

School District U-46
Elgin, Illinois

July 19, 2021

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 5:35 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 5:37 p.m. by 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 6:58 p.m. by Ms. Thommes, second by Mrs. Porter, to reconvene into 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, Board members John Devereux, Dawn Martin, Veronica Noland, Melissa Owens, Eva Porter, Kate Thommes, and Sue Kerr, Chief Legal Officer Trisha Olson, and student Board member Jessica Pearce. The following administrators were also present at the District's central office: Dr. Josh Carpenter, Ann Chan, Dale Burnidge, Mary Fergus, Brian Lindholm, and Bruce Phelps. Present for the meeting via Zoom were other administrators and members of the public.

Ms. Kerr noted that Covid-19 Executive Order 83, which extends modifications to the Open Meetings Act and permits public bodies to meet remotely through electronic means, is still in effect.

Ms. Kerr led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Kerr noted that for tonight's meeting there would be more than 20 public speakers, and per Board policy, the time allotted for each speaker would be reduced from 3 to 2 minutes. Public comments relating to items on the Board

agenda would go in the first public comment section, while items not related to the Board agenda would be placed at the end of the meeting in the second public comment section.

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

A. Tentative Return to School 2021-2022

Mr. Sanders, Superintendent, Mr. Lindholm, Chief of Staff, Mr. Judge, Health Services Supervisor, and Ms. Downs, Director of Plant Operations provided the Board of Education with an update on the tentative Return to School 2021-2022.

Instructional Model: • Pursuant to May 19, 2021, Declaration by the Illinois State Board of Education, the District has been preparing for in-person learning for full days, each student attendance day. • Students who qualified for the remote learning option due to inability to get a vaccination and have an underlying health concern will be addressed as follows. ○ Elementary - Similar to homebound/hospital instruction with students grouped into small multi-grade sections of 2-5 students and assigned a Distance Learning teacher. ○ Middle and high school - APEX (online learning system) will be used with dedicated staff for students attending online.

Quarantine Protocols per CDC: “In the K–12 indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student (laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) where: • both students were engaged in consistent and correct use of well-fitting masks; and • other K–12 school prevention strategies (such as universal and correct mask use, physical distancing, increased ventilation) were in place in the K–12 school setting. This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting.”

Exceptions to Quarantine: • People who have been fully vaccinated. • People who were previously diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last three months. • Updated guidance on quarantine expected this week from IDPH.

Instruction During Quarantine Pursuant to the Illinois State Board of Education’s May 2021 Resolution: “Beginning with the 2021-22 school year, all schools must resume fully in-person learning for all student attendance days, provided that, pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/10-30 and 105 ILCS 5/34-18.66, remote instruction be made available for students who are not eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine and are under a quarantine order by a local public health department or the Illinois Department of Public Health.” The District will ensure students who are in quarantine continue to receive access to instruction from their classroom teacher.

Vaccinations: “Vaccination is currently the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic.” - Centers for Disease Control guidance • Parents asked (not required) to share child’s vaccination status which will help with contact tracing and hopefully avoid quarantine. • Parents of unvaccinated students asked to allow student to

participate in regular COVID testing, also to help avoid quarantine. • Vaccines will continue to be strongly encouraged.

Masks: • Pre-K to through 6th Grade – Masks will be required until beginning COVID screening and collection of school-by-school data. If COVID case data in school demonstrates no transmission, and community cases are low, the District can then move to masks being strongly encouraged. • Middle and High School - Masks strongly encouraged especially for those not fully vaccinated. • Staff are encouraged to model the appropriate mask usage regardless of vaccination status. • All passengers and drivers on buses must wear a mask regardless of vaccination status pursuant to CDC and IDPH guidance. • Bus drivers who are alone on a bus may unmask.

Why the Difference in Mask Protocols?

Elementary (unvaccinated): • Students not eligible for vaccines, thus CDC emphasizes the need to implement a layered approach. • Start with masks, social distancing, and other strategies. • Monitor data and use it to guide decisions regarding lifting or adding prevention strategies. • Smaller environments and ability to ensure social distance. Middle and High: • All students eligible for vaccines (except where not advisable due to health condition). Vaccine is best prevention strategy for students 12+. • Masking will continue to be strongly encouraged, especially among unvaccinated, but not enforced. • Masks required on buses. • The size of middle and high schools make enforcement difficult.

