

School District U-46
Elgin, Illinois

February 1, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:31 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 355 East Chicago Street, Elgin, Illinois. The following Board Members answered roll call: Phil Costello, Traci O'Neal Ellis, 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; 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 by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Kerr. 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.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ward, second by Mr. Costello to reconvene into Open Session at 6:41 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.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ward, second by Ms. Kerr to recess until 7:00 p.m. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, Mrs. O'Neal Ellis, Mr. Holt, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

The Business Session began at 7:00 p.m. Present for the Business Session of the Meeting were the same Board Members listed in the first paragraph above. Also present was Student Board Member Allison Holloway. Also present were Chief Executive Officer Tony Sanders and Interim Superintendent Dr. Kenneth Arndt. The following Administrators were also present: Jeff King, Miguel Rodriguez, Steve Burger, Dr. Suzanne Johnson, Dr. Terri Lozier, Ron Raglin, Dr. Ushma Shah, Christopher Allen, Kinasha Brown, Dale Burnidge, Randal Ellison, Mary Fergus, John Heiderscheidt, Bruce Phelps, Trish Shrode, Rickey Sparks, and Craig Williams. Media representatives Seth Hancock of the Examiner and Geoff Ziezulewicz of the Chicago Tribune as well as other Administrators, guests, and visitors. Student Board Member Holloway led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. District Improvement Plan Report

A. Overview and Update of Dual Language

Dr. Suzanne Johnson, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, Dr. Annette Acevedo, Director of English Language Learners Program, Patricia Makishima, Coordinator of English Language Learners Initiatives, Perry Hayes, Ellis Middle School Principal, Andrea Gaitan, Hilltop Elementary 4th Grade Dual Language Teacher, Yamilet Vazquez, Huff Elementary 6th Grade Dual Language Student, and Makiya McClelland, Harriet Gifford 5th Grade Dual Language Student, presented an update on Dual Language.

The U-46 Dual Language Program has been recognized locally as well as nationally. Dual Language is a program where students learn literacy and content in two languages, with instruction in the partner language at least 50% of the time. There are many benefits to bilingualism for students, families, communities, and the world. The program begins with 80:20 language allocation (80% Spanish and 20% English) in PreK and Kindergarten. The language percentage changes as the grades progress, now leading to 50:50 instruction in 3rd through 6th grade. U-46 offers One-Way and Two-Way Dual Language Programs. One-Way serves Spanish speaking English Language Learners only and Two-Way serving both English Language Learners and English dominant students. In the 2010-2011 school year the District served 275 students in the Dual Language Program. This year, 2015-2016, there are 8,382 students in the program. By the end of 1st grade, 87% of students in the Dual Language Program read at or above grade level in their native language. At the same time, 52% of the students can read at grade level in their second language. The Dual Language Program had above average growth at all grade levels (3, 4, & 5) in reading and math MAP scores (5th grade math had a nearly average score of 47). At all grade levels, U-46 Dual Language students scored above the national average in reading, math, language, and overall SUPERA scores, when compared to other Spanish speaking students. The next step for the 2016-2017 school year is the Dual Language middle school implementation.

2. Comments from the Audience

Kari Hernandez, a teacher in the Gifted Program, raised concerns about the expansion of the Gifted Program to all of the middle schools. She also had several recommendations for the middle schools that would be receiving gifted students next year.

Amyra Smerecky also raised concerns about the decision to expand the Gifted Program to all the middle schools. She questioned how prepared the schools will be and how much support from the District they will get.

Jannah Oazi, a 7th grader at Tefft Middle School, spoke about her concerns with the expansion of the Gifted Program.

Aditi Gurudutt, a 7th grader at Tefft Middle School, spoke about her concerns with the expansion of the Gifted Program and made several suggestions for the new Gifted Program sites.

Mark Gyorko spoke about his concerns with the Dual Language Program not continuing on at Kenyon Woods Middle School. He asked what the plans were for the high schools and if his students left the program during middle school could they then return for high school.

3. Consent Agenda

- A. Personnel Report and Workers' Compensation Cases
- B. Termination of Employees - Rachel S. Reyes, Driver's Assistant, Transportation Department
- C. Change Order - Kimball Middle School - Roof Replacement - #1 Final

- D. Change Order - Plant Operations - Parking Lot Expansion - #1 Final
- E. Change Order -Transportation - Parking Lot and Fuel Pump Improvements - #1 Final

Motion by Mr. Holt, second by Mrs. Kerr, to approve the Consent Agenda items A, B, C, D, and E 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.

4. Discussion/Action

A. Itemized Bills – February 1, 2016

Motion by Ms. Kerr, second by Mr. Costello, to approve the Itemized Bills of February 1, 2016. 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. RESOLUTION abating a portion of the tax heretofore levied for 2015 to pay debt service on the \$18,300,000 School Bonds, Series 1999, of School District Number 46, Kane, Cook and DuPage Counties, Illinois.

Mr. King, Chief Operations Officer/Chief School Business Official, reviewed the resolution. Administration recommended the Board adopt the Resolution abating a portion of the tax heretofore levied for 2015 to pay debt service on the \$18,300,000 School Bonds, Series 1999, of School District Number 46, Kane, Cook and DuPage Counties, Illinois.

Motion by Mrs. Ward, second by Ms. Kerr, to approve the Resolution abating a portion of the tax heretofore levied for 2015 to pay debt service on the \$18,300,000 School Bonds, Series 1999, of School District Number 46, Kane, Cook and DuPage Counties, Illinois. 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. Other Business – Board Member and CEO Update, If Necessary

A. Board Member Update

Mrs. O’Neal Ellis spoke about February being Black History Month and her hopes that classrooms are reaching beyond the usual historical figures.

