

School District U-46
Elgin, Illinois

January 10, 2022

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[January 10, 2022, BOE Meeting](#)

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 5:31 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, Kate Thommes, and Sue Kerr. Board members Devereux, Noland, and Porter participated remotely via Zoom.

President Kerr noted that Covid-19 Executive Order 96, which extends modifications to the Open Meetings Act and permits public bodies to meet remotely through electronic means, is still in effect.

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 5:32 p.m. Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Owens. 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 7:01 p.m. by Mrs. Porter, second by Ms. Noland, 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. Mr. Devereux exited the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Present for the business session were Superintendent Tony Sanders, Chief Legal Officer Trisha Olson, Board members Dawn Martin, Melissa Owens, Kate Thommes, and Sue Kerr. Board members Veronica Noland and Eva Porter participated remotely via Zoom. 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, Bruce Phelps and Sheila Downs. Present for the meeting via Zoom were 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

Mr. Sanders thanked District staff for all of their hard work in keeping schools open. Mr. Sanders stated that schools are not just places of learning, but also support the social emotional well-being of students. Mr. Sanders stated he was proud of the entire U-46 team.

Ms. Martin asked if it was possible at the end of the school year to get comparison referral data to see how implemented safety measures have affected schools. Mr. Sanders stated this data could be presented to the Board, but asked the Board for confirmation as this information would likely take a few hours to compile. The Board supported Ms. Martin's request for data.

Ms. Kerr stated that she wanted to reiterate what Mr. Sanders stated, and thanked staff for their efforts to keep schools open.

B. FOIA Responses

Mr. Sanders stated there were twenty (20) 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 – December 13, 2021
- C. Termination of Lynn Kwapinski - Food Services
- D. Contract Renewal - Equity and Innovation – Panorama Education
- E. Contract Renewal - Curriculum and Instruction - MyON
- F. Bid - Plant Operations - Natural Gas Service
- G. Change Order - Plant Operations - Educational Services Center Roof Replacement Project #330

Motion by Ms. Martin, second by Ms. Owens, to approve the consent agenda items A-G, 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 6-0.

4. Discussion/Action – Mr. Sanders

A. Itemized Bills – January 10, 2022

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 List of Bills in the amount of \$15,611,529.59.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Owens, to approve the list of bills, 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 6-0.

B. Minutes of Board Committee

Administration recommended approval of the December 2, 2021 Board of Education Policy Committee Minutes.

Motion by Mrs. Porter, second by Ms. Noland, to approve the December 2, 2021 Policy Committee Minutes, 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 6-0.

C. Notice to Remedy – Teacher C

This matter was before the Board whether to approve the Notice to Remedy for Tenured Teacher C (Elizabeth Whittaker). Administration recommended the Board approve the Notice to Remedy.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Mrs. Porter, to approve the Notice to Remedy for Tenured Teacher C, Elizabeth Whittaker, 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 6-0.

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

A. Additional Information

Chanda Schwartz stated that a CAC Specialized Student Services meeting will be held on January 11th via Zoom at 6:30 p.m., and a CAC Instructional Initiatives meeting will also be held on January 11th via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. (information available on the District calendar).

6. Other Business – Mr. Sanders

A. 2022 Capital Projects Summary

Ms. Downs, Director of Plant Operations, reviewed the 2022 Capital Projects List and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Ms. Downs presented a list of proposed summer projects.

Ms. Kerr asked if staff anticipates being able to complete the list, as there have been supply chain issues. Ms. Downs stated she did not anticipate any issues at this time.

Ms. Martin asked if the District anticipates any large building closures that will affect summer programming. Ms. Downs stated Tefft Middle School would close, otherwise only sections of other buildings would close for summer projects.

B. November Financial Report

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

7. 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. Alignment Collaborative for Education requested a one-year extension in the amount of \$88,000.00, an increase of \$37,000.00 over prior years.

Ms. Coleman stated the increase in funding would be used to expand the Freshman Experience programming, expand the internship/job shadowing programming, and additional funding would be used for oversight of programs. Ms. Martin asked for the percentage of funding in the past, and what has changed that warrants an increase. Ms. Coleman stated that funding in the past has been under 25%, and currently ACE does not have enough program support at all 5 high schools. Ms. Owens asked what these added funds would enable ACE to add. Mr. Sikorski stated that the additional funding would allow ACE to add a staff member to be able to execute programs at a higher level. Ms. Owens asked what programming would be lost if ACE did not receive the additional funding. Mr. Sikorski stated ACE would be unable to execute some of the programs, as they have reached a capacity point.

