

School District U-46
Elgin, Illinois

May 15, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 5:45 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 355 East Chicago Street, Elgin, Illinois. The following Board members answered roll call: Phil Costello, Sue Kerr, Veronica Noland, Melissa Owens, Jeanette Ward, and Donna Smith. Board member Traci O'Neal Ellis was not present at the May 15, 2017 meeting.

President Smith requested a motion to move into closed session to discuss information regarding collective negotiating matters between the school board and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees, information regarding the discipline, performance, appointment, employment or reclassification of an employee, and review of closed session minutes. The motion was made at 5:47 p.m. by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Kerr. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

A motion was made at 6:59 p.m. by Ms. Owens, second by Mrs. Ward to reconvene into open session. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

The business session began at 7:03 p.m. Present for the business session of the meeting were the same Board members listed in the first paragraph above, Student Board Member Casey Pearce and Chief Executive Officer Tony Sanders, Interim Superintendent Dr. Kenneth Arndt and Chief Legal Officer Miguel Rodriguez. The following administrators were also present: Steve Burger, Dr. Suzanne Johnson, Dr. Jeff King, Dr. Terri Lozier, Melanie Meidel, Ron Raglin, Dr. Ushma Shah, Dale Burnidge, Randal Ellison, Mary Fergus, John Heiderscheidt, Bruce Phelps, Claudie Phillips, Richard Ramos, and Trisha Shrode. Also present were: media representatives Rafael Guerrero of the Courier and Seth Hancock of the Examiner, as well as other administrators, guests, and visitors. Ms. Pearce led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was held in honor of Officer Stevenson Jones, the resource officer at Kimball Middle School, and Ashley Ramirez, a student at Hillcrest Elementary School.

1. Accent on Achievement - Mr. Sanders
 - A. Breann Tomaso, Illinois High School Counselor of the Year
The U-46 Board of Education recognized Elgin High School counselor Breann Tomaso for being named the 2017 Illinois High School Counselor of the Year from the Illinois School Counselor Association (ISCA).
 - B. Streamwood High School Principles of Engineering
The U-46 Board of Education recognized the Principles of Engineering class from Streamwood High School for being named the state winner of the Samsung

Solve for Tomorrow contest. Streamwood High School manufacturing teacher and team advisor, Matt Erbach, and 10 of his students earned \$25,000 in technology for their design of wind-powered micro-generator units that will be used to provide lighting in areas where street lights are not available.

2. Comments from the Audience

Dana Weiby spoke about her concerns with the Elgin Math & Science (EMSA) Charter School proposal. Ms. Weiby raised concerns with the special education portion of the proposal and shared her family's experiences in U-46 special education.

Veronica Betz spoke about her concerns with the Illinois budget and the proposed EMSA Charter School. Ms. Betz is outraged that the Board is considering giving up to \$4.5 million to EMSA and stated unequivocally that she does not want her tax dollars to go towards EMSA.

Megan Larson spoke about her concerns with the proposed EMSA Charter School. Ms. Larson stated that EMSA does not pass a basic cost benefit analysis and asked the Board what specifically will be cut in order to recoup the \$4.5 million deficit that EMSA will create.

Larry Bury spoke about his concerns with the proposed EMSA Charter School. Mr. Bury is deeply concerned with the impact the EMSA contract will have on existing U-46 schools and asked the Board what sacrifices they expect U-46 parents and students to have imposed on them as a direct result of their decision.

3. Other Business – Board Member and CEO Update, If Necessary

A. Additional Information

Ms. Kerr reported that she attended the retiree dinner and it was a lot of fun meeting the retirees and their families.

Mrs. Ward reported that several of the Board members attended the Special Board meeting honoring the top 2% of each graduating class and it was a wonderful event.

Ms. Owens reported that she participated in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing 5k which had great attendance. Ms. Owens also attended the South Elgin High School auto show. She watched the all-girls team break down an engine and put it back together and it was very impressive.

