

School District U-46
Elgin, Illinois

December 14, 2020

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[December 14, 2020, BOE Meeting](#)

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 355 E. Chicago Ave, Elgin, Illinois. The following Board Members answered roll call: John Devereux, Veronica Noland, Donna Smith, Kate Thommes, Eva Porter and Sue Kerr.

Ms. Kerr stated that Governor Pritzker issued Covid-19 Executive Order 70 which extends modifications to the Open Meetings Act and permits public bodies to meet remotely through electronic means. Based on the current health concerns, Ms. Kerr determined that it was neither practical nor prudent to hold an in-person meeting of the Board of Education on December 14, 2020. Therefore, the Board meeting scheduled for December 14, 2020 was held remotely using Zoom Webinar in compliance with the procedures set forth in Public Act 101-640 and Covid-19 Executive Order 70.

Ms. 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 or employees; review of closed session minutes; and individual student matters.

The motion was made at 6:03 p.m. by Ms. Noland, and seconded by Ms. Thommes. Upon roll call yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Noland, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, Mrs. Smith and Ms. Kerr. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 6-0.

A motion was made at 6:50 p.m. by Ms. Thommes, second by Mrs. Porter, to reconvene into open session. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Noland, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

The public business session began at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Owens joined the meeting for business session.

Present in-person for the business session was Superintendent Tony Sanders. The other Board members listed above and Chief Legal Officer Miguel Rodriguez were present for the meeting virtually via Zoom. The following administrators were also present virtually via Zoom: Steve Burger, Dr. Josh Carpenter, Ann Chan, Dr. Suzanne Johnson, Dr. Jeff King, Dr. Teresa Lance,

Lela Majstorovic, Dr. Ushma Shah, Sheila Downs, Mary Fergus, John Heiderscheidt, Brian Lindholm, and Bruce Phelps. Also present for the meeting via Zoom were student Board member Olivia Howell, other administrators, and members of the public.

Ms. Kerr led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

2. Other Business – Board Member and Superintendent Update, If Necessary

A. Additional Information

Ms. Owens stated that she was currently at work and was joining the meeting for public comment and the voting portion of the meeting, and would be leaving the meeting during work session.

Ms. Kerr stated that she attended the Girls Who Code Zoom event (Elgin High School) and was very impressed with the students' skills and presentations.

Mrs. Porter stated that she also attended the Girls Who Code event, and there were presentations given on a number of current topics. Mrs. Porter stated she was impressed with these presentations and hopes this group will be extended to other schools in the District. Mrs. Porter also stated she attended a DLR community workshop group, where the purpose was to understand current community conditions to determine how U-46 schools can achieve their vision.

B. FOIA Requests

Mr. Sanders stated there were twelve (12) 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.

3. Consent Agenda – Mr. Sanders

- A. Personnel Report and Workers' Compensation Cases
- B. Minutes of Board Meeting – November 2, 2020
- C. Minutes of Board Meeting – November 16, 2020
- D. Termination of Elizabeth Mendez - Food and Nutrition Services
- E. Termination of Noel Rivera - Dean's Assistant
- F. Termination of Jennifer Selvick - Noon Hour Supervisor
- G. Termination of Amreen Shiekh - Food and Nutrition Services
- H. Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding Northern Kane County Regional Vocational System (EFE 110)
- I. Change Order - Plant Operations - Abbott Middle School Site Reconstruction Project #355
- J. Change Order - Plant Operations - Elgin High School Stadium Improvements Project #237

- K. CAC Bylaws Update
- L. Contract Renewal - Equity and Innovation - Panorama Education

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Mrs. Porter to approve the consent agenda item A-L, 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 7-0.

4. Discussion/Action – Mr. Sanders

A. Itemized Bills – December 14, 2020

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, will respond to questions from the Board of Education regarding the attached bills. Administration recommends the Board of Education approve the List of Bills in the amount of \$10,495,845.73.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Mrs. Porter to approve the itemized bills in the amount \$10,495,845.73. 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. Tax Levy Resolution

Dr. King, Deputy Superintendent of Operations/Chief School Business Official, and Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. The Resolution, and the Certificate of Tax Levy are filed with the County Tax Extension offices. Administration recommended the Board of Education adopt the Tax Levy Resolution.

Motion by Ms. Owens, second by Ms. Thommes to approve the Tax Levy Resolution, 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. Certificate of Tax Levy

Dr. King, Deputy Superintendent of Operations/Chief School Business Official, and Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. The attached Certificate is the final draft of the levy amounts that will be filed with the county clerks. This Certificate must be filed by the last Tuesday in December. Administration recommended the Board of Education adopt the Certificate of Tax Levy.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Mrs. Porter to approve the Certificate of Tax Levy, as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. The motion carried by a vote 7-0.