Screening/Sanitation/Hygiene Etiquette: • Handwashing stations, hand sanitizer, PPE will continue to be available free for students and staff. • Cleaning and disinfection, and ventilation, protocols in place last year will continue. • Screening for COVID-19 will be a key strategy to identify cases. Families will be asked to allow their student to participate.

Other Provisions: 1) Decisions to remove prevention strategies will be driven by data 2) No self-certification for students or staff and no temperature checks; however, parents/staff should monitor symptoms and remain home when sick, and report COVID symptoms to the school. 3) Continued contact tracing (why it helps if we know who is vaccinated). 4) Quarantine will still be necessary if a student has COVID, or presents symptoms of COVID. Students in quarantine will receive daily instruction from their teacher(s) pursuant to ISBE declaration. 5) Occupancy on buses will not be limited (but masks must be worn). 6) Food service will proceed with social distancing to the extent possible, but not with six feet of social distance. 7) Until further notice, visitors will be discouraged. Appointments will need to be made in advance. 8) Masks will be required by visitors to schools. 9) Facility rentals will continue to be declined until further notice. 10) Local field trips will resume to the extent possible when guidelines can be met; alternate experiences (virtual) also possible.

Timeline: 7/9/21: Updated CDC/IDPH Guidance 7/19/21: Update to Board Week of 7/19/21: Share our layered mitigation strategies with all families Between 7/26 and 8/9:

Parents to be notified of process to share child vaccination status and/or authorize child to be included in COVID screening Between 7/19 and 8/9; Determination of plans for middle and high school athletic competitions and audience participation. 8/9/21: Update to Board of Education 8/16/21: First Day of School K-12.

Ms. Martin asked if there would be any opportunity to expand distance learning opportunities for families. Mr. Sanders stated that expanding the opportunity for the program was not possible, as families had the opportunity to participate in the screening process and it is ISBE's preference for students to return to in-person learning.

Ms. Martin asked what the process would be for removing mitigation layers. Mr. Sanders stated that the District is waiting for greater clarity from IDPH and local health departments.

Ms. Thommes asked what the process would be for determining if a student was wearing their mask correctly. Mr. Judge stated the verification process would include gathering facts from teachers and students, and if there is a variance of the story, the District will treat the situation as possible exposure.

Ms. Thommes asked for clarification on the testing process. Mr. Judge stated the testing process would be individualized for each school, and the disruption to classroom time would be minimal.

Ms. Owens asked if there would be a way to obtain vaccination data, other than what is available as a rough estimate through county health departments. Mr. Judge stated the District is working with local health departments, but since the COVID vaccine is not mandated, the District would have to rely on the available data and parents voluntarily providing the data. Mr. Sanders stated parents will be asked to voluntarily provide vaccination status, and the District will ensure the process meets HIPPA requirements.

2. Public Comments

Angie Rol Vel Rul, a U-46 parent, stated that she was against masking children in schools, and that masks should be optional and a parent's choice for their child.

Maciej Dluzniewski, a U-46 parent, stated masking should be a choice that parents make, and that the District has no right to make decisions for other people's kids.

Megan Larson stated that she is in support of masks, as masking is the most simple and effective way to support medically fragile students and their families. Ms. Larson stated that she is withdrawing her student, as U-46 is putting her family at an unacceptable risk by not requiring masks.

Melissa Varner stated that she was concerned that her group's request to be accommodated in a larger space was denied by the Board. Ms. Varner stated that there were about 80 other

parents in the overflow rooms who also want their children unmasked. Ms. Varner stated that she does not expect the entire school to mask for her medically fragile student, and that parents can enforce guidelines for their own child.

Gloria Duran stated that it was in the best interests of the children to make masks optional, and that medical decisions should not be in the hands of the school Board as the most vulnerable in the community have already been vaccinated.

