

School District U-46
Elgin, Illinois

February 7, 2022

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[February 7, 2022, BOE Meeting](#)

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 355 E. Chicago Ave, Elgin, Illinois. The following Board members answered roll call: John Devereux, Dawn Martin, Veronica Noland, Melissa Owens, Eva Porter, 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; 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 5:01 p.m. Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Thommes. Upon roll call yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 7-0.

A motion was made at 7:00 p.m. by Ms. Owens, second by Ms. Thommes, to move to open session. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Present for the business session were Superintendent Tony Sanders, Chief Legal Officer Trisha Olson, Board members John Devereux, Dawn Martin, Veronica Noland, Melissa Owens, Eva Porter, Kate Thommes, and Sue Kerr. The following administrators were also present at the District's central office: Dr. Josh Carpenter, Ericka Brown, Kerry Foderaro, Dr. Suzanne Johnson, Dr. Teresa Lance, Lela Majstorovic, Brian Lindholm, and Bruce Phelps. Present for the meeting via Zoom were other administrators and members of the public.

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

A moment of silence was held for Monica Sandoval.

1. Accent of Achievement - Mr. Sanders

A. National Counseling Week

In recognition of National School Counseling Week, the U-46 Board of Education presented a Proclamation of Appreciation to Alexa Charsha-Hahn, U-46 lead counselor,

on behalf of all U-46 school counselors. School District U-46 has 45 school counselors serving more than 17,000 students in five high schools, eight middle schools, and two alternative programs. The role of a school counselor is to support a student's academic, social, and emotional growth and help them establish plans for their future. Counselors meet with students throughout the school year on both an individual and group basis to address social and emotional issues that arise in their lives and help them create academic plans that align with their post-high school goals.

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

A. U-46 Rising Rigor Diagnostics and Rigor Walk Update

Ms. Winters, Executive Director of the Streamwood Network, Ms. Arroyo, Parkwood Elementary School Principal, Ms. Sheeks, Parkwood Elementary School Teacher, Ms. Citron, Parkwood Elementary School Teacher, and Mrs. Torres, Parkwood Elementary School Instructional Coach, provided the Board of Education an update on U-46 Rigor Diagnostics and the Parkwood Elementary School Rigor Walk.

2021-2022 Professional Development - All Schools:

Professional Development Sessions

Designing Implementation - Schools for Rigor and Equity, Middle Schools, High Schools
ILI - Instructional Leadership Institute

On-Site Coaching

Leadership Coaching (Principals and Executive Directors)

Faculty Coaching (Teachers)

Compelling Purpose Mission:

To promote opportunities for all students to achieve their maximum potential in all aspects of life - academic, social-emotional, and physical for the purpose of educating the whole child; Utilize student and community assets to provide instruction; Support an inclusive environment to be culturally responsive; Meet the needs of culturally and linguistically diverse learners in our school and community; Leverage and bridge the assets of work with our educators, Education Support Professionals, students, parents, and community leaders

Vision:

Parkwood will empower students to develop their dreams and convert them to reality.

Theory of Action:

If we invest in collaborative work centered on student outcomes and instruction, then we will create a culture of shared responsibility, and students will demonstrate proficiency in the standards.

Learning and Implementation Across Parkwood: Gen Ed/Dual Language collaboration in PLCs for classroom implementation; Target/Task alignment; Special Education

connection; Specials/Health/Digital Literacy implementation; Academic Teaming is possible for all grade levels

The Board and Mr. Sanders thanked the team for putting this presentation together, and for their work this year implementing U-46 Rising.

B. School Improvement Plan Update

Dr. Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, and Ms. Hill, Director of Assessment and Accountability, provided the Board of Education with an update on the Continuous School Improvement Plans.

2021-2022 School Year: ● Provide the Board of Education link to school sites for approval
● Schools continue to document work and evidence in the same google site for multiple years
● School Goals align to District Strategic Plan
● Schools linked valuable SIP/MTSS team minutes and agendas and 45-day action plans.