Mrs. Smith reported that the Hanover Township recognized several principals and Mr. Loera for their contributions to the community.

Ms. Noland reported that she attended Officer Jones' wake and it was heartening to see all the students and District staff in attendance. Ms. Noland thanked District staff for all the work that goes into counseling both students and staff when there is a tragedy in the school-community.

Mr. Sanders thanked Ms. Noland for recognizing how difficult it is to counsel others when you are grieving yourself. Mr. Sanders also reported that he has been working closely with other superintendents on the Pass Illinois' Budget campaign and on Wednesday they will be in Springfield to ask Illinois leaders to pass a budget, pay districts what they are owed, and to fix the funding formula.

Mrs. Smith, Mr. Sanders, and the Board presented Dr. Arndt with a plaque and recognized his service to the U-46 community.

B. FOIA Requests – 1

Mr. Sanders, Chief Executive Officer, reported on the request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

4. Consent Agenda

- A. Personnel Report and Workers' Compensation Cases
- B. Minutes of Board Meeting - April 10, 2017 - Mr. Sanders
- C. Termination of Rhaven A. Barttee, Noon-Hour Supervisor
- D. Termination of Raymond D. Jablecki, Custodian
- E. Contract Renewal - Secondary Education - HERO
- F. Proposal - Curriculum and Instruction - Professional Learning Communities
Professional Development
- G. Proposal - Information Services - District-Wide Cellular Services
- H. Bid - Food and Nutrition Services - Packaging and Supplies
- I. Bid - Plant Operations - Elgin High School - Gym Floor Removal

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Owens, to approve the Consent Agenda of May 15, 2017, items A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and I, as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

5. Discussion/Action - Mr. Sanders

A. Itemized Bills – May 15, 2017

Dr. King, Chief Operations Officer/Chief School Business Official, presented the itemized bills of May 15, 2017. Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the List of Bills in the amount of \$6,209,982.40.

Motion by Ms. Kerr, second by Mr. Costello, to approve the Itemized Bills of May 15, 2017, in the amount of \$6,209,982.40, as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

B. Resolution Authorizing Intervention in Proceedings Before the State of Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board

This Resolution is presented to the Board of Education every other year, in odd years, that authorizes attorneys from Franczek Radelet, outside counsel for the

District, to intervene on the District's behalf relating to property tax appeals. Dr. King, Chief Operations Officer/Chief School Business Official, reviewed the Resolution. Administration recommended the Board of Education adopt the Resolution Authorizing Intervention in Proceedings before the State of Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board.

Motion by Ms. Kerr, second by Ms. Noland to approve the resolution authorizing intervention in proceedings before the State of Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

6. Other Business - CAC Update

A. CAC Curriculum Committee Report

Ms. Lisa Hopp, CAC Curriculum Committee Chair, presented the report. Ms. Hopp reported that the Curriculum Committee participated in the U-46 Explore 2016 Fair, followed the progress of the District's new science program and several committee members were able to observe full-day kindergarten classrooms. Some improvements suggested by the committee for next year's Explore 2017 Fair are better utilization of busing and better separation specific to middle school and high school. Over the year the committee met with the District's Technology Director, the Fine Art Coordinator, and the Science Coordinator, regarding new curriculums, resources, and programs. The committee would like to continue following the full-day kindergarten program, the science curriculum implementation, and become involved with the new developments in the high school academies, and the career and technical education program offerings.

B. CAC Specialized Services Committee Report

Ms. Rebecca Miller and Ms. Sarah Thompson, CAC Specialized Services Committee Co-Chairs, presented the report. The Specialized Services Committee held five parent education sessions. The sessions were held at local libraries and were regarding Eureka Math, holiday stressors, post-graduation life, and summer recreation programs. The committee would like to continue hosting similar events during the 2017-2018 school year.

