

School District U-46
Elgin, Illinois

January 25, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:02 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, and Donna Smith.

Traci O'Neal Ellis arrived at 6:03 p.m.

President Smith requested a motion to move into Closed Session to discuss information regarding individual student disciplinary matters (suspension and expulsion) and the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees. The motion was made by Mr. Holt, second by Ms. Noland. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, Mrs. O'Neal Ellis, Mr. Holt, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, and Mrs. Smith. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Jeanette Ward arrived at 6:10 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Costello, second by Ms. Kerr to reconvene into Open Session at 6:19 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. O'Neal Ellis, 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, Dr. Suzanne Johnson, Dr. Terri Lozier, Melanie Meidel, Ron Raglin, Dr. Ushma Shah, Christopher Allen, Dale Burnidge, Mary Fergus, John Heiderscheidt, Bruce Phelps, Sue Smith, 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.

A moment of silence was held in honor of Donna Kajpust a U-46 elementary school librarian.

1. Accent on Achievement

A. All State Musicians

As part of the Board of Education's Accent on Achievement, the Board of Education recognized students who were named All-State Musicians by the

Illinois Music Educators Association. These students included: Walker Demel, Choir-Bass I, Elgin High School student; Brandon Berg, Band-Trumpet, Larkin High School student; Alisha Jury, Musical Ensemble, South Elgin High School student; Connor Murray, Honors Choir-Bass II and All-State Musical, South Elgin High School student; Kailie Ryan, Honors Choir-Alto II, South Elgin High School student; Abby Wheatley, Choir-Alto I, South Elgin High School student.

2. Comments from the Audience

Rick Newton spoke about his concerns that National School of Choice week does not receive attention from the District. He feels that parents would be very interested in this.

Larry Bury spoke about his concerns that the Board decided to not move forward on the \$50 million construction bond. He is deeply disappointed and feels that the Board will regret pulling this proposal.

Todd Jackson spoke about diversity in the District. He is concerned that the majority of teachers in the District are white. He feels this is not enough diversity.

Margaret Lesniak spoke about her concerns with the District spreading out the gifted program to all the middle schools. She is worried that there will not be enough qualified teachers and developed curriculum at all the middle schools.

3. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes of Board Meeting - January 11, 2015
- B. Personnel Report and Workers' Compensation Cases
- C. Termination and Approval of the Severance and Full Mutual Release Agreement regarding Lovetta Honegan, Bus Driver, Transportation
- D. School Improvement Plans
- E. Proposal - IS - Data Center Battery Backup at Kenyon Woods
- F. Contract - IS - Gartner Advisory Services - 2-Year Contract Renewal
- G. Change Order - Streamwood High - Unit Ventilator Replacements - #1 Final

Motion by Mrs. Ward, second by Ms. Kerr, to approve the Consent Agenda items A, B, C, D, E, F, and G 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 – January 25, 2016

Motion by Mr. Costello, second by Mrs. O'Neal Ellis, to approve the Itemized Bills of January 25, 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. 2016-2017 School Calendar

Ms. Meidel, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, reviewed the proposed calendar for the 2016-2017 school year. Mrs. Ward asked why only some holidays are listed on the school calendar. Mr. Sanders responded that the holidays listed are attendance days. Holidays not listed are on non-attendance days. Mrs. Ward explained that she would be voting no on the calendar because she feels the first day of school is too early. She also requested that the Board continue to seek feedback from the community on an annual basis.

Motion by Ms. Kerr, second by Mrs. O'Neal Ellis, to approve the 2016-2017 School Calendar. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, Mrs. O'Neal Ellis, Mr. Holt, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: Mrs. Ward. The motion carried by a vote of 6-1.

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

A. Minutes of Board Committee Meetings

Motion by Ms. Kerr, second by Mr. Holt, to accept the October 19, 2015 Board Finance Committee Meeting Minutes. 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.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Mrs. O'Neal Ellis, to accept the November 2, 2015 Board Finance Committee Meeting Minutes. 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. Board Member Update

Mr. Holt spoke about National School of Choice Week being held this week, January 24, 2016 through January 30, 2016.

