

School District U-46
Elgin, Illinois

September 28, 2020

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[September 28, 2020, BOE Meeting](#)

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

Ms. Kerr stated that Governor Pritzker issued Covid-19 Executive Order 51 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 September 28, 2020. Therefore, the Board meeting scheduled for September 28, 2020 was held remotely using Zoom Webinar in compliance with the procedures set forth in Public Act 101-640 and Covid-19 Executive Order 51.

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, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, Mrs. Smith and Ms. Kerr. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 7-0.

A motion was made at 6:52 p.m. by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Thommes, to reconvene into open session. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Smoth, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

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

Present in-person for the business session was Superintendent Tony Sanders. The Board members listed above and Chief Legal Officer Miguel Rodriguez were present virtually via Zoom. The following administrators were also present virtually via Zoom: Dr. Suzanne Johnson, Dr. Josh Carpenter, Ann Chan, Brian Lindholm, Bruce Phelps and Dale Burnidge. Also present for the meeting via Zoom were student Board member Olivia Howell, Dr. Jeff King, Steve Burger, Dr.

Teresa Lance, Lela Majstorovic, Sheila Downs, Mary Fergus, other administrators, and members of the public.

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

Ms. Kerr re-stated that Governor Pritzker issued Covid-19 Executive Order 51, 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 September 28, 2020. Therefore, the Board meeting scheduled for September 28, 2020 was held remotely using a Zoom Webinar in compliance with the procedures set forth in Public Act 101-640 and Covid-19 Executive Order 51.

A moment of silence was held for two U-46 students. Trishauna Montgomery, age 9 passed away on September 13, 2020. Trishauna was a 4th grade student at Washington Elementary. Juan Quintanella Favela, age 5 passed away on September 11, 2020. Juan was a Kindergarten student at Coleman Elementary.

1. Strategic Plan Report - Mr. Sanders (Board Policy 2.020 - School Board Powers and Duties)

A. Updated Plan for Reopening for School Year 2020-2021

Mr. Sanders, Superintendent, and Dr. Suzanne Johnson, Deputy Assistant Superintendent of Instruction discussed the Update on the 2020-2021 Back to School Plan with the Board of Education. Mr. Sanders reminded that the same three models that we have been working to build on behalf of our students and communities. With every child being in Distance Learning we also have the desire for long-term students being in classrooms and the third being a Hybrid model where there would be a combination of distance and in-person learning.

Dr. Johnson reviewed how the different models would look, the more frequently asked questions as well as the tentative schedule. Dr. Johnson also reviewed the tentative timeline which is:

- 10/8 – Ongoing: Specialized Student Services Programs return.
 - Transition Programming: SEHS, Center House and CPS
 - ENI and ENII
 - ILP and MLP
 - DHH
- 10/9: Family Notice of Instruction Day Schedule
- 10/23: Teacher/Student Assignment Updates for Households
- 10/26: K-2 Hybrid Start

Dr. Johnson addressed those groups of students who would be returning at a later time:

- Grades 3-6 (Fall/Winter while in Moderate Transmission)
- Middle School (When in Minimal Transmission)
- High School (When in Minimal Transmission)

2. Public Comments

Kelly Carlowicz stated that she has a daughter in 1st grade and was concerned when she heard that there was a possibility that teacher assignments could be changed. Ms. Carlowicz indicated that her daughter's teacher wasn't aware that this could happen. Mr. Sanders stated that teachers as well as families have been part of this conversation and thanked Ms. Carlowicz for her comment.

3. Other Business

Superintendent Sanders recognized Board President Kerr and Board Member Owens as level 2 Master Board members as designated by the Illinois Associate of School Boards (IASB). He also recognized Board Member Smith for maintaining her Master Board Member designation, and presented Board Member Noland with her certificate for being now being recognized as a Master Board Member by IASB.

Board President Kerr also shared recent IASB updates.

4. Consent Agenda

- A. Personnel Report and Workers' Compensation Cases
- B. Minutes of Board Meeting – September 14, 2020
- C. Termination of Demarco Suggs – Bus Driver
- D. Contract Renewal – Annual Support and Licensing for Workforce Timeclocks
- E. Contract Renewal – Assessment – Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) – MAP
- F. Bid – Plant Operations – Pipe Insulation Project at Elgin High School
- G. Occupancy Permits – 15

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Owens to approve the consent agenda items 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.

5. Discussion/Action

A. Itemized Bills – September 28, 2020

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education regarding the itemized bills. Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the itemized bills in the amount of \$7,887,873.67.

Motion by Ms. Owens, second by Mrs. Thommes to approve the itemized bills in the amount of \$7,887,873.67. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Thommes and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

- B. Resolution Adopting School District U-46 Budget, July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021
Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Superintendent Sanders noted that the Budget has been presented to the Board on multiple occasions for discussion. Administration recommended that the Board of Education approve the Adoption of School District U-46 Budget, July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021.

Motion by Mrs. Porter, second by Ms. Noland to approve the adoption of School District U-46 Budget, July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote 7-0.

6. Other Business – Employee Matters (Board Policy 5.212 – Suspension and Dismissal of Certified Staff Members)

- A. Resolution Regarding the Suspension and Dismissal of Tenured Teacher A - Juan Betancourt.

Motion to approve by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Owens to approve the Suspension and Dismissal of Tenured Teacher A - Juan Betancourt. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion was carried by a vote 7-0.

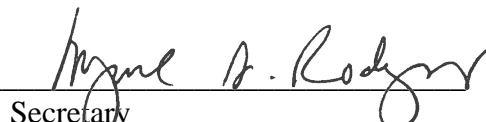
7. Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Thommes, second by Ms. Noland to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of September 28, 2020 at 7:56 p.m.

Approved this 5th day of October, 2020.



President



Secretary