Corina Gomez stated that parents have a personal responsibility for their own kids, and that she should have a choice on medical interventions for her own child. Ms. Gomez stated it would be appropriate to have masks be optional as most staff are vaccinated.

Ivan Phipps stated that he is worried about his son's social and emotional health with masks, and that masks should be optional, as most adults are unable to wear masks properly for such long periods of time.

Kori Duncan stated that she was concerned that the Board did not accommodate taxpayers by allowing them to be in the same room to issue public comment as requested, and that this was an intentional effort to divide parents. Ms. Duncan stated that most adults are not wearing masks, vaccines have been readily available, and the only place this debate is still happening is in schools. Ms. Duncan stated the decision to make masks optional for only vaccinated people is segregating kids in grades 6th and below and is medical discrimination.

Linda Sabo, a West Chicago resident, stated that the number of deaths related to COVID is low in children, and that dozens of districts have decided to make masks optional. Ms. Sabo stated that every other district has accommodated parents that have asked for a larger room for the Board meeting, and preventing this feels like intimidation.

Anne Nelson, a 2nd grader at Spring Trail Elementary, stated that kids should not have to wear masks in schools, as it is hard to breathe and uncomfortable to wear all day.

Jeanette Ward, a U-46 parent, stated that masks don't prevent the spread of disease, and that children are more likely to die from a car accident than COVID. Ms. Ward stated that over 50 districts have made masks optional.

Olivia Bucaro stated that if masks were truly safe and effective there would be no debate about this issue, and that the choice to mask should rely solely on the individual.

Agnieszka Bajorek, a U-46 parent, stated that there is currently no state law that requires students to wear face coverings to prevent illness, and that superintendents are not medical professionals and should not be able to make medical decisions for kids, as those decisions should be the parents' choice.

Carrie Oldenburg asked the Board to allow her to choose if masking is appropriate for her children and to not force mask wearing in schools.

Andrew Bucaro stated that masks do not eliminate the chance of infection, and the District should not be pushing an experimental vaccine on people.

Lincoln Marunde stated that he wanted to thank everyone on the Board for their diligent efforts. Mr. Marunde stated he was an advocate for masks, as many students are unable to get vaccinated at this time. Mr. Marunde stated that he did not know where the data that was being cited was coming from, but that 400 million people have died from COVID worldwide, and that we are not getting through a global health epidemic because people are not doing what they're supposed to do.

Brock Friedman stated that the District should allow children and parents to choose whether or not to wear masks, and that masks are not effective when people take them off, touch them, or eat or drink while wearing them. Mr. Friedman stated that it's impossible to enforce children to keep masks on.

James Sharkey stated that he was asked to read a letter from an anonymous U-46 teacher regarding how masks should be optional, and that the school District is violating the law and personal choice in requiring masks.

Joseph Kielar, a resident of Bartlett, read an anonymous letter from a U-46 educator stating that this educator strongly believes in the choice of vaccination and masks, and that the government has overstepped its bounds as families and parents should be able to decide what's best for their own children.

Mary Steigelseson stated that she wanted to appeal to the Board to look at the information and science, and to take the information for what it is and think it through, as she does not believe science points in the direction of masking.

Sofia Ubreri, a parent of 3 children in the District, asked the Board to reconsider masks being mandatory, as neighboring districts and cities are making masks optional. Ms. Ubreri asked if the District is getting permission for testing. Mr. Sanders confirmed parent authorization would be required for COVID testing.

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

A. Additional Information

No updates were given.

B. FOIA Requests – 10 – Mr. Sanders

Mr. Sanders stated there were ten (10) 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.

4. Consent Agenda – Mr. Sanders

- A. Personnel Report and Workers' Compensation Cases
- B. Minutes of Board Meeting – June 21, 2021
- C. Termination of Claudia Orduno - Food Service Technician
- D. List of Authorized Depositories
- E. Resolution Requesting Approval of Hazardous Transportation Area Designations
- F. Resolution for the Display and Public Hearing on School District U-46 Budget for 2021-2022 School Year
- G. Contract - Deputy Superintendent of Operations - Projection, Staffing, and Mapping Software
- H. Contract Renewal - Human Resources – Jellyvision
- I. Bid - Plant Operations - Contract Cleaner Services
- J. Approval of Mediation Settlement Agreement, Resignation Agreement, and General Release in the matter of Ms. Karen Lopez and School District U-46
- K. Building Permits - 2

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Thommes, to approve the consent agenda items A-K, 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.

