

School District U-46
Elgin, Illinois

August 1, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:01 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 355 East Chicago Street, Elgin, Illinois. The following Board members answered roll call: Phil Costello, Cody Holt, Sue Kerr, Veronica Noland, Jeanette Ward, and Donna Smith.

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 6:02 p.m. by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Kerr. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, Mr. Holt, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0. Traci O'Neal Ellis arrived at 6:06 p.m.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ward, second by Ms. Noland to reconvene into open session at 6:58 p.m. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, Mrs. O'Neal Ellis, Mr. Holt, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Smith. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

The business session began at 7:07 p.m. Present for the business session of the meeting were the same Board members listed in the second paragraph, Student Board Member Eric Loera, Chief Executive Officer Tony Sanders and Interim Superintendent Dr. Kenneth Arndt. The following administrators were also present: Miguel Rodriguez, Dr. Suzanne Johnson, Dr. Jeff King, Melanie Meidel, Dr. Terri Lozier, Ron Raglin, Dr. Ushma Shah, Christopher Allen, Dale Burnidge, Mary Fergus, Jackie Johnson, Bruce Phelps, Trisha Shrode, and Rickey Sparks. Also present were: media representatives Seth Hancock of the Examiner and Megann Horstead of the Courier News, as well as other administrators, guests, and visitors. Mr. Loera led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. PUBLIC HEARING - 2016/2017 Northern Kane County Regional Vocational System Budget
 - A. Opening of Public Hearing
 - B. Comments from the Public
There were no comments from the public.
 - C. Close of Public Hearing
2. Comments from the Audience

Elise Jackson spoke about her concerns with the bickering between Board members at the July 18, 2016 meeting. Ms. Jackson is embarrassed at how the Board has been conducting meetings and would like to see a change in how the Board represents the District.

Missy Ross, a teacher in the District, spoke about her concerns with a statement made by Jeanette Ward at the June 20, 2016 Board meeting regarding the StudySync resource and an article in which the parents of a 1st grade girl that was born a biological boy was allowed to use the bathroom with which the child identified. Ms. Ross said that Ms. Ward stated that this was an explicit denial of reality and child abuse. Ms. Ross is a delegate for the National Education Association (NEA). Ms. Ross is proud of what NEA stands for as an inclusive and progressive organization. She is sad that her employer does not always stand for the same.

Carl King spoke about the Black History Family Festival. The festival will be at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday February 4, 2017, at the Gail Borden Library. Mr. King invited everyone to attend.

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

A. Board Member Update

Ms. Noland participated in the summer school graduation, which was wonderful.

Mrs. Smith and Mr. Sanders will be greeting new teachers on Wednesday August 3, 2016 at new teacher orientation.

Mr. Costello invited everyone to the Bartlett National Night Out on Tuesday August 2, 2016. There will be great downtown community events from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. One of the activities includes blowing whistles to make the Guinness World Record of most whistles blown at one time.

Mrs. Ward commented that she feels it is acceptable for the public to address her and others by name. The Board members agreed.

Mr. Costello added that as long as the comments are constructive this is a good way to deliberate facts and share opinions.

Mr. Loera marched in the Streamwood Summer Celebration Parade handing out peanuts for the Kiwanis. Mr. Loera also collected the ballots for the Streamwood talent show. Mr. Loera will be volunteering at the Izaak Walton Center for the Hanover Township National Night Out event.

Mrs. Ward stated that, while she appreciates the public comment about bickering, this is not about bickering it is about principles that are worth standing up for. Mrs. Ward reiterated that access to closed session recordings has always been about transparency. Mrs. Ward requested the recordings from the January 25, 2014 meeting be made public. Mrs. Ward also requested that a motion to allow

the recordings to be made public be placed on the agenda of the current meeting but was denied even though she asked, in writing, more than five days prior to the meeting. Mrs. Ward requested that the motion be added to the August, 15, 2016 meeting agenda. Mrs. Ward stated that if she was looking to punish anyone her first action would not be making the recordings public but taking legal action. Mrs. Ward stated she does not wish to get anyone in trouble or waste the court's time. Mrs. Ward sees no legal reasons why these recordings need to be kept secret. In the past the Board voted to destroy closed session recordings and asserted that confidentiality is still needed with no discussion, she would like to see that changed. Mrs. Ward feels as though a member of the Board has been allowed to resort to personal attacks and false accusations.

Mrs. Smith asked Mrs. Ward to end her comments. Mrs. Smith regretted not stopping the conversation earlier at the July 18, 2016, meeting. Mrs. Smith does not feel this or any other closed session meeting topic should be discussed in a public setting. She is very uncomfortable with having this discussion at this time. Mrs. Smith suggested a possible recourse for Mrs. Ward is to take legal action.

