

School District U-46
Elgin, Illinois

December 12, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 5:32 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 355 East Chicago Street, Elgin, Illinois. The following Board members answered roll call: Cody Holt, Sue Kerr, Veronica Noland, Jeanette Ward, and Donna Smith.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ward, second by Ms. Kerr to allow Mr. Costello to participate in the December 12, 2016 meeting via telephone. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Holt, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0. (For the record Mr. Costello was unable to participate in any part of the meeting.)

President Smith requested a motion to move into closed session to discuss information regarding individual student disciplinary matters; pending, probable or imminent litigation; the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees; the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the School Board; the setting of a price for the sale or lease of real property owned by the School Board; 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; review of closed session Minutes; and individual student matters. The motion was made at 5:34 p.m. by Ms. Noland, second by Mrs. Ward. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Holt, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0. Traci O'Neal Ellis arrived at 5:50 p.m.

A motion was made at 7:07 p.m. by Mrs. Ward, second by Ms. Kerr to reconvene into open session. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mrs. O'Neal Ellis, Mr. Holt, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

The business session began at 7:11 p.m. Present for the business session of the meeting were the same Board members listed in the third paragraph above, Student Board Member Eric Loera, Chief Executive Officer Tony Sanders and Interim Superintendent Dr. Kenneth Arndt. The following administrators were also present: Chief Legal Officer Miguel Rodriguez, Steve Burger, Dr. Suzanne Johnson, Dr. Jeff King, Dr. Terri Lozier, Melanie Meidel, Ron Raglin, Dr. Ushma Shah, Christopher Allen, Celia Banks, Dale Burnidge, Mary Fergus, John Heiderscheidt, Jackie Johnson, Bruce Phelps, and Trisha Shrode. Also present were: media representatives Seth Hancock of the Examiner and Rafael Guerrero of the Courier, as well as other administrators, guests, and visitors. Mr. Loera led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was held in honor of Nancy Greene an employee of the U-46 Transportation Department.

1. Comments from the Audience

Tanya Foster-Johnson spoke about her concerns with the District seeking bids to outsource transportation. Ms. Foster-Johnson feels that safety should be the most important factor when transporting children.

Cathy Wyzykowski spoke about her concerns with the District soliciting bids for special education transportation services. Ms. Wyzykowski feels there is no way that an outsourced bus company will provide the same safe and reliable service that the District has now. Ms. Wyzykowski added that any private transportation company must provide comparable benefits to the benefits they would have received if they remained U-46 employees. This includes wages, insurance, retirement, holiday and sick leave.

Shawn Bernhardson spoke about her concerns with the District seeking bids to outsource special education transportation. Ms. Bernhardson believes that the transportation of children is more than a number in a budget.

Heather Weiss spoke about her concerns with the requested proposal for special education transportation services. Ms. Weiss stated that this could lead to outsourcing close to two-hundred bus drivers and driver assistants from the transportation department.

Cari Miller spoke in support of the District's decision to extend Mr. Sanders contract through 2020. Ms. Miller also spoke in support of the District's decision to allow transgender students access to the locker room that corresponds with their gender identity.

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

A. Additional Information

Mr. Sanders stated that the proposal regarding transportation requires no action by the Board of Education or Administration recommendation tonight. Should any action be required it would be at a future Board meeting and it will be done in a very transparent way.

Mrs. Ward reported that she volunteered with her daughter's school, Wayne Elementary, at Feed my Starving Children. It was a great event. Mrs. Ward also attended the CAC roundtable and found the conversation to be very productive.

Ms. Noland reported that she, Ms. Kerr and Mr. Sanders attended the GSA (Gay Straight Alliance) Club at Larkin High School and it was an incredible experience.

Ms. Kerr reported that she attended the Principal for a Day luncheon. She also thought the meeting with the GSA Club at Larkin High School was a great experience. She also attended the Elgin High School Madrigal's concert and she would encourage everyone to go to one. She also attended the Bartlett Chamber of Commerce luncheon where the Bartlett High School choir sang and it was great. Ms. Kerr asked if the District has received any funds from the state.

Mr. Sanders responded no. The state has not paid anything yet and as of today the District is owed \$25 million from the state.

Mrs. O'Neal Ellis reported that she attended the CAC roundtable meeting which she enjoyed.

