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– Examiner of Bartlett –

Dist. U-46 Board primed for vote on expenditures

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By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in **School District U-46** is set to vote on \$4.9 million in expenditure proposals at its upcoming meeting on Monday, June 26. The proposals were presented on June 5.

The proposals include \$3.5 million in items to be paid for by the nation's taxpayers through grants, the largest being \$2.4 million for 23 speech language therapists split between 12 agencies ranging from \$65,000 with Cheryl Hoika to \$346,000 with Community Therapy.

There's a \$479,900 proposal split between AMN Healthcare (\$366,300) and Joyce Gronewold Educational Services (\$113,600) for three psychologists, \$263,625 with AMN Healthcare for three social workers and \$171,597 with News2You/Unique Learning System for what the proposal states "curricular resources for K-12 students identified with mild to severe cognitive disabilities."

With Adelante Educational Specialists Group, the district is asking for \$118,900 to audit the dual language program "to affirm some of our current practices and identify areas for growth within our program in order to ensure that we are best meeting the needs of our **Dual Language students**," the proposal states.

Split between five agencies, ranging from \$1,970 with School Specialty to \$42,156 with AbleNet, the district is asking for \$74,511 to purchase "essential adaptive items and equipment" for "students with moderate to profound disabilities," the proposal states.

There's \$1.3 million in education fund items, the largest item being \$442,161 with the College Board for Advanced Placement exams for eligible high school students.

There's \$168,000 with Northern Illinois University for the principal preparation program "to identify up to seven **U-46** sites that will host a 'resident administrator,'" the proposal states, \$150,000 with Northwest Evaluation Association for MAP tests, \$130,198 with the College Board for PSAT exams, \$129,251 with CDWG for Microsoft licenses, \$109,120 with Learning Genie for a digital communication platform, \$75,561

with Global Datebooks for secondary student planners, \$59,146 with Riverside Insights for CogAT tests and \$30,000 with Language Testing International for Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages tests.

There's one proposal to be paid for through the operations and maintenance fund, costing \$38,835, with Armstrong Relocation to relocate furniture and other equipment from **Bartlett's Hawk Hollow Elementary School** as it undergoes renovations to be converted into a middle school.

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Code of Conduct changes await U-46 board vote

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By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in **School District U-46** is set to vote on changes to the Student Code of Conduct at its upcoming meeting on Monday, June 26. The changes were presented on June 5.

The changes largely include correction to grammatical errors, updated internet links and updates to dates and contact information, according to a memo from **David Bell, coordinator of culture and climate.**

“The changes you see are mostly in language and in revising of definitions and revising of behavior event titles,” **Bell** said. “And the primary reason for that was, my work this year was focused a lot on trying to increase consistency in how the behaviors are applied and increase consistency on how they're being documented.”

Bell added: “A lot of this work that I did with the safety council... was to try to revise the language so that it reduced the redundancy and the overlap that we saw in some of these behaviors. And the primary goal was to try to fix the thermometer so we knew what the temperature was in the building. We don't know what the temperature is if the data's coming in in different places and different words are being used. So, a lot of those revisions, almost all of them are around trying to make sure that the thermometer is better equipped and can give us a better idea of what is going on in the schools.”

The safety council meets monthly, **Bell** said, and includes representatives of teachers, administrators, parents and community members.

Bell's four-page memo detailing the changes shows various language changes and removal of terms including to sections for Statement on Student Behavior and Equity, Rights and Responsibilities, Behavioral Interventions, Multi-Tiered Systems of Support Defined, Disciplinary Procedures, Behavior Events - Offense Types and Levels, Consequences, Behavioral Supports and Interventions, Dress Code Guidelines, Searches and Glossary of Terms.

– Examiner of South Elgin – Board vote validates pact for District U-46 SROs

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By Seth Hancock

The Village Board of Trustees voted 5-0, Trustee Jim Breunlin was absent, to approve of an intergovernmental agreement with **School District U-46** regarding school resource officers (SRO) at its meeting on Monday, June 5.

This is an annual agreement to provide **U-46** with SROs at **South Elgin High School and Kenyon Woods Middle School**. This agreement will be from Aug. 14, to June 5, 2024, according to a memo from Police Chief Jerry Krawczyk. "The annual agreement with **School District U-46** expires on June 7, 2023," Krawczyk wrote.

"The attached agreement details a school resource officer to **South Elgin High School and Kenyon Woods Middle School** in exchange for the payment outlined in the agreement. It will be valid through June 5, 2024."

Krawczyk added: "The SRO enforces laws and municipal ordinances, applicable school district policies and procedures, and works closely with school personnel. SROs are proactive in providing information and presentations to students, staff and parents on various crime prevention topics. The SROs are not school disciplinarians and do not enforce the Student Code of Conduct. There are no changes to the contract. The Village Attorney has reviewed and approved the contract as presented."

The total cost of the agreement is \$200,759 for two officers as well as language regarding overtime pay. **U46** reimburses the village for the cost. "The District's payment of \$100,379.32 per officer is based on entry level officers' salaries for 177 school days," Krawczyk wrote. "The school district reimburses the Village for any overtime, which varies according to the time of year and school activities, at a rate of \$76.14 per hour."