

**School District U-46**  
Elgin, Illinois

March 2, 2020

**The video of the March 2, 2020 meeting can be found here:**  
[March 2, 2020, BOE Meeting](#)

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:15 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 355 East Chicago Street, Elgin, Illinois. The following Board members answered roll call: John Devereux, Veronica Noland, Melissa Owens, Donna Smith, Kate Thommes, and Sue Kerr.

President Kerr 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, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public, or legal counsel for the public body; 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 6:17 p.m. by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Owens. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Thommes and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

A motion was made at 7:02 p.m. by Ms. Thommes second by Ms. Noland, to reconvene into open session. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

The business session began at 7:06 p.m. Present for the business session of the meeting were the same Board members listed above, Student Board Member Hallie Furtak, Chief Executive Officer Tony Sanders and Chief Legal Officer Miguel Rodriguez. The following administrators were also present: Steve Burger, Dr. Josh Carpenter, Ann Chan, Dr. Suzanne Johnson, Dr. Jeff King, Lela Majstorovic, Dr. Ushma Shah, Dale Burnidge, Sheila Downs, Mary Fergus, John Heiderscheidt, Laura Macias, Bruce Phelps and Dr. Trisha Shrode. Also present were: other administrators, guests, and visitors. Ms. Furtak led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board member Porter arrived at 7:08 p.m.

1. Accent on Achievement – Mr. Sanders

A. IHSA 2020 Cheerleading State Finals Champions

As part of the Board of Education's Accent on Achievement, the Board of Education recognized the South Elgin High School Co-Ed Varsity Cheer Team for being named champions at the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Cheerleading State Finals. The South Elgin Storm team, comprised of 24 students from all grade levels, faced off against 25 other co-ed groups in Bloomington, Illinois in February. The South Elgin Team consists of Mercedes Alejandre, Jovanina Anesi, Samantha Carlson, Tristan Cruz, Andrea Domin,

Nicholas Domschke, Abigail Greco, Olivia Herak, Avery Jagers, Samantha Jimenez, Mya Lyons, Krista Martin, Shannon Martin, Karly Mastrangeli, Morgan Poole, Kaitlyn Ramos, Thomas Ramos, Mark Rundio, Alexis Salazar, Lillian Seifrid, Alexandra Spires, Sydney Woertendyke, Alexandra Wrobel, and Kendall York.

B. National School Social Work Week

In recognition of National School Social Work Week, the U-46 Board of Education presented a Proclamation of Appreciation to Mary Abbott, U-46 Lead Social Worker, on behalf of all U-46 students, staff, and families. School District U-46 employs approximately 90 social workers.

2. Comments from the Audience

There were no public comments.

3. Other Business – Board Member and CEO Update

A. Additional Information

Mr. Sanders stated the selection process for the next student advisor is in process, and that four candidates for the position were in attendance at the Board meeting tonight.

Ms. Thommes stated that she attended bingo for Project Access, and Mr. Sanders was a guest bingo caller.

Ms. Noland stated that she was a guest at Friday's Parapalooza event, which included paraprofessionals from U-46 and District 300, and that it was a very informative and beneficial program.

Ms. Kerr congratulated Mr. Sanders on passing the Superintendent exam.

Ms. Furtek stated that the U-46 Student Summit would be taking place this week, and that there are some good topics on the agenda, and she is excited for the conversations that will take place.

B. FOIA Requests - 7

Mr. Sanders stated there were seven (7) FOIA requests that the District has responded to since the previous Board meeting, and the responses are available on the Board book and would be made available on the District's website.