D. Minutes of Board Committee Meeting

Administration recommends the Board of Education accept the November 2, 2020 Board of Education Finance Committee Minutes.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second Ms. Owens, to approve the November 2, 2020 Board of Education Finance Committee minutes, as presented. Upon roll call yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Thommes and Mr. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0

5. Other Business – CAC Update (Board Policy 2.152 – Advisory Committees to the Board)

A. Additional Information

There were no CAC updates.

6. Other Business – Financial Report

A. November Financial Report

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, reviewed the Financial Report and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education.

B. Termination of William Meyers' Administrator Contract

Motion by Ms. Noland, second Mrs. Porter, to approve the Termination of William Meyers' Administrator Contract. Upon roll call yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Noland, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Thommes and Mr. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-1 (1 abstention – Ms. Owens).

Ms. Owens left the meeting.

8. Work Session – Mr. Sanders

A. Alignment Collaborative for Education Renewal

Ms. Coleman, Executive Director of Alignment Collaborative for Education, and Mr. Sikorski, Chair of Alignment Collaborative for Education, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of School District U-46's partnership with Alignment Collaborative for Education (ACE) and requested the Board of Education agree to a one-year extension in the amount of \$51,000.00.

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

A. Bid - Plant Operations - Streamwood High School Painting Project Phase Three Project #M0064

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 BP&T Construction in the amount of \$112,800.00, 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 2020-2021 fiscal year.

B. Bid - Plant Operations - South Elgin High School Lift Line Replacement and Re-Termination

Mr. Phelps, Senior Business Official of Business Services, and Ms. Downs, Director of Plant Operations, presented the proposal and were available to respond to Board questions. Administration recommended approval of the low bid meeting specification to Vertigo in the amount of \$31,000.81 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 2020-2021 fiscal year.

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

A. Change Order - Plant Operations - 1019 East Chicago Street Phase II Project #2054

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 from Troop Contracting, Inc. in the amount of minus \$92,408.90.

B. Change Order - Plant Operations - Abbott Middle School Chimney Repair Service Project #356

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 from Jimmy'Z Masonry Corp. in the amount of minus \$9,370.38.

C. Change Order - Plant Operations - Bartlett High School and Spring Trail Elementary School Resurfacing Improvements Project #206 and 1425

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 from A Lamp Concrete Contractors, Inc. in the amount of minus \$19,838.73.

D. Change Order - Plant Operations - Coleman Elementary School Ventilation HVAC Project #682

Mr. Phelps, Senior Business Official of Business Services, and Ms. Downs, Director of Plant Operations, will present 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 from Mechanical Concepts of Illinois, Inc. in the amount of minus \$19,062.28.

- E. Change Order - Plant Operations - Larsen Middle School Site Improvements Project #501
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 from A Lamp Concrete Contractors, Inc. in the amount of minus \$59,850.00.
- F. Change Order - Plant Operations - Larkin High School Electric Service Main Replacement Project #263
Mr. Phelps, Senior Business Official of Business Services, and Ms. Downs, Director of Plant Operations, presented the attached change order and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the change order from Kellenberger Electric, Inc. in the amount of minus \$22.58.
- G. Change Order - Plant Operations - Larkin High School Nurse's Office Project #262
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 from L.J. Morse Construction Co. in the amount of minus \$28,987.11.
- H. Change Order - Plant Operations - McKinley Elementary School Lower Level HVAC Project #1202
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 from F.E. Moran, Inc. in the amount of minus \$25,850.00.
11. Work Session - Application for Approval of Ten-Year Safety Survey Reports and Certification of Need for Fire Prevention and Safety Funds. Dr. King and Ms. Downs will present the following Reports and Certifications and will answer any Board questions. Administration requests approval to submit the Ten-Year Safety Survey Reports and related Health/Life Safety Amendments to the Regional Office of Education for Approval.
- A. Summary of Ten-Year Safety Survey Reports
 - B. Bartlett Elementary School/Amendment #20
 - C. Bartlett High School/Amendment #7
 - D. Canton Middle School/Amendment #12
 - E. Clinton Elementary School/Amendment #16

- F. Elgin High School/Amendment #18
- G. Gifford Street High School/Amendment #23
- H. Harriet Gifford Elementary School/Amendment #20
- I. Horizon Elementary School/Amendment #10
- J. Kimball Middle School/Amendment #18
- K. Lord's Park Elementary School/Amendment #10
- L. Memorial Field at Elgin High School/Amendment #3
- M. Millennium Field at Streamwood High School/Amendment #4
- N. Ontarioville Elementary School/Amendment #16
- O. Ridge Circle Elementary School/Amendment #11
- P. Streamwood High School/Amendment #15
- Q. Sunnydale Elementary School/Amendment #14
- R. Willard Elementary School/Amendment #17

12. Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Thommes, second by Ms. Noland, to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of December 14, 2020 at 7:50 p.m. Upon roll call yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Noland, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Thommes and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Approved this 11th day of January 2021.

Susan E. Kerr
President

Myra B. Rodgers
Secretary