8. Work Session – Resolutions

A. Resolution Providing for the issue of not to exceed \$44,750,000 General Obligation Limited Refunding School Bonds of the School District, for the Purpose of Refunding Certain Outstanding Bonds of said School District, Providing for the Levy of a Direct Annual Tax to Pay the Principal and Interest on said Bonds, Authorizing the Sale of said Bonds to the Purchasers Thereof, and Authorizing the Execution of Certain Escrow Agreements in Connection Therewith

Mr. Lewis, Managing Director at PMA Securities, LLC, and Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, presented the refunding discussion and the resolution and were available to answer questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended the approval of the Resolution authorizing and providing for the issue of not to exceed \$44,750,000 General Obligation Limited Refunding School Bonds of the

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B. Resolution Providing for the issue of not to exceed \$96,000,000 General Obligation Refunding School Bonds of the School District, for the Purpose of Refunding Certain Outstanding Bonds of said School District, Providing for the Levy of a Direct Annual Tax Sufficient to Pay the Principal and Interest on said Bonds, Authorizing the Sale of said Bonds to the Purchasers Thereof, and Authorizing the Execution of Certain Escrow Agreements in Connection Therewith

Mr. Lewis, Managing Director at PMA Securities, LLC, and Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, presented the refunding discussion and the resolution and were available to answer questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended the approval of the Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$96,000,000 General Obligation Refunding School Bonds of the School District, for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of said School District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchasers thereof, and authorizing the execution of certain escrow agreements in connection therewith.

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

A. Contract - Office of Schools – Crisis Prevention Institute Training and Materials

Mr. Phelps, Director of Business Services, Ms. Majstorovic, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, and Dr. Barraza, Coordinator of Culture and Climate, presented the proposal and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract with Crisis Prevention Institute in the amount not to exceed \$209,808.00 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 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Mrs. Porter asked if the course would be presented online. Ms. Majstorovic stated the course is blended – part online and part in-person. Mrs. Porter asked how the District plans to monitor and measure success of the course. Ms. Majstorovic stated progress would be monitored internally with in-person sessions, and principals would be able to develop metrics to measure the success.

Mr. Sanders asked Dr. Barraza to provide context for crisis prevention intervention programming. Dr. Barraza stated training was provide on-site at the beginning of the school year to crisis response teams. Dr. Barraza stated this programming would be moving the training to another phase, to build capacity for intervention for instructors.

Dr. Barraza stated this would be an on-going initiative and updates would be brought forward to the Board.

Ms. Martin asked what programming was currently in place at the elementary levels. Ms. Majstorovic stated that elementary schools currently have the programming Second Step in their curriculum. Ms. Majstorovic stated that secondary levels do not currently have anything in place.

Ms. Kerr asked if SROs will receive training. Dr. Barraza stated that SROs receive verbal intervention training.

B. Contract - Chief of Staff – Community Engagement, Survey, and Communications

Mr. Phelps, Director of Business Services, and Mr. Lindholm, Chief of Staff, presented the proposal and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract with Creative Entourage, LLC. in the amount of \$72,500.00 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 2021-2022 fiscal year.

C. Contract Renewal - Specialized Student Services – Gorbold Behavioral Consulting (GBC) Contract Addendum

Mr. Phelps, Director of Business Services, and Dr. Satterwhite, Director of Specialized Student Services, presented the proposal and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract with Gorbold Behavioral Consulting, Inc. (GBC) in the amount of \$144,750.00 and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This is a supplementary contract to the \$85,000.00 approved by the Board of Education in August 2021. This expenditure will be charged to the Federal IDEA Grant. The cost is included in the budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

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

A. Bid - Information Services - Network Switches

Mr. Phelps, Director of Business Services, and Mr. Steuer, Interim 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 specification to Sentinel Technologies in the amount of \$1,536,675.00 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 2021-2022 fiscal year.

B. Bid - Plant Operations - Ellis Middle School Lintel and Window Replacement - Project #428

Mr. Phelps, Director 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 specification to Northwest Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$1,242,000.00 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.

C. Proposal - Plant Operations - Annual Fire Alarm Inspection and Testing Services

Mr. Phelps, Director of Business Services, and Ms. Downs, Director of Plant Operations, presented the proposal and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the proposal from Cintas, Inc. for three years in the amount of \$67,988.00 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 through 2023-2024 fiscal years.

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

A. Change Order - Plant Operations - Larsen Middle School Phase 2 Gym Renovation - Project #505

Mr. Phelps, Director 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.H. Paschen, SN Nielsen and Associates, LLC. in the amount of minus \$71,856.46.

B. Change Order - Plant Operations - Oakhill Elementary School Storm Sewer Improvement - Project #1252

Mr. Phelps, Director 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 the Village of Streamwood in the amount of minus \$41,029.94.

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

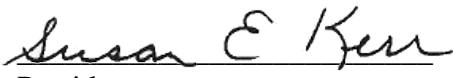
or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; review of closed session minutes; and individual student matters.

The motion was made at 8:09 p.m. Ms. Thommes, second by Ms. Noland. Upon roll call yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 6-0.

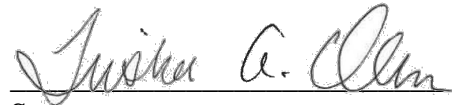
A motion was made at 9:05 p.m. by Ms. Noland second by Ms. Martin, to move to open session. Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Motion by Ms. Thommes, second by Ms. Owens, to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of January 10, 2022 at 9:09 p.m. 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 of 6-0.

Approved this 24th day of January, 2022



President



Secretary