5. Discussion/Action – Mr. Sanders

A. Itemized Bills – July 19, 2021

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education regarding the attached bills. Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the List of Bills in the amount of \$24,358,383.32.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Thommes, to approve the itemized bills in the amount \$24,358,383.32. 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.

B. Freshman Seminar Curriculum Proposal

Mr. Briesemeister, Director of Educational Pathways, and Ms. Roberts, Teacher Leader of Educational Pathways, were available for questions relating to the Freshman Seminar Curriculum Proposal.

Motion by Mr. Devereux, second by Ms. Noland, to approve the Freshman Seminar Curriculum Proposal, as presented.

Ms. Martin asked what students would get out of this class that differentiates itself from AVID and regular counseling services. Ms. Martin stated she is struggling with the concept of students taking this course in an already limited timeframe. Ms. Chapman stated that all high schools will have certain components of this course in other courses, but that Freshman Seminar allows different supports for an entire semester, which allows students to take conversations to their individual counselors for further discussion, and allows students more opportunity to make good decisions from the onset of high school. Mrs. Porter stated that she saw this course as a road map and as an opportunity for students.

Upon roll call yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: Ms. Martin. The motion carried by a vote of 6-1.

C. DREAM Academy School Connect Resource Proposal

Ms. Xaverius, Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) Lead, was available for questions relating to the DREAM Academy School Connect Resource Proposal.

Motion by Ms. Martin, second by Ms. Noland, to approve the DREAM Academy School Connect Resource Proposal, 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 of 7-0.

D. Counseling Framework Proposal

Ms. Chapman, Director of Post-Secondary Success, and Ms. Charsha, Lead Counselor, were available for questions relating to the Counseling Framework Proposal.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Mrs. Porter, to approve the Counseling Framework Proposal, 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 of 7-0.

E. Contract - Districtwide - Amendment to Services Agreements with Right at School and Boys and Girls Club of Elgin

Mr. Phelps, Director of Business Services and Mr. Lindholm, Chief of Staff, presented the bid and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract with Right at School in the amount not to exceed \$1,108,800.00 and Boys and Girls Club of Elgin with the amount not to exceed \$1,915,305.00 for a total of \$3,024,105.00 and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Educational Fund and reimbursed with funds from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund and American Recovery Act. This cost is included in the budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Motion by Mrs. Porter, second by Ms. Martin to approve the Amendment to Services Agreements with Right at School and Boys and Girls Club of Elgin, 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 of 7-0.

F. Proposal - Plant Operations - Streamwood High School Emergency Vendor Award Revision to Painting Phase Three Project #M0064

Mr. Phelps, Director of Business Services, and Ms. Downs, Director of Plant Operations, presented the bid and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended the approval of the proposal from CertaPro Painters of the North Shore, Inc. in the amount of \$159,449.00 and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Operations and Maintenance Fund. This cost is included in the budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Motion by Mrs. Porter, second by Ms. Noland to approve the Streamwood High School Emergency Vendor Award Revision to Painting Phase Three Project #M0064, 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 of 7-0.

G. Minutes of Board Committee Meeting

Administration recommended the Board of Education accept the Finance Committee Meeting minutes from May 17, 2021 and June 21, 2021.

Motion by Ms. Martin, second by Mrs. Porter, to approve the Finance Committee Meeting minutes from May 17, 2021 and June 21, 2021, 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 of 7-0.

H. RSM US, LLP. Arrangement Letter

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, presented the arrangement letter from auditors, RSM US, LLP. and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education.

Motion by Mrs. Porter, second by Ms. Thommes, to approve the RSM US, LLP. Arrangement Letter, 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 of 7-0.

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

A. Additional Information

There were no CAC updates to the Board.