Mr. Sanders and Dr. Johnson shared with the Board the work the District has been doing to get more information to schools to represent the African American culture.

B. FOIA Requests - 3

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

6. Other Business - CAC Update
Kevin Sweeney presented the CAC update. The next general meeting will be next Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Elgin High School. The topic will be the Dual Language Program.
7. Other Business - Mr. Sanders
 - A. 2016 Capital Projects List
Mr. King, Chief Operations Officer/Chief School Business Official, and Mr. Allen, Director of Plant Operations, reviewed the 2016 Capital Projects List. Mr. King emphasized that the list is still very fluid.
 - B. Secondary Schools Financial Report for the Second Quarter
Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, reviewed the Secondary Schools Quarterly Financial Report. Balances have increased by 6%. The increase is due to the collection of fees. The funds will be spent throughout the rest of the year. The total balance for all of the high schools and middle schools is \$4,114,823.00.
8. Other Business - Employee Matters
 - A. Notice to Remedy - Teacher A
Motion by Mrs. Ward, second by Ms. Kerr, to approve the Notice to Remedy for Teacher A. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, Mrs. O'Neal Ellis, Mr. Holt, Ms. Kerr, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0. (Board Member Noland was not present for vote.)
9. Work Session – Mr. Sanders
 - A. School Fees 2016-2017
Mr. King, Chief Operations Officer/Chief School Business Official, presented the school fees recommendation. There are no increases being requested for the 2016-2017 school year. The Student Insurance costs are listed as "TBD" because the insurance company does not publish new rates until April or May. Administration recommended approval of the School Fees for the 2016-2017 school year. Mr. Sanders reported that this item will be amended for the Gifted Program fees and placed back on the agenda under Discussion Action for the next Board meeting.
10. Work Session – Resolutions
 - A. RESOLUTION Abating the Working Cash Fund - Draw Downs #4, 5, 6
Mr. King, Chief Operations Officer/Chief School Business Official, presented the Resolution and summary. The project summary outlines the capital projects to be funded in 2016 from the proceeds of the 2015 Working Cash Fund bond sale. It lists the projects, the total estimated costs, and the amounts needed in drawdowns 4, 5, and 6 for 2016. Administration recommends the Resolution Abating the Working Cash Fund be adopted by the Board of Education.
11. Work Session - Bids/Proposals
 - A. Bid - Coleman Elementary - 10-Classroom Addition
Mr. Sparks, Director of Business Services, and Mr. Allen, Director of Plant Operations, presented the bid. Administration recommended approval of the low bid meeting specifications to Henry Brothers Company in the amount of

\$4,905,400.00 and requests authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZAB), the Capital Projects Fund, and the Operations and Maintenance Fund.

B. Bid - Highland Elementary - 10-Classroom Addition

Mr. Sparks, Director of Business Services, and Mr. Allen, Director of Plant Operations, presented the bid. Administration recommended approval of the low bid meeting specifications to Frontier Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$4,016,000.00 and requests authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZAB), the Capital Projects Fund, and the Operations and Maintenance Fund.

C. Bid - Laurel Hill Elementary - 6-Classroom Addition

Mr. Sparks, Director of Business Services, and Mr. Allen, Director of Plant Operations, presented the bid. Administration recommended approval of the low bid meeting specifications to Happ Builders, Inc. in the amount of \$4,618,000.00 and requests authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZAB), the Capital Projects Fund, and the Operations and Maintenance Fund.

D. Proposal - Career & Technical Education - Program Quality Audit

Mr. Sparks, Director of Business Services, and Ms. Brown, Coordinator of Career and Technical Education, presented the proposal. Administration recommended approval of the proposal in the amount of \$39,680.00 as submitted by NC3T - National Center for College and Career Transition, and requests authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Carl T. Perkins Grant.

E. Proposal - Curriculum and Instruction - Elementary Teacher - Math Professional Development

Mr. Sparks, Director of Business Services, and Ms. Shrode, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, presented the proposal. Administration recommended approval of the proposal in the amount of \$187,120.00 as submitted by Great Minds, and requests authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Education Fund.

F. Proposal - Business Services - Driver's Education Vehicle Replacement

Mr. Sparks, Director of Business Services, presented the proposal. Administration recommended approval of the proposal in the amount of \$95,910.00 as submitted by Landmark Ford Dealership through Illinois State Contract #4017635, and requests authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Education Fund.

G. Proposal - Plant Operations - Vehicle Replacement

Mr. Sparks, Director of Business Services, and Mr. Allen, Director of Plant Operations, presented the proposal. Administration recommended that the Board of Education approve the proposal as follows: \$131,400.00 as submitted by Currie Motors from the Northwest Municipal Conference Suburban Purchasing Cooperative, and \$85,641.00 as submitted by Bigger's Chevrolet from the GM Government Bid Assistance Program, for a combined total of \$217,041.00 and requests authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Operations and Maintenance Fund.

12. Work Session - Change Orders

A. Change Order - Wireless Cabling Project - 22 Schools - #1 Final

Mr. Allen, Director of Plant Operations, presented the change order. Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the change order from Peak Electric, Inc. in the amount of minus \$95,801.14.

13. Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. O'Neal Ellis, second by Mrs. Ward, to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of February 1, 2016 at 8:54 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 22nd day of February, 2016



President



Secretary