

School District U-46
Elgin, Illinois

November 2, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 5:17 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.

After roll call was taken, President Smith requested a motion to move into Closed Session to discuss Individual Student Disciplinary Matters (Suspensions & Expulsions); Acquisition or Sale of Real Property; and Review of Closed Session Minutes. The motion was made by Ms. Kerr, second by Ms. Noland. 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. At 5:59 p.m., the meeting reconvened into Open Session. A motion was made by Mrs. Ward, seconded 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, Interim Superintendent Dr. Kenneth Arndt, Jeff King, Miguel Rodriguez, Steve Burger, Dr. Suzanne Johnson, Dr. Terri Lozier, Melanie Meidel, Ron Raglin, Dr. Ushma Shah, Christopher Allen, Dale Burnidge, Randal Ellison, Mary Fergus, John Heiderscheidt, Bruce Phelps, Rickey Sparks, Sue Smith, April Wells, and Craig Williams. Media representative Seth Hancock of the Examiner was also present, as well as other Administrators, guests, and visitors. Student Board Member Holloway led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Accent on Achievement

A. American Education Week and Education Support Professionals Day

In recognition of American Education Week, November 16-20, 2015, a Proclamation of Appreciation was presented to the Elgin Teachers Association, represented by Ms. Kathryn Castle. In recognition of National Education Support Professionals Day, November 18, 2015, annually falling on the Wednesday of American Education Week, a Proclamation of Appreciation was also presented to the support unions. Each day our teachers and support staff play an important role in the lives of more than 40,000 students in School District U-46. School District U-46 appreciates their hard work and thanked them for their dedication.

2. Comments from the Audience

Aimee Novelli spoke in favor of Full Day Kindergarten.

Nancy Blondin spoke again about her concerns with the boundary changes proposed to Nature Ridge Elementary School and Liberty Elementary School. She feels that Nature Ridge is not overcrowded and statistics show a decline in enrollment in coming years.

Lisa Burke spoke about her concerns with the proposed boundary changes to Nature Ridge. She agrees that the projected decline in enrollment makes the proposed changes unnecessary.

John Kraft spoke about his concerns with the U-46 School Board not allowing a Board Member to listen to the recording of a closed session. He feels that this is against the law and against the District's own policy.

Kirk Allen spoke about his concerns with the use of P-Cards and the purchase of meals by Mr. Sanders and the purchase of catered meals for the School Board Members during meetings.

Tracy Kelly spoke in support of Full Day Kindergarten. She wishes Full Day Kindergarten had been available when her children were in Kindergarten.

Lisa Hopp withdrew her comment because she knows that if she changes her mind and needs to speak she can return to any School Board Meeting and will always be allowed to speak.

Deb Perryman, a teacher in the District, invited the Board to her Students in Action service learning project, Family Reading Night. It will be held at Glenbrook Elementary School on November 11, 2015.

Kate Thommes spoke in support of Full Day Kindergarten. She spoke about her children's experiences in Full Day Kindergarten.

Rebecca Miller spoke about her son with Autism, and his experiences at Otter Creek Elementary School and Abbott Middle School. She wanted to express her gratitude for the Special Education services he has received so far. U-46, Otter Creek, and Abbott have done a wonderful job.

3. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes of Board Meeting – October 19, 2015
- B. Itemized Bills – November 2, 2015
- C. Personnel Report and Workers' Compensation Cases – November 2, 2015
- D. Bid - Food Service - Pre-Packaged Meals / Emergency & Alternative Meal Service
- E. Bid - IS - Title I Additional Computer Equipment Purchase

Mr. Costello requested item B. Itemized Bills – November 2, 2015 be removed from the Consent Agenda and would recommend that Itemized Bills be separate.

Motion by Ms. Kerr, second by Mr. Holt, to approve the Consent Agenda items A, 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.

