

School District U-46
Elgin, Illinois

October 1, 2018

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[October 1, 2018, BOE Meeting](#)

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 5:45 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 355 East Chicago Street, Elgin, Illinois. The following Board members answered roll call: Phil Costello, Sue Kerr, Veronica Noland, Melissa Owens, Jeanette Ward, and Donna Smith. Board member Devereux was not present for this meeting.

President Smith requested a motion to move into closed session to discuss 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 5:47 p.m. by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Owens. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

A motion was made at 6:51 p.m. by Mrs. Ward, second by Ms. Kerr, to reconvene into open session. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

The business session began at 7:00 p.m. Present for the business session of the meeting were the same Board members listed above, Student Board Member Jackson Teetor, Chief Executive Officer Tony Sanders, and Chief Legal Officer Miguel Rodriguez. The following administrators were also present: Dr. Josh Carpenter, Ann Chan, Dr. Suzanne Johnson, Dr. Jeff King, Melanie Meidel, Ron Raglin, Dr. Ushma Shah, David Aleman, Cindi Aleman, Mary Fergus, John Heiderscheidt, Elena Hildreth, Brian Lindholm, Bruce Phelps, and Dr. Trisha Shrode. Also present were: media representative Seth Hancock of the Examiner, as well as other administrators, guests, and visitors. Mr. Teetor led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Accent of Achievement

A. National School Lunch Week

In recognition of National School Lunch Week, October 15-19, 2018, a Proclamation of Appreciation was presented to Ms. Hildreth, Director of Food and Nutrition Services. The U-46 Food & Nutrition Services Department serves more than 4,000 breakfast meals and 20,000 lunches every day. They continue to encourage students to live healthy lifestyles.

2. Strategic Plan Report

A. Let's Talk! Update

Mr. Lindholm, Coordinator of Strategic Initiatives, presented an update to the Board of Education on Let's Talk!. On June 19, 2017, the Board approved a three-year agreement with K-12 Insight for Let's Talk!. The District rolled out Let's Talk! in the 2017/2018 school year for all ESC departments. This year, all schools will be available on Let's Talk!. Let's Talk! is available in English and Spanish and includes a Let's Talk! app. The District has received over 1,300 dialogues with an average response time of 1.4 days and an average feedback score of 8.4 on a scale of 1 to 10. The next steps are to get all the schools set up and trained on Let's Talk! by December 2018 and then report back to the Board with results of full implementation in Fall 2019.

3. Comments from the Audience

Tina Pizzitola and Suzanne Willard spoke about DUEA's participation with "Socktober." DUEA will be collecting new socks and underwear to be donated to the Elgin Crisis Center.

Tina Rio spoke about her concerns with the proposed Learning A to Z Curriculum. Ms. Rio is concerned that the curriculum lists all the holidays but leaves out the birth of Christ and Easter.

4. Other Business – Board Member and CEO Update

A. Additional Information

Ms. Owens thanked the members of DUEA for their participation in "Socktober."

Mrs. Ward reported that she read to elementary kids at Hawk Hollow Elementary on their literacy night, and she really enjoyed it.

Ms. Kerr reported that she went on the neighborhood tour with O'Neal Elementary School, and they did a great job.

Mr. Sanders thanked the Boys and Girls Club of Elgin for inviting him to their gala and for all their work with U-46 students.

Mr. Teetor reported that he also went to the neighborhood tour at O'Neal Elementary, and it was very cool. Mr. Teetor read a prepared statement regarding sexual assaults in high school. Mr. Teetor asked the Board to assure him and the community that U-46 does not tolerate acts of sexual violence in schools. Mr. Teetor also asked the Board about reporting sexual violence. He is concerned that if he does not know the procedure to anonymously report acts of sexual violence, other students may not know either. Mr. Teetor also asked if consent, appropriate conduct, and how to report inappropriate incidences are taught in the classroom.

Mrs. Ward stated that these topics are covered in Health classes.

Ms. Noland agreed with Mr. Teetor and would like to know the answers to his questions.

Mr. Sanders stated that the Health curriculum has been updated to include these topics and he will follow up with Mr. Heiderscheidt to put together a report to present to the Board.

