naperville Central 6-4 (9)

After three straight wins, Redhawks lose back to back, including 26-17 to Lyons.

10. Geneva 6-4 (8)

Vikings eliminated for second straight year by St. Rita, but it was closer at 27-14.

Offensive Player of the Week

Junior quarterback Troyer Carlson bounced back from a slow start, running for one touchdown and passing for 250 yards and three second-half TDs, in Kaneland's 35-14 Class 6A first-round win over Riverside-Brookfield.

Defensive Player of the Week

Senior safety Blake Kersting returned an interception 58 yards for a TD in Yorkville's 33-8 Class 7A first-round playoff win over Libertyville. Foxes have intercepted 13 passes and returned five for TDs, two by Kersting.

–Rick Armstrong

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South Elgin football edges Belleville East 28-30

Nov. 2, 202

By Seth Hancock

Big plays and an all-around performance from senior Kyle Steinhofer helped the **South Elgin** football team avoid an upset in the opening round of the playoffs.

In a game that featured four lead changes, the No. 4 Storm (10-0 overall) defeated No. 29 Belleville East (5-5) in a 28-20 game on Friday, Oct. 28 at **South Elgin**. The Storm will host No. 13 Maine South (8-2) this week.

“Belleville East is a very tough, good football team,” said **South Elgin** coach Dragan Teonic. “They play in a tough conference with East St. Louis, Edwardsville, Belleville West, Collinsville and O’Fallon.”

Steinhofer (seven receptions, 95 yards) found the end zone three times, including the go-ahead and insurance touchdowns in the fourth quarter, and also converted the **Storm’s** extra-point kicks.

Trailing 20-14, Steinhofer ran for a nine-yard touchdown and with the kick making it 21-20 with 7:58 left in the game. Later, **Storm** senior Christian Tecza had an interception setting up a scoring drive ending with junior quarterback Jake Sullivan (9-for-14, 140 yards) throwing a five-yard TD pass to Steinhofer with 1:57 left to play for the final score.

“I just want to help the team win any way I can,” Steinhofer said. “We haven’t been challenged all year, and we needed this.”

Teonic added: “(Steinhofer) is our MVP. Steiny plays offense, defense and kicks. Big players make big plays in big games.”

Trailing 6-0, **South Elgin** took its first lead less than a minute into the second quarter when Sullivan threw a 20-yard touchdown pass to Steinhofer for a 7-6 lead. Down 14-7, senior Jordan Green (95 rushing yards) had a six yard TD run with 1:50 left in the third quarter for a 14-14 tie.

The **Storm** out gained Belleville East 372-277 in total yards including 105 rushing yards from senior Mason Montgomery.

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Bartlett High boys golf team finishes successful season

The season has come to a close for the **Bartlett High School** boys varsity golf team that ended with a 8-1 record and a third place conference finish. The team's only conference loss came by one stroke. Three players, Trey Holly, Aaron Ryniec and Hayden Walker, advanced to sectionals at Blackberry Oaks in Bristol, Illinois, based on their regional scores. The five pictured players were awarded all conference honors: Robby Coyne (sophomore), Holly (senior), Jayden Patel (junior), Ryniec (senior) and Walker (senior). Academic all conference honors were awarded to Coyne, Mitch Davis, Holly, Will O'Brien, Patel, Ryniec, Matthew Tavolacci, Nick Villarín and Walker. The sportsmanship award recipient was Ryniec and the MVP was Holly. The varsity team is coached by Chris Pemberton. (Courtesy photo)

– The Examiner of Streamwood –

Reflecting on season's end for Sabres soccer team

Nov. 2, 2022

By Seth Hancock

Streamwood soccer team ended its recently completed season 10-8-4 overall and will lose seniors Michael Garcia, Diogo Magana, Hugo Marquez, Eric Satsatin, Patryk Solecki, Carlos Suarez, Gonzalo Taboada and Saul Zamudio.

The squad's season came to an abrupt summary at the Jacobs Regional finals when the No. 2 Sabres fell 3-0 to No. 10 regional host Jacobs on Oct. 22.

The Sabres, who defeated Jacobs 2-0 at the Barrington Invite earlier in the season, had the edge with 10 shots on goal to seven, and they had 15 corner kicks.

However, Jacobs took the lead for good with eight minutes left in the first half and added insurance goals eight minutes into the second half and in the final two minutes of the contest. "We didn't bring our 'A' game," said Streamwood coach Matt Polovin following the loss. "I hate losing, but our kids gave a great effort. We have a young corp. Hopefully this loss is motivation for us." Streamwood goalie Jason Ramirez, a junior, had four saves in the effort. To reach the regional finals, Streamwood had defeated No. 14 Rockton Hononegah 5-2 on Oct. 18.

Polovin said, at the time, that he was disappointed with a couple defensive mistakes in the second half leading to Hononegah's goals, but overall, it was a good game which included five different goal scorers including seniors Marquez, Magana and Garcia as well sophomores Alex Alcalá and Jairo Sanchez. Ramirez had three saves.

"Overall, I liked the way we played throughout the game with our movement with and without the ball on grass, which we normally don't play on," Polovin said.

Polovin added: "Our teamwork has been great all season long getting every guy touches on the ball throughout the game with our style, but five different guys scoring helps our attack much more. We don't rely on one guy to do our scoring anyway.

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Past football season offers Sabres time for reflection

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After finishing 1-8 this season both overall and in the Upstate Eight Conference, the Streamwood football team will work to prepare for next year and improve on this season.

The Sabres ended their season with a 48-6 loss to UEC champions South Elgin, Oct. 21 at Millennium Field. It was senior night for the Sabres who recognized Alexander Caló, Cristian Clark, Justin Holmes, Jason Marin, James Rivera, Jesse Rivera, Jaiden Thomas, Kyle Thompson and Armando Vega-Reyes. Thomas was the offensive leader this season, averaging over 100 rushing yards a game.

“This wasn’t exactly the season we were looking for,” said **Streamwood** coach Keith McMaster. “We knew it would be tough, as the team was going to be really young. We were in some close ball games and wish we pulled out a few of those.”

McMaster added: “This is the smallest senior class in three years. There are some things they wish they had done differently in the off-season with practice and game preparation. They’ve passed some of that knowledge on to the younger kids.”

Although 1-2 after three games, **Streamwood** was competitive with a 40-28 win over **Elgin** while its losses in the first two weeks were by a combined 10 points, 14-10 to **Bartlett** and 14-8 to Larkin. The **Sabres** also had a close loss in Week 8, (24-22) to Fenton. **Streamwood’s** roster was dominated by juniors with 12, and it included seven underclassmen.

“In the end, the game of football and life comes down to hard work,” McMaster said. “Mediocrity and lackadaisical efforts and attitudes get you negative results. If you want to win in life, you’ve got to give it 100 percent. There’s no substitute for hard work. Hopefully they’ve learned this lesson over the season.”