7. Other Business – Mr. Sanders

A. Investment Report for the Fourth Quarter

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, presented the Investment Report for the fourth quarter and was available to respond to questions from the Board of

Education. The District's total portfolio of invested funds at the end of June was \$392,422,535.82, the current yield is 0.500% and the accrued interest for the 4th quarter, April 2021 through June 2021, was \$82,619.53.

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

A. Contract Renewal - Assessment/English Language Learners (ELL) – LAS Links Assessment for Dual Language Students

Mr. Phelps, Director of Business Services and Ms. Hill, Director of Assessment and Accountability, presented the proposal and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract renewal with Data Recognition Corporation in the amount of \$57,430.00 and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to Title III and the Educational Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

B. Contract Renewal - Assessment – AP Exam - 9-12th Grade Eligible Students

Mr. Phelps, Director of Business Services and Ms. Hill, Director of Assessment and Accountability, presented the proposal and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract renewal with College Board in the amount of \$232,032.00 and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. Administration recommended that the Board of Education approve one free AP exam for each student who selects to sit for an exam. 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 - Assessment – American Council of Teachers of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) - AAPPL Test

Mr. Phelps, Director of Business Services, Dr. Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, Ms. Hill, Director of Assessment and Accountability, and Mr. VandeMoortel, Coordinator of K-12 Social Studies and World Languages, presented the proposal and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the proposal from LTI, the ACTFL Language Testing Office, not to exceed the amount of \$36,000.00 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.

D. Contract Renewal - Assessment - Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT)

Mr. Phelps, Director of Business Services, Dr. Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, Ms. Hill, Director of Assessment and Accountability, and Mrs. Wells, Gifted Coordinator, presented the proposal and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the

contract renewal with Riverside Insights in the amount of \$36,040.00 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.

E. Contract Renewal - Assessment – College Board - National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT) 10th and 11th Grade

Mr. Phelps, Director of Business Services and Ms. Hill, Director of Assessment and Accountability, presented the attached proposal and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract renewal with College Board in the amount of \$80,015.00 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.

F. Contract Renewal - Assessment – Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) - MAP

Mr. Phelps, Director of Business Services, Dr. Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, and Ms. Hill, Director of Assessment and Accountability, presented the proposal and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract renewal with Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) in the amount of \$241,500.00 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.

G. Contract Renewal - Career and Technical Education/K-12 Science and Planetarium - Project Lead The Way (PLTW)

Mr. Phelps, Director of Business Services, Mr. Briesemeister, Director of Educational Pathways, and Ms. McMullen, Coordinator of K-12 Science and Planetarium, presented the attached proposal and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract with Project Lead The Way in the amount not to exceed \$34,600.00 and requests 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.

H. Contract Renewal - Curriculum and Instruction – One Hope United

Mr. Phelps, Director of Business Services, Dr. Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, and Ms. Cox, Director of Early Learner Initiatives, presented the proposal and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract renewal with One Hope United in the amount of \$357,500.00 and requested authorization for District administration to

execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the FY22 Preschool for All Grant. The cost is included in the budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

- I. Contract Renewal - Human Resources/Business Services - Risk Management Policies
Mr. Phelps, Director of Business Services, and Ms. Berg, Coordinator of Employee Benefits, presented the proposal and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract renewal with CNA for a property insurance policy and Star Insurance Company for an excess workers' compensation policy in the amount of \$543,750.00 for the property coverage and \$325,095.00 for the excess workers' compensation coverage and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Tort Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.
- J. Contract Renewal - Office of Schools - Athletic Training
Mr. Phelps, Director of Business Services, presented the proposal and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract renewal with Athletico for five years in the amount of \$1,654,422.00 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 2021-2026 fiscal years.
- K. Contract Renewal - Specialized Student Services - Behavioral Consultant
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 renewal with Richard Van Acker, Ed.D. in the amount of \$58,950.00, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Federal IDEA Grant. This cost is included in the budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.
- L. Contract Renewal - Specialized Student Services - Geneva Hearing Services
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 renewal with Geneva Hearing Services in the amount of \$197,000.00, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Federal IDEA Grant. This cost is included in the budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.
- M. Contract Renewal - Specialized Student Services – Gorbold Behavioral Consulting
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 renewal with Gorbold Behavioral Consulting, Inc. (GBC) in the amount of \$85,000.00 and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Federal IDEA Grant. The cost is included in the budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