B. FOIA Request – 5

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

5. Consent Agenda

- A. Personnel Report and Workers' Compensation Cases
- B. Termination of Jeffrey K. Boldt, Cafeteria Monitor, Streamwood High School
- C. Minutes of Board Meeting - August 20, 2018
- D. School Resource Officer Contracts for all Secondary Schools with the Bartlett, Elgin, South Elgin, and Streamwood Police Departments
- E. Bid - Information Services - Analog Phone Line 2018
- F. Proposal - Curriculum and Instruction - Learning A to Z
- G. Proposal - Curriculum and Instruction - Title I Instrument Lessons - Larkin High School
- H. Contract Renewal - Information Services – Read 180 and System 44

Mrs. Ward requested item F. Proposal – Curriculum and Instruction – Learning A to Z – be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Ms. Owens requested item H. Contract Renewal – Information Services – Read 180 and System 44 – be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Motion by Ms. Kerr, second by Ms. Noland, to approve the Consent Agenda of October 1, 2018, items A, B, C, D, E, and G, as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

6. Discussion/Action

A. Consent Agenda Item F. Proposal - Curriculum and Instruction - Learning A to Z

Motion by Ms. Owens, second by Ms. Kerr, to approve the proposal for Curriculum and Instruction – Learning A to Z.

Mrs. Ward stated that the curriculum proposed presents anthropogenic global warming as undisputed fact. Mrs. Ward stated that there are serious and credible scientific debates on this topic. Mrs. Ward believes that students should be presented with the evidence and discussion on both sides of the issue. Mrs. Ward also stated that this curriculum presents a biased view of Islam. In a section titled “Holidays Around the World”, Ramadan is listed first. Mrs. Ward noted Christ is not mentioned when talking about Christmas, and Easter is not mentioned at all. For these reasons, Mrs. Ward indicated that she would be voting no.

Ms. Owens asked Dr. Shrode to explain what this resource is and how it was chosen.

Dr. Shrode explained that this is a supplemental resource and not curriculum. Most teachers are using this resource because the books can be printed and are available in English and Spanish. This resource is used like a classroom library.

Ms. Owens stated that she does not believe this is a resource that is trying to overthrow the educational system. Ms. Owens stated that there are a significant number of Islamic students in the District, and she wants them all to know that they are valued, welcomed, and deserve the utmost respect regarding their family, culture, and belief system. Ms. Owens stated that climate change needs to be taught because it is the scientific consensus. Ms. Owens stated that she believes it is appropriate to have it in the literature that students are reading.

Mr. Costello stated that he tends to remove himself from these discussions but what he finds a little concerning about this resource is the lack of balance. Mr. Costello agreed that all backgrounds must be respected.

Dr. Shrode stated that there are about 3,500 titles in this resource and about 25 added monthly. That is a broad representation of non-fiction and fiction in Spanish and English.

Mrs. Ward stated that she would like to change her statement to reflect that these are supplemental resources and not curricular resources, but the taxpayers are still paying for these resources and the facts in them are biased and incorrect.

Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: Mr. Costello and Mrs. Ward. The motion carried by a vote of 4-2.

B. Consent Agenda Item H. Contract Renewal - Information Services – Read 180 and System 44

Motion by Ms. Owens, second by Ms. Kerr, to approve the contract renewal for Information Services – Read 180 and System 44.

Ms. Owens asked Dr. Shrode to clarify the difference in cost between the software licenses and hosting.

Dr. Shrode stated that you buy the licenses so teachers and students have access to it, and hosting is running the product and updating the product in the background.

Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

C. Itemized Bills – October 1, 2018

Dr. King, Deputy Superintendent of Operations/Chief School Business Official, presented the list of itemized bills. Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the List of Bills in the amount of \$5,906,333.74.

Motion by Ms. Owens, second by Mr. Costello, to approve the list of itemized bills of October 1, 2018, in the amount of \$5,906,333.74 as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

7. Other Business - Student Disciplinary Cases

A. Student A

Motion by Ms. Kerr, second by Ms. Owens, to approve administration's recommendation to expel Student A for two years, the remainder of the 2018/2019 school year and the 2019/2020 school year. While serving the expulsion, Student A will have the opportunity to enroll in alternative education programs. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

8. Other Business - CAC Update

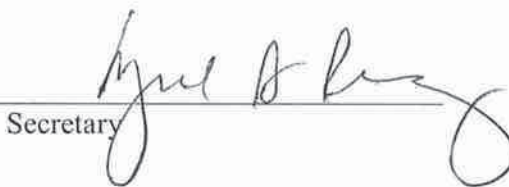
No update from CAC.

9. Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Ward, second by Ms. Owens, to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of October 1, 2018, at 7:56 p.m. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Costello, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Smith. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Approved this 19th day of November, 2018.


President


Secretary