Mrs. Ward requested that the motion to make the January 25, 2014, recordings available to the public be put on the August 15, 2016 meeting agenda. Mrs. Smith said it could be discussed.

Mr. Costello stated that he agrees the motion should be on the August, 15, 2016 meeting agenda. Mr. Costello stated that it is in the Board Policy that the Board consider making closed session recordings public before destroying them, so it should be discussed.

Mr. Holt agreed that the motion should be on the agenda of the August, 15, 2016, meeting. Mr. Holt also feels that the Board should reevaluate the Board Policy for how items are added to meeting agendas.

Mrs. Smith stated that many of the Board Policies need to be reviewed now that the law regarding closed session recordings has changed.

Mr. Sanders and Mr. Rodriguez stated that the committee would be meeting on August 29, 2016 to review the Board Policy regarding closed session minutes and audio.

Ms. Noland asked for clarification on what exactly was going on the August, 15, 2016 meeting agenda.

Mrs. Smith stated that a motion to release the closed session audio of the January 25, 2014 meeting to the public.

Mrs. Ward stated she would like two motions on the August 15, 2016 meeting agenda. First, a motion to release the entire recording of the January 25, 2014

closed session meeting and second, a motion to release only the Board self-evaluation portion of the meeting.

Mrs. O'Neal Ellis believes that Mrs. Ward has lied. Mrs. O'Neal Ellis stated that if Mrs. Ward feels the Open Meetings Act was violated she should file charges. Mrs. O'Neal Ellis was interrupted by Mrs. Smith and was not able to finish her statement. Mrs. Smith asked Mrs. O'Neal Ellis to end her comments.

Mrs. O'Neal Ellis disagreed with adding the motion to release the closed session recordings of the January 25, 2014 meeting to the August 15, 2016 meeting agenda.

Ms. Noland does not want to waste any more time on this discussion. Ms. Noland feels as if adding a motion to release the recordings will end the discussion then she agrees it should be added. Ms. Kerr agreed.

Mrs. O'Neal Ellis asked what was going to happen after the motion to release the recordings is added to the agenda and voted on. Mrs. O'Neal Ellis does not feel as though that will be the end of this discussion.

Mrs. Smith stated that the motions Mrs. Ward has requested will be added to the August 15, 2016 meeting agenda.

B. FOIA Requests – 5

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

4. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of Board Meeting - June 20, 2016

B. Personnel Report and Workers' Compensation Cases

C. Occupancy Permits – 8

Administration recommends the Board of Education approve the following applications for submission to the Kane County Regional Office of Education for issuance of occupancy permits:

1. Installation of Electronic Access Controls & Surveillance Systems – Part 3
(10 Locations)

- Independence – Early Learning Center
- Canton Middle School
- Eastview Middle School
- Kenyon Woods Middle School
- Tefft Middle School
- Bartlett High School
- Elgin High School
- Larkin High School
- South Elgin High School
- Streamwood High School

2. Wireless Cabling Project – Part 4 (10 Locations)
 - Harriet Gifford Elementary
 - Hawk Hollow Elementary
 - Hillcrest Elementary
 - Horizon Elementary
 - Nature Ridge Elementary
 - Ontarioville Elementary
 - Otter Creek Elementary
 - Ronald D. O’Neal Elementary
 - Spring Trail Elementary
 - Wayne Elementary
3. Coleman Elementary – 10-Room North Addition
4. Highland Elementary – 10-Room Addition
5. Laurel Hill Elementary – 6-Room Addition
6. Abbott Middle School – Roof Replacement
7. Streamwood High School – Unit Ventilators Phase 2-Piping Replacement
8. Streamwood High School – Parking Lot and Driveway Improvements
- D. Resolution for the Display and Public Hearing on School District U-46 Budget for 2016-2017 School Year
- E. Resolution Declaring the Need to Continue Usage of Temporary Classrooms
- F. Proposal - Secondary Education - HERO Hardware
- G. Contract Renewal - Secondary Education – SAT Suite of Assessments
- H. Contract Renewal - Teaching & Learning – CogAT
- I. Contract Renewal - Specialized Student Services – Audiology Services and Equipment
- J. Contract Renewal - Specialized Student Services – esped.com
- K. Contract Renewal - Specialized Student Services – Hearing/Vision Supervision
- L. Contract Renewal - Specialized Student Services – News-2-You
- M. Contract Renewal - Specialized Student Services – Occupational Therapy Services
- N. Contract Renewal - Specialized Student Services – Occupational Therapy Services

Motion by Mr. Holt, second by Ms. Kerr, to approve the Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, and N, as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, 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 7-0.