Mr. Loera reported that he attended the elective fair at Canton Middle School promoting AVID. He also attended the CEO Student Advisory Council meeting where he introduced his idea for a Student Summit. The idea is to have a roundtable discussion with students from different high schools. The focus of the Summit is to promote a cross-culture environment within the District. Mr. Loera also attended the CAC roundtable meeting.

Mrs. Smith reported that she attended the CAC roundtable meeting and it was great. Mrs. Smith asked the Board what they wanted to do about the Board self-evaluation coming up.

Ms. Kerr asked if, the Board self-evaluation could be focused on the Strategic Plan and the Board's role in moving forward.

Mrs. Smith agreed that a focus would be good.

Mrs. Ward does not feel that the Board self-evaluation is valuable and is a waste of time.

Mrs. O'Neal Ellis is in favor of the Board self-evaluation and feels that it is valuable. It is the only opportunity that the Board has to evaluate itself and talk about how effectively they are doing their job.

Ms. Noland finds the self-evaluation to be helpful. She does agree that there should be a goal for the workshop. She attended a session at the IASB conference on civil decision-making that would be great for the group.

Mrs. O'Neal Ellis stated that she would not have any objection to adding that to the self-evaluation, but the evaluation is very important to her and she would not want to lose that part of the day.

Mr. Holt stated that he has not gotten anything out of the self-evaluation meetings and does not see the value in them. He does not support having a Board self-evaluation.

Mrs. Smith polled the Board and the consensus was to book the IASB representative and move forward with the Board self-evaluation.

- B. FOIA Requests – 1
Mr. Sanders, Chief Executive Officer, reported on the request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

3. Consent Agenda

- A. Personnel Report and Workers' Compensation Cases
B. Minutes of Board Meeting – November 7, 2016 - Mr. Sanders
C. Termination of John O'Brien, Wrestling Coach/Substitute Teacher
D. Building Permits
Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the applications for submission to the Kane County Regional Office of Education for issuance of building permits for the following projects:
1. Tefft Middle School - Elevator Retrofit Project
2. DREAM Academy - Elevator Retrofit Project
E. Bid - DREAM Academy & Tefft Middle School - Elevator Retrofit

Motion by Ms. Kerr, second by Mrs. Ward, to approve the Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, D, and E as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mrs. O'Neal Ellis, Mr. Holt, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

4. Discussion/Action

- A. Itemized Bills – December 12, 2016
Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, presented the December 12, 2016, itemized bills. Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the List of Bills in the amount of \$10,461,727.14.

Motion by Ms. Kerr, second by Mrs. Ward, to approve the Itemized Bills of December 12, 2016, in the amount of \$10,461,727.14, as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mrs. O'Neal Ellis, Mr. Holt, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

- B. Certificate of Tax Levy
Dr. King, Chief Operations Officer/Chief School Business Official, and Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, reviewed the Certificate of Tax Levy. Administration recommended the Board of Education adopt the Certificate of Tax Levy.

Motion by Ms. Kerr, second by Mrs. O'Neal Ellis, to approve the Certificate of Tax Levy.

Mr. Holt indicated that he would be voting no as he voted no on the Tax Levy Resolution.

Mrs. Ward stated that the District is increasing the levy in a permanent manner while abating back money on a temporary basis, which she feels is disingenuous

to the taxpayers. This levy is also to support a budget that expands operations for the full-day kindergarten program, which she does not support. Mrs. Ward indicated that she would be voting no.

Upon roll call, yes votes: Mrs. O'Neal Ellis, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: Mr. Holt and Mrs. Ward. The motion carried by a vote of 4-2.

C. Tax Levy Resolution

Dr. King, Chief Operations Officer/Chief School Business Official, and Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, reviewed the Resolution. The Resolution and the Certificate of Tax Levy are filed with the County Tax Extension offices. Administration recommended the Board of Education adopt the Tax Levy Resolution.

Motion by Mrs. O'Neal Ellis, second by Ms. Kerr to approve the Tax Levy Resolution.

Mr. Holt indicated that he would be voting no on this.

Upon roll call, yes votes: Mrs. O'Neal Ellis, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: Mr. Holt and Mrs. Ward. The motion carried by a vote of 4-2.

D. RESOLUTION expressing the intent to abate taxes of the District levied to pay principal of and interest on outstanding bonds of School District U-46, Kane, Cook and DuPage Counties, Illinois

Dr. King, Chief Operations Officer/Chief School Business Official, and Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, reviewed the Resolution. Administration recommended the Board of Education adopt the Resolution expressing the intent to abate taxes of the District levied to pay principal of and interest on outstanding bonds of School District U-46, Kane, Cook and DuPage Counties, Illinois.