According to Mr. Costello, separating the Itemized Bills and moving the item to Discussion/Action for future Board Meetings, would allow the Board to make a conscious decision. Ms. Noland asked what the difference is when this item can be pulled from the Consent Agenda anytime. Mr. Costello said that he wants to

make sure the Board makes a conscious decision when expending its resources. Mrs. Smith said the proposed change on the Agenda could be done for the next meeting. Mrs. O'Neal Ellis asked what substantive difference it would make when it can be pulled out whenever a Board Member has a question. Again, Mr. Costello would prefer this item be under Discussion/Action for each meeting. Mrs. O'Neal Ellis had an objection to the insinuation that the Board is not making a conscious decision.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Kerr, to approve the Consent Agenda item B. Itemized Bills – November 2, 2015 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. Report to the Membership - 2015 IASB Delegate Assembly

Mrs. Smith volunteered to represent U-46 at the IASB Delegate Assembly. Administration recommended the same position as the IASB Resolutions Committee. After some discussion, the Board asked for this item to remain on the Agenda for further information. Mrs. Ward had questions about the Charter School Resolution, but she added that Administration had satisfactorily answered her questions. Mrs. Ward and Ms. Kerr had questions regarding the Resolution involving not-for-profit hospitals. Mrs. Smith said the Resolutions would be placed on the November 16, 2015 Agenda and she would attempt to get the IASB rationale for the hospital Resolution.

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

A. Board Member Update

Mrs. Ward visited the transportation department and said it was impressive.

Ms. Kerr and Mr. Sanders visited Center House and said it was a wonderful place and a great program.

Mr. Costello attended a homeowner's association meeting in Wayne. He feels it is very important for the Board Members to stay in touch with the taxpayers.

Mr. Sanders and several Board Members attended the IASB Kishwaukee Dinner. Mr. Sanders also attended Elgin High School's Night of the Living Dead and it was great. He attended Mayor Kaptain's Human Services Summit, which was very well attended and very beneficial, and he did a presentation for the Elgin Civics Club.

Mrs. Smith went to Carol Stream's Intergovernmental Meeting.

B. Minutes of Board Committee Meetings

Administration recommended the Board of Education accept the Minutes of the August 3, 2015 Board Finance Committee Meeting.

Motion by Ms. Kerr, second by Mr. Costello, to accept the Board Finance Committee Meeting's Minutes of August 3, 2015 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.

6. Other Business - CAC Update

Melissa Owens reported that last week the Community and Family Engagement Committee (CAC) had their first PTO networking event. On Wednesday, November 4, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., the Special Education Committee will be holding their fourth session of Special Education University in the Elgin High School Auditorium and Library. The E & F report on boundary changes was approved by the Executive Committee. That report will now go before the General Council and then the report will move in front of the Board. The next general CAC meeting will be next Thursday.

7. Other Business – Mr. Sanders

A. September 30, 2015 Enrollments

Mr. King, Chief Operations Officer/Chief School Business Official, presented the September 30, 2015 Enrollments. As of September 30, 2015, total enrollment is down from last year by 350 students. Early Childhood enrollment is up by 16 students from last year. Elementary enrollment is down by 504 students, Middle School is down by 94 students, and High School is up by 232 students.

B. Investment Report for the First Quarter

Jeff King, Chief Operations Officer/Chief School Business Official, presented the Investment Report for the first quarter. At the time of this report, the District had approximately \$250 million in investments. The current yield is .646% and the interest accrued to date is \$143,540.01.

C. June, July, August and September Financial Reports

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, reviewed the Financial Reports. As of June 30, 2015 the total fund balances were \$222,458,259.00, which is an increase of \$47.2 million for the year. \$40 million of that increase is due to the sale of the working cash bonds. Without the working cash bond revenue the total revenue was about \$2.8 million under budget. Total expenses were about \$9.8 million lower than budget primarily in the salary and benefit categories. Operating funds had a \$9.5 million increase in total for the year. The operating fund balance of \$87.9 million is about 20% of the annual operating fund budget. July and August are the lowest months for revenue and expenses. As of September 30, 2015, the total fund balance was \$308,043,004.00, which is an increase of \$85 million from the June 30, 2015 fund balances. The District has received 46% of the annual property tax receipts. At the end of September the State owed the District \$7.6 million.