4. Consent Agenda

A. Personnel Report and Workers' Compensation Cases

B. Minutes of Board Meeting – February 24, 2020

C. Contract Renewal - Transportation Department - Versatrans Maintenance, Support, and Hardware Contract Renewal

D. Bid - Plant Operations - Streamwood High School Painting Project Phase Two

E. Bid - Plant Operations - Streamwood High School Tennis Court Reconstruction Project #312

- F. Proposal - Plant Operations - Larkin High School Electrical Work for Modular Unit Project #265
- G. Proposal - Curriculum and Instruction - Title I Technology Phase II Purchase
- H. Proposal - Curriculum and Instruction - iPad and Chromebook Purchase
- I. Proposal - Secondary Instruction and Equity - Dual Credit Resources for Full and Part-Time Students
- J. Building Permits - 3

Motion by Ms. Owens, second by Mrs. Porter, to approve the consent agenda items A-J as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

5. Discussion/Action

A. Itemized Bills – March 2, 2020

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education regarding the attached bills. Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the List of Bills in the amount of \$4,646,662.10.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Owens, to approve the list of itemized bills of March 2, 2020, in the amount of \$4,646,662.10 as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

B. Bid - Curriculum and Instruction - Learning Management System

Mr. Phelps, Senior Business Official of Business Services, Dr. Shrode, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Dr. Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, were available to respond to Board questions.

Motion by Ms. Thommes, second by Ms. Owens, to approve the Bid - Curriculum and Instruction - Learning Management System as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

C. HR Resolutions

In order to follow state guidelines that allow for staff dismissal up until 45 days before the end of the school year, the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources annually presents personnel categories that are eligible for possible dismissal. Depending on the budget situation and when programs and classes are determined for the next school year, some of these individuals may be rehired providing they have proper licensure. While the Board of Education takes this action very seriously, dismissal consideration is customary at this time of year in order to follow state requirements. Each Resolution must be voted on separately. HR Resolutions will also be presented at the March 9, 2020 Board of Education Meeting. (Board Policy 5.206 - Reduction in Certified Staff Work Force)

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Mrs. Porter, to approve the Resolution C Authorizing Honorable Dismissal of Teachers (2015) as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

D. Minutes of Board Committee Meeting

Administration recommended the Board of Education accept the Minutes of the January 13, 2020 Board of Education Legislation Committee Meeting.

Motion by Ms. Owens, second by Ms. Noland, to approve the Minutes of the January 13, 2020 Board of Education Legislation Committee Meeting as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

6. Other Business – CAC Update

There were no CAC updates.

7. Work Session - Contracts Over \$25,000.00 (Board Policy 4.060 - Purchasing/Purchasing Authority)

A. Contract Renewal - Financial Operations - Annual Support and Update Licensing for Workforce Software

Mr. Phelps, Senior Business Official of Business Services, and Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, presented the contract renewal and were available to respond to Board questions. Administration recommended approval of the contract renewal with Workforce Software in the amount of \$48,110.00 and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Educational Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

8. Work Session - Bids/Proposals (Board Policy 4.060 - Purchasing/Purchasing Authority)

A. Bid - Information Services - E-Rate Program Wireless Access Point (WAP)

Mr. Phelps, Senior Business Official of Business Services, and Ms. Macias, Director of Information Services, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended award of the low bid meeting specifications to Comcast in the amount of \$250,447.71, and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Educational Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

B. Bid - Plant Operations - Elgin High School - Memorial Field Stadium Improvements Project #237

Mr. Phelps, Senior Business Official of Business Services, and Ms. Downs, Director of Plant Operations, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended award of the low bid meeting specifications to F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen and Associates, LLC. in the amount of \$4,614,777.00, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related

documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Operations and Maintenance Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

C. Bid - Plant Operations - Bartlett High School Project #206 and Spring Trail Project #1425 Parking Lot Resurfacing

Mr. Phelps, Senior Business Official of Business Services, and Ms. Downs, Director of Plant Operations, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended award of the low bid meeting specifications to A Lamp Concrete Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$548,743.00, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Operations and Maintenance Fund.

9. Work Session - Change Orders (Board Policy 4.164 - Construction Contracts, Bidding, Awards, and Payments)

A. Change Order - Plant Operations - Educational Service Center Passenger Elevator Modernization Project #329

Mr. Phelps, Senior Business Official of Business Services, and Ms. Downs, Director of Plant Operations, presented the change order and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the change order with Northwest Contractors, Inc. in the amount of minus \$50,000.00.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Owens, to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of March 2, 2020, at 7:45 p.m. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Approved this 9th day of March, 2020.

Susan E. Kerr  
President

Myrle B. Rogers  
Secretary