Mr. Sanders attended the Martin Luther King Prayer Breakfast. Mr. Sanders also thanked the Board for its commitment to the Board of Education Workshop this past Saturday.

Mrs. Smith also thanked the Board Members for participating in the Board of Education Workshop on Saturday. Mrs. Smith added that the Board will be presenting its next steps at a future meeting.

Mrs. O'Neal Ellis is in favor of giving Administration guidelines and to prepare a two-year calendar. She expressed concerns that the feedback from the public is often so hyper-specific that it is difficult to use. She does agree that feedback should be solicited from the public regarding the calendar guidelines.

Mr. Costello doesn't see any problem with getting annual input from the public. He agrees with the long-term guidance for calendar development. Mr. Costello feels annual public input would be helpful.

Ms. Kerr likes the idea of guidelines for the calendar. She has no problem with getting the public's opinion on a calendar that is put together under those guidelines.

Ms. Noland really likes the idea of a two-year calendar. She doesn't have a problem with getting the public's input. Ms. Noland is also in favor of a two-year calendar.

Mr. Holt supports continuing to solicit feedback from the public on calendar development.

Mrs. Smith agrees that the public feedback is important. She suggested that Administration solicit feedback for calendar guidelines. Public feedback will assist the Calendar Committee in calendar development.

Mrs. Ward also supports the two-year calendar and soliciting feedback for the guidelines as long as the public is specifically asked about the start date.

Ms. Noland also supports Mrs. Smith's suggestions and she would like to see feedback from the public regarding the week of Thanksgiving.

Mr. Costello thanked Jeff King and his staff for their responses to his and other Board member's questions.

C. 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

Melissa Owens reported that the Family and Community Engagement Committee will be hosting two events next week; a parent network meeting on Tuesday February 2, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. at the Gail Borden Library and the Realtor Breakfast on Thursday February 4, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. at Elgin High School. She also spoke to several of the vendors that were scheduled to be at the Parent Resource Fair. They are also seeking ways to get information out to parents.

7. Other Business - Individual Student Matters

A. Student B

Motion by Mrs. Ward, second by Mrs. Noland, to approve Administration's recommendation to expel Student B for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year and placed in an alternative setting. 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.

8. Other Business - Mr. Sanders
 - A. December Financial Report

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, reviewed the Financial Report. At the end of December the total fund balances were \$249,431,868.00, which is a decrease of \$18.3 million from November. The District received \$1.3 million from property taxes. The District continues to receive General State Aid payments on time. During December the District also received \$7.5 million in Categoricals. The State owed the District \$10 million as of the end of December. The District received \$3.2 million in federal funds. Total revenue is 10.2 % higher than last year at this time due to higher General State Aid and the financing for the bus purchase. Total expenditures are 6.6% higher but in line with the budget. Total cash balance without Working Cash is \$162.2 million.
 - B. Investment Report for the Second Quarter

Jeff King, Chief Operations Officer/Chief School Business Official and Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations presented the Investment Report for the second quarter. The total portfolio is a little over \$190 million. The current yield is approximately 7.46%. During the October 15, 2015 to December 15, 2015 time period the district has accrued \$155,500.00 in interest.
9. Work Session - Resolutions
 - A. 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 and Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, presented 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.
10. Work Session - Change Orders
 - A. Change Order - Kimball Middle School - Roof Replacement - #1 Final

Mr. Allen, Director of Plant Operations, presented the change order. Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the change order from J.L. Adler Roofing and Sheet Metal in the amount of minus \$14,602.00.
 - B. Change Order - Plant Operations - Parking Lot Expansion - #1 Final

Mr. Allen, Director of Plant Operations, presented the change order. Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the change order from Stenstrom Services Group in the amount of minus \$8,237.40.

C. Change Order -Transportation - Parking Lot and Fuel Pump Improvements - #1 Final

Mr. Allen, Director of Plant Operations, presented the change order.

Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the change order from Stenstrom Petroleum Services Group in the amount of minus \$3,160.75.

11. Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. O'Neal Ellis, second by Mrs. Ward, to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of January 25, 2016 at 7:55 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