D. Secondary Schools Financial Report for the First Quarter

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, reviewed the Secondary Schools Quarterly Financial Report. Balances have increased at almost every high school. The increase is due to the collection of fees. The funds will be spent throughout

the year. The total balance for all of the high schools and middle schools is \$3,871,452.00.

- E. Capital Projects Update
Mr. Allen, Director of Plant Operations, presented the capital projects update.
- F. Approval of Closed Session Minutes
Motion by Ms. Kerr, second by Mr. Holt, to approve the Closed Session Minutes of the May 11, 2015, May 18, 2015, June 15, 2015, June 22, 2015, July 20, 2015, and August, 3, 2015 Meetings as presented. The need for confidentiality still exists as to all or part of closed session minutes and therefore all closed session minutes with the exception of minutes already released, including audio recordings, will remain confidential. 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 - Financial Audit and Related Reports - Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015
 - A. School District U-46
Representatives from RSM reviewed the FY 2015 Annual Financial Report. The audit report will be posted on the District's website, www.u-46.org.
- 9. Work Session Items – Mr. Sanders
 - A. School Resource Officer Contracts for all Secondary Schools with the Bartlett, Elgin, South Elgin and Streamwood Police Departments
Mr. Heiderscheidt, Director of School Safety & Culture, presented the four police School Resource Officer (SRO) Contracts for full-time services in each middle and high school, which are Bartlett, Elgin, South Elgin and Streamwood. These contracts are presented to the Board of Education annually, as a package, after the Contracts have been approved by their respective municipalities.
- 10. Work Session - 2015 Tax Levy
 - A. Determination of 2015 Tax Levy
Mr. King, Chief Operations Officer/Chief School Business Official, and Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, presented the Determination of the 2015 Tax Levy.

The following steps are required when filing a tax levy:

1. The Board of Education determines the amount of the tax levy at least 20 days prior to taking action on the particular levy.
2. The tax levy must be filed with the County Clerk's office by the last Tuesday in December.

At the November 16, 2015 meeting, Administration will ask for the adoption of the proposed levies and the determination of tax levy resolution. On December 14, 2015, Administration will ask for the adoption of the tax levy resolution and the Certificate of Tax Levy. At the November 16, 2015 Meeting, Administration will present the Resolution of Intent to Abate. On December 14, 2015 the Board will vote on the Resolution of Intent to Abate. On January 25, 2015,

Administration will present the Resolution to Abate and transfer funds from the Education Fund to the Bond and Interest Fund to cover the abatement amount. On February 1, 2015, the Board will vote on the Resolution to Abate.

B. Resolution RE: Proposed 2015 Levies

Mr. King, Chief Operations Officer/Chief School Business Official, and Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, presented the Resolution regarding the Proposed 2015 Levies. The Certificate of Tax Levy and the Tax Levy Resolution will be presented on November 16, 2015 and adoption will be requested on December 14, 2015. The tax levy must be filed with the counties by the last Tuesday in December. Administration recommended adoption of the proposed levy resolution on November 16th. The 2015 levy impact on existing homeowners if not abated would be 0.8%.

11. Work Session – Resolutions

A. Resolution Providing for Sale of Real Estate (Jacaranda Property)

Mr. King, Chief Operations Officer/Chief School Business Official, reviewed the Resolution. Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the Resolution Providing for Sale of Real Estate (Jacaranda Property).

12. Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Ward, second by Ms. Kerr, to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of November 2, 2015 at 9:00 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 16th day of November, 2015.



President



Secretary