Continuous School Improvement Committee: To accomplish the integration of our work related to School Improvement, we have convened a Continuous School Improvement Committee to evaluate all aspects of assessment use and will address the following outcomes: 1. Explore all procedures and processes related to assessment use. 2. Make recommendations regarding moving away from over-reliance on Type 1 assessment. 3. Review current U-46 data trends, data collection methods and data warehousing procedures that lead to enhanced access. 4. Clearly articulate both leading and lagging indicators of success relative to our Equity Plan and U-46 Rising work; inclusive of quantitative, qualitative and/or descriptive data. 5. Research, Develop and recommend an enhanced District Improvement Planning model/structure and resources to support the SIP process.

The Board thanked the team for putting together such a detailed presentation. Ms. Owens noted that it may be helpful for some aggregation of the data to get a more holistic sense of trends.

3. Public Comments

Kimberly Kowall, a U-46 teacher and parent, stated that the measures the District is forcing children to abide by are illegal and evil, and there should be no more forcing people to wear masks, get a vaccine, or submit to testing. Ms. Kowall stated students have rights to due process and a right to choose, and the District should do what is right for kids.

Kerene Tilton, a U-46 parent, stated her child was isolated to the principal's office for not wearing a mask. Ms. Tilton stated that the law has spoken, the mandates have been struck down and are illegal, and over 200 Illinois districts have gone mask optional.

Angie Rol Vel Rul stated she will continue to fight for children and their rights, and that she and others have voiced their opinions on numerous occasions and have not been heard. Ms. Rol Vel Rul stated the mandates are about control and money and are now null and void. Ms. Rol Vel Rul stated a student was placed in a closet for refusing to mask, and she does not understand why this was allowed as law prohibits use of time out and restraint.

Christine Block, a U-46 parent and noon hour supervisor, stated she can no longer be quiet about mask mandates. Ms. Block stated that masks are dirty, and those students who will not mask are asked to leave, sit in an office, or are separated from their class. Ms. Block stated the main focus is on COVID and not children's mental health, and everyone deserves a choice to decide what is best for their own children.

John Palomino, a U-46 parent, stated the mask mandate is not law, and that it is a strong suggestion. Mr. Palomino stated all he is looking for is to make masks optional. Mr. Palomino stated the CDC stated cloth masks do not work, and that kids have been through enough.

Josh Martin stated there was an incident with his son and a gym teacher at Kimball, which resulted in his son being move to another school. Mr. Martin stated his son has been suspended for other issues, and has not gotten assistance from the District. Mr. Martin also stated that masks should be voluntary.

Linda Sol stated that kids are so far behind in education because of masks, as they cannot hear or see teachers speak. Ms. Sol stated that 217 school districts are no longer mandating masks, and there are many parents who do not want this for their kids.

April Wickey stated that Illinois is 1 of 9 states that still has a mask mandate, and that many are continuing to drop masks. Ms. Wickey stated people are not in favor of the mask mandates, and that decision should be left to families.

Carina Gomez, a U-46 parent and plaintiff in the lawsuit against the District, stated that her daughter was sad to see her friends having to be masked. Ms. Gomez read an email from her 7th grade student that was sent to the Superintendent. Ms. Gomez stated her daughter believes masks should be optional.

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

A. Additional Information

There were no updates from the Board or Superintendent.

B. FOIA Responses

Mr. Sanders stated there were eight (8) 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.