5. Discussion/Action

A. Itemized Bills – August 1, 2016

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, presented the Itemized Bills of August 1, 2016, to the Board of Education. Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the List of Bills in the amount of \$7,931,122.59

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Kerr, to approve the Itemized Bills of August 1, 2016, totaling \$7,931,122.59, as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes:

Mr. Costello, 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 7-0.

B. Intergovernmental Agreement Between School District U-46 and Geneva CUSD 304

Dr. Lozier, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools Instruction and Equity, presented the proposed agreement. Administration requested approval of the agreement between School District U-46 and Geneva CUSD 304. The participating schools are South Elgin High School and Geneva High School. The agreement provides mutual benefits for both School District U-46 and Geneva CUSD 304.

Motion by Ms. Kerr, second by Ms. Noland, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement Between School District U-46 and Geneva CUSD 304.

Mrs. Ward asked if the cost of staff would be shared by both districts. Dr. Lozier stated that the cost of the staff would not be shared but U-46 would be collecting the athletic fees from the Geneva CUSD 304 students.

Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, 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 7-0.

6. Other Business - CAC Update

There was no update from CAC.

7. Other Business - Mr. Sanders

A. Secondary Schools Financial Report for the Fourth Quarter

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, reviewed the Secondary Schools Quarterly Financial Report. The fourth quarter is from April 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016. The fund balances decreased due to funds raised being spent during the school year and instructional fees collected being remitted to the District. The total balance for all the high school and middle school accounts is \$3,263,299.05 which is a decrease of \$363,388.00.

8. Work Session – Resolutions

A. Resolution Adopting Northern Kane County Regional Vocational System (NKCRVS) Budget for 2016-2017

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, presented the Resolution for the adoption of the NKCRVS Budget. Administration recommended the Board of Education adopt the Resolution.

9. Work Session - Bids/Proposals

A. Proposal - Plant Operations – Boom Lift Purchase

Mr. Sparks, Director of Business Services, and Mr. Allen, Director of Plant Operations, presented the proposal summary. Administration recommended

approval of the proposal to purchase equipment for a total cost of \$57,492.00 as submitted by National Lift Truck. This expenditure will be charged to the Operations and Maintenance Fund. This cost is included in the budget for the 2016-2017 school year.

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

- A. Contract Renewal - Curriculum & Instruction – Great Minds, Inc.
Mr. Sparks, Director of Business Services, and Ms. Shrode, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, presented the proposal summary. Administration recommended approval of a one-year contract renewal with Great Minds Inc. for a total cost of \$35,500.00, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to Title I and Title II funds. This cost is included in the budget for the 2016-2017 school year.
- B. Contract Renewal - Curriculum & Instruction – SirsiDynix
Mr. Sparks, Director of Business Services, and Ms. Jackie Johnson, Coordinator for Secondary Literacy and Libraries, presented the proposal summary. Administration recommended approval of a five-year contract renewal with SirsiDynix for a total cost of \$459,032.40, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Education Fund. This cost is included in the budget for the 2016-2017 school year.
- C. Contract Renewal - Educational Support Programs – AVID
Mr. Sparks, Director of Business Services, and Mr. Raglin, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Support Programs and Alignment, presented the proposal summary. Administration recommended approval of a one-year contract renewal with AVID Center for a total cost of \$75,095.40, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Education Fund. This cost is included in the budget for the 2016-2017 school year.
- D. Contract Renewal - Informational Services- BMC Footprints
Mr. Sparks, Director of Business Services, and Dr. King, Chief Operations Officer/Chief School Business Official, presented the proposal summary. Administration recommended approval of a three-year contract renewal with BMC Footprints for a total cost of \$65,881.46, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Education Fund. This cost is included in the budget for the 2016-2017 school year.
- E. Contract Renewal - School Community Relations – Blackboard
Mr. Sparks, Director of Business Services, Ms. Fergus, Director of School & Community Relations, and Mr. Lindholm, Professional Development & Project Manager, presented the proposal summary. Administration recommended approval of a three-year contract renewal with Blackboard for a total cost of

\$478,989.00, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Education Fund. This cost is included in the budget for the 2016-2017 school year.

11. Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Ward, second by Ms. Kerr, to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of August 1, 2016, at 8:00 p.m. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, 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 7-0.

Approved this 12th day of September, 2016.



President



Secretary