Motion by Mrs. Ward, second by Mr. Holt to approve the Resolution expressing the intent to abate taxes of the District levied to pay principal of and interest on outstanding bonds of School District U-46, Kane, Cook and DuPage Counties, Illinois, as presented.

Mr. Holt stated that he is very supportive of returning money to the taxpayers. In the future, he would feel more positive about freezing property taxes instead. Mr. Holt indicated that he would be voting yes.

Mrs. Ward agreed with Mr. Holt and indicated that she would be voting yes.

Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Holt, Mrs. O'Neal Ellis, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

5. Other Business - Individual Student Matters

A. Student F

Motion by Ms. Kerr, second by Mrs. Ward, to approve administration's recommendation to expel Student F for two semesters, the remainder of this semester and the 2nd semester of the 2016/2017 school year. While serving the expulsion Student F will have the opportunity to enroll in alternative education programs. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mrs. O'Neal Ellis, Mr. Holt, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes:0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

B. Student G

Motion by Mrs. O'Neal Ellis, second by Ms. Kerr, to approve administration's recommendation to expel Student G for two semesters, the remainder of this semester and the 2nd semester of the 2016/2017 school year. While serving the expulsion Student G will have the opportunity to enroll in alternative education programs. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mrs. O'Neal Ellis, Mr. Holt, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

6. Other Business - CAC Update

Mr. Sanders reported that the CAC meeting in January would have a presentation on AVID.

7. Work Session – Mr. Sanders

A. PreK-12 Information and Digital Literacy Curriculum Proposal

Dr. Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, Ms. Shrode, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Ms. Johnson, Coordinator of Secondary Literacy and Libraries, Ms. Banks, Coordinator of Elementary Literacy and Libraries, Ms. Poturalski, teacher at Sunnysdale Elementary School and Ms. Gatz, librarian at Kimball and Larsen Middle Schools, provided the Board of Education with information relating to the PreK-12 Information and Digital Literacy Curriculum Proposal. The learning objectives are that students will be provided the experiences and effective instruction necessary to understand and practice information and digital literacy skills through a variety of performance-based tasks. The initial cost of the digital resources will be \$312,087.00. The recurring costs will be \$241,337.00 yearly.

B. Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Between the Board of Education of School District U-46 and Board of Commissioners of Carol Stream Park District for the Recreational Use of the School

Dr. King, Chief Operations Officer/Chief School Business Official, Mr. Allen, Director of Plant Operations, and Mr. Ramos, Coordinator of Facilities, presented the Intergovernmental Agreement. This agreement affects Spring Trail Elementary School and provides mutual benefits for both the School District and the Carol Stream Park District. Administration recommended approval of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Between the Board of Education of

School District U-46 and Board of Commissioners of Carol Stream Park District
for the Recreational Use of the School.

8. Work Session - Contracts over \$25,000.00
 - A. Contract - Plant Operations - District-Wide Electric Service

Dr. King, Chief Operations Officer/Chief School Business Official, Mr. Allen, Director of Plant Operations, and Mr. Ramos, Coordinator of Facilities, presented the proposal to procure electric services. Administration recommended approval to enter into an electric service contract with one of the pre-approved vendors, Constellation Energy, Direct Energy, Dynegy Energy, or MC Squared Energy, pending final contract review by the attorney. Administration requests authorization for administration to sign all related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Operations and Maintenance Fund.
9. Work Session - Bids/Proposals
 - A. Bid - Health Services – Automatic External Defibrillator Units

Dr. King, Chief Operations Officer/Chief School Business Official, Mr. Judge, Health Services Supervisor, and Mr. Heiderscheidt, Director of School Safety and Culture, presented the bid. Administration recommended award of the low bid meeting specifications to School Health Corp. for the total amount of \$99,815.09, and requests authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Educational Fund.
10. Work Session - Change Orders
 - A. Change Order - Abbott Middle School - Roof Project - #1 Final

Mr. Allen, Director of Plant Operations, presented the change order. Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the change order from National Roofing Corporation in the amount of minus \$41,680.00.
11. Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Ward, second by Ms. Noland, to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of December 12, 2016, at 8:30p.m. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mrs. O’Neal Ellis, Mr. Holt, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Approved this 23rd day of January, 2017.



President



Secretary