7. Other Business – Mr. Sanders

A. April Financial Report

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, reviewed the Financial Report. As of April 30, 2017, the total fund balance was \$201,984,557.00 which is a decrease of \$11.5 million. The District received \$840,000.00 in property tax revenue, \$10.9 million in general State aid, and \$8 million in State categorical payments. At the end of April, the State owed the District \$18.2 million. Federal Grant Revenue was \$3.6 million in April. Total revenue was 1.3% lower than last year and expenditures are \$2.9 million higher but in line with the budget. Overall the revenue side will be short by \$18 million in categorical payments. All

discretionary spending has been stopped and the District is trying to reduce expenditures as much as possible but will most likely end the year with a deficit of about \$10 to \$12 million in operating funds.

8. Other Business - Employee Matters

A. Notice to Remedy - Teacher D

Motion by Ms. Owens, second by Ms. Kerr to approve the notice to remedy of Teacher D. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. Present: Mr. Holt. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

B. Notice to Remedy - Teacher E

Motion by Ms. Owens, second by Mr. Costello, to approve the notice to remedy of Teacher E. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Owens, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: Ms. Noland and Mrs. Ward. The motion carried by a vote of 4-2.

9. Work Session – Resolutions

A. Resolution for the Display of and Public Hearing on the Northern Kane County Regional Vocational System (NKCRVS) Budget for Fiscal Year 2018

Vocational system budgets are required to be adopted by August 31, which is one month earlier than school district budgets. The tentative FY18 Northern Kane County Regional Vocational System Budget will be presented at the June 19, 2017, Board of Education meeting. The Resolution sets June 20, 2017, as the date, the budget goes on 30-day public display and July 24, 2017, as the date of the Public Hearing. Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, presented 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 2018.

10. Work Session - Contracts Over \$25,000.00

A. Contract Renewal - Plant Operations - SchoolDude

Mr. Phelps, Interim Director of Business Services, and Mr. Allen, Director of Plant Operations, presented the proposal. Administration recommended approval of the three-year contract renewal with SchoolDude in the total amount of \$138,750.00 and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Operations and Maintenance Fund. The cost will be included in the budget for the 2017-2018 school year.

11. Work Session – Bids/Proposals

A. Proposal - Curriculum and Instruction - Professional Learning Communities Professional Development

Mr. Phelps, Interim Director of Business Services, and Ms. Shrode, Director of Curriculum and Instruction presented the proposal summary. Administration recommended approval of the proposal with Golden Apple in the amount of

\$112,500.00 and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to Title I grant funds. The cost is included in the budget for the 2016-2017 school year.

B. Bid - Food Service - Beverage Products

Mr. Phelps, Interim Director of Business Services, and Mrs. Phillips, Director of Food & Nutrition Services presented the proposal. Administration recommended award of the low bid meeting specifications to Home Juice Corp. in the amount of \$33,981.00 and Pepsi Beverage Company in the amount of \$45,117.00, for a total cost of \$79,098.00, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Food & Nutrition Fund. The cost will be included in the budget for the 2017-2018 school year.

C. Bid - Food Service - Bread Products

Mr. Phelps, Interim Director of Business Services, and Mrs. Phillips, Director of Food & Nutrition Services presented the proposal. Administration recommended award of the low bid meeting specifications to Alpha Baking Company in the amount of \$119,370.00 and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Food & Nutrition Fund. The cost will be included in the budget for the 2017-2018 school year.


D. Bid - Food Service - Ice Cream Products

Mr. Phelps, Interim Director of Business Services, and Mrs. Phillips, Director of Food & Nutrition Services presented the proposal. Administration recommended award of the low bid meeting specifications to Hershey Ice Cream Company in the amount of \$115,704.00 and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Food & Nutrition Fund. The cost will be included in the budget for the 2017-2018 school year.


12. Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Ward, second by Ms. Kerr, to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of May 15, 2017, at 8:26 p.m. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Approved this 19th day of June, 2017



President



Secretary