

## Highlights from the June 21, 2021 U-46 Board of Education meeting

The Board of Education meeting was held at 355 East Chicago Street, Elgin.

The Board approved in the Consent Agenda and during Discussion/Action

- Personnel report of 6/21/21 and Board meeting minutes of 6/7/21
- Bills in the amount of \$9,478,470.78
- The purchase of additional desks and chairs for elementary classrooms
- Curriculum proposals (INCubatoredu, Latino/a/x Studies, Specialized Student Services Study Skills) that had been presented at the 6/7/21 Board meeting.
- A proposed resolution to the IASB Delegate Assembly to allow remote participation to continue after the Covid emergency has passed.
- A resolution to refund certain bonds to reduce interest payments.
- Various bids, contracts, and proposals

During the Strategic Plan Report, the Board received two updates.

- [U-46 Rising](#) is aimed at improving student outcomes through a new organizational structure, practices to improve equity and inclusion, and core instruction that develops student-led academic teaming.
- The [Early Learner Initiatives](#) presentation discussed the district's birth to age 5 initiative, reviewed the importance of early learning, and shared how programs are being evaluated.

The Board also heard presentations on three curriculum proposals.

- The [Freshman Seminar](#) is a one-semester exploratory course which will provide freshmen with information on College and Career Academies and Educational Pathways as well as helping them develop academic and social-emotional skills.
- A [School Connect](#) resource for DREAM Academy to supplement its SAIL (Social-Emotional, Academic, Intervention Lessons) courses.
- A 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade [Counseling Framework](#) which will enable counselors to better help students make informed decisions about their plans for high school, post-secondary choices, and personal and social wellness.

During Work Session the Board also considered resolutions, contracts, bids, and proposals which will be voted on at the next meeting. Highlights included:

- A resolution identifying additional Hazardous Area Designations for busing purposes.
- A three-year contract for contract cleaning services for the middle schools and high schools.

A link to the video of the Board meeting can be found [here](#). A link to the complete Board meeting packet can be found [here](#).

The next Board of Education meeting will be held on Monday, July 19, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., at 355 E. Chicago St., Elgin.