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

A. Bid - Business Services - Larkin High School Scoreboard Replacement and Timing System Purchase

Mr. Phelps, Director of Business Services, and Mr. Karolczak, Athletics and Activities Director for Larkin High School, presented the bid and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the low bid meeting specification to Correct Digital Displays, Inc. (Basketball Score Board and Installation) in the amount of \$30,217.00 and Sievert Electric Service and Sale Co. (Pool Scoreboard/Timing System and Installation) in the amount of \$28,713.50 for a total of \$58,930.50 and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Educational Fund. This cost is included in the budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Ms. Kerr asked the life expectancy for the equipment, as the humidity from the pool can have an effect.

Mr. Karolczak stated that the score board is removable and will be stored in the coach's office that is attached to the pool, which is climate controlled.

B. Proposal - Business Services - Distribution Center Truck Replacement

Mr. Phelps, Director of Business Services, and Mr. Farrell, Assistant Buyer/Distribution Center Manager, presented the attached bid and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the proposal from Morgan Corporation in the amount of \$78,940.00 (Box/Lift Gate) and Illinois Auto Central in the amount of \$46,932.00 (Refrigeration Units) for a total of \$125,872.00 and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Educational Fund. This cost is included in the budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

C. Bid - Educational Pathways - Automotive Technology Equipment

Mr. Phelps, Director of Business Services, and Mr. Briesemeister, Director of Educational Pathways, presented the proposal and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended award of the low bid meeting specification to Automotive Equipment Specialists in the amount of \$62,918.00 and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Perkins CTE Grant Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

D. Bid - Plant Operations - Drinking Fountain Installation at 14 Elementary Schools Project #2065

Mr. Phelps, Director of Business Services, and Ms. Downs, Director of Plant Operations, presented the bid and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended award of the low bid meeting specification to Abitua Sewer, Water, and Plumbing, Inc. in the amount of \$1,423,701.00 and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Operations and Maintenance Fund. This cost is included in the budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

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

A. Change Order - Plant Operations - Harriet Gifford Elementary School Mechanical System Replacement Project #831

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 Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of minus \$185.58.

B. Change Order - Plant Operations - Washington Elementary School Sidewalk and Drainage Improvements Project #1544

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 Landmark Contractors, Inc. in the amount of minus \$8,267.50.

8. Public Comments

Ana Santoyo stated that as 55% students in the District are Hispanic, that she would be making her comments in Spanish. Ms. Santoyo stated that she disapproved of SB-818 and found it inappropriate to be teaching sexual education to young children. The Board asked Ms. Santoyo to send a copy of her comments for translation.

Yuridia Valdivia stated that she disapproved of SB-818, and that mandated sexual education courses would put children in an uncomfortable position and parents should decide what is appropriate information for their children.

Herb Porter stated that he would like to convey his appreciation for the District creating inclusive learning experiences, and that the focus on diversity and equity is a welcome development. Mr. Porter also stated that he appreciated the District following the science on masks and vaccinations.

Raquel Araiza stated that she would be commenting in Spanish. Ms. Araiza commented on her disapproval of SB-818, and that parents should decide what is appropriate. The Board asked Ms. Araiza to send a copy of her comments for translation.

Moises Contreras stated that he was afraid that SB-818 is sexualizing kids, and that he did not agree with the language being used. Mr. Contreras stated these topics were not appropriate for young children.


Demetris Diaz stated that he was in total disagreement with SB-818, and had concerns that the District is sexualizing our children.

Ms. Kerr noted that other public comments were submitted to the Board via email, and have been posted on BoardDocs, and were available for the public to view.

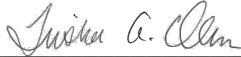
11. Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Thommes, second by Ms. Noland, to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of July 19, 2021 at 9:33 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 9th day of August, 2021.



President



Secretary