5. Consent Agenda – Mr. Sanders

- A. Personnel Report and Workers' Compensation Cases
- B. Minutes of Board Meeting – January 22, 2022
- C. Minutes of Board Meeting – January 24, 2022
- D. Termination of Danielle Chavez - Monitor
- E. Bid - Plant Operations - Wayne Elementary School Fire Alarm Replacement - Project #1551
- F. Bid - Plant Operations - Bartlett High School Auditorium Lights Replacement - Project #209
- G. Bid - Plant Operations - Streamwood High School Track Improvement - Project #317
- H. Bid - Plant Operations - Larsen Middle School Parking Lot - Project #507
- I. Bid - Plant Operations - Tefft Middle School Fire Alarm Replacement - Project #530
- J. Application for Approval of Ten-Year Safety Survey Reports and Certification of Need for Fire Prevention and Safety Funds: A. Summary of Ten-Year Safety Survey Reports; B. Century Oaks Elementary School/Amendment #11; C. Creekside Elementary School/Amendment #5; D. Ellis Middle School/Amendment #22; E. Fox Meadow Elementary School/Amendment #5; F. Garfield Elementary School/Amendment #16; G. Glenbrook Elementary School/Amendment #13; H. Hanover Countryside Elementary School/Amendment #17; I. Highland Elementary School/Amendment #15; J. Hillcrest Elementary School/Amendment #13; K. Illinois Park Center for Early Learning/Amendment #5; L. Larsen Middle School/Amendment #22; M. Laurel Hill Elementary School/Amendment #16; N. Lowrie Elementary School/Amendment #16; O. Nature Ridge Elementary School/Amendment #5; P. Planetarium/Amendment #9; Q. Tefft Middle School/Amendment #16; R. Washington Elementary School/Amendment #16

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

6. Discussion/Action – Mr. Sanders

A. Itemized Bills – February 7, 2022

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education regarding the list of bills. Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the List of Bills in the amount of \$10,184,520.80.

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

B. RESOLUTION abating a portion of the tax heretofore levied for 2021 to pay debt service on the \$66,000,000.00 School Bonds, Series 2003B, of School District Number 46, Kane, Cook and DuPage Counties, Illinois

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended the Board adopt the Resolution abating a portion of the tax heretofore levied for 2021 to pay debt service on the \$66,000,000.00 School Bonds, Series 2003B, of School District Number 46, Kane, Cook and DuPage Counties, Illinois.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Martin, to approve the Resolution, as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote 7-0.

C. Minutes of Board Committee Meetings

Administration recommended the approval of the December 13, 2021, Board of Education Finance Committee Minutes and January 10, 2022, Board of Education Policy Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Martin, to approve the committee minutes, as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote 7-0.

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

A. Additional Information

Michael Johnson stated a CAC General meeting took place on February 3, 2022, and included a presentation on the Dual Language program. Mr. Johnson stated that the CAC Specialized Student Services committee will be hosting a presentation via Zoom on February 8, 2022, titled, “There's No Such Thing as a New Normal: A Wise Family's Guide to Navigating Mental Health.” The registration information is available on the District’s website. The next CAC Executive meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2022.

8. Work Session – Mr. Sanders

A. 2022-2023 School Fees

Mr. Sanders, Superintendent, and Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, presented the school fees and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. The Optional Student Insurance costs are listed as "TBA" because the insurance company does not publish new rates until April or May. Registration fees will be waived for the 2022-2023 School Year. Administration recommended approval of the School Fees for the 2022-2023 School Year.

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

A. Bid - Plant Operations - Asbestos Three-Year Reinspection and Management Plan Update

Mr. Phelps, Director of Business Services, and Ms. Waldau, Interim 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 specification to Weaver Consultants Group in the amount of \$49,800.00 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 2021-2022 fiscal year.

B. Bid - Plant Operations - Boiler Replacement - Coleman Elementary School Project #684, Heritage Elementary School Project #877, Independence Center for Early Learning Project #1052, Ron O'Neal Elementary School Project #1402, and Wayne Elementary School Project #1552

Mr. Phelps, Director of Business Services, and Ms. Waldau, Interim 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 the following contractors: Ideal Heating Company in the amount of \$878,221.00 and 1 Source Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$1,066,263.00 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 2021-2022 fiscal year.

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The motion was made at 8:44 p.m. Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Martin. Upon roll call yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 7-0.

A motion was made at 9:18 p.m. by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Owens, to move to open session. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Motion by Ms. Thommes, second by Ms. Noland, to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of February 7, 2022 at 9:21 p.m. Upon roll call yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland,

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

Approved this 28th day of February, 2022

Susan E Kerr
President

Justina A. Olson
Secretary