

## Highlights from the April 25, 2022, U-46 Board of Education meeting

The Board of Education meeting was held at 355 East Chicago Street, Elgin.

The Board began the meeting with two Accents on Achievement. The first recognized students who placed first in the Future Problem Solvers competition. These include Glenbrook Elementary School 6th grade students Andrew Punnoose, Zinnia Saher, Sophia Lee, and Aiken Navarro; Larsen Middle School's 7th grade team Michelle Cardozo, Nishi Sheth, Katelyn Wong, and Svanik Yachavaram; and Canton Middle School 8th grader Neda Bazys. Ellen Smith is their coach and a 4th-grade IGNITE teacher at Glenbrook Elementary School. Future Problem Solvers is an international program that aims to develop students' problem-solving and critical-thinking skills to support a more positive future.

The second Accent on Achievement recognized Jaimie Giraldo, Fine Arts Coordinator, for School District U-46 being honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education.

There were two presentations during the Strategic Plan portion of the meeting. During the first Dr. Kyle Bunker, Executive Director of the Bartlett Network, Ms. Maria Lopez, Principal of Laurel Hill Elementary School, Ms. Kristen Maleski, School for Rigor and Equity Instructional Coach, and Ms. Gabriela Torres, 6th Grade Dual Language Teacher, provided the Board an [update](#) on U-46 Rigor Diagnostics and the Laurel Hill Elementary School Rigor Walks.

The Board also received a [presentation](#) from Student Board member Jessica Pearce and students Graham Hunt, Kylie Mertinat, and Mariam Ali on the U-46 Student Summit held in March. Approximately 200 students attended the summit and discussed issues related to mental health, post-secondary success, and student engagement.

There were no public comments.

The Board approved in the Consent Agenda and during Discussion/Action:

- Personnel report of 04/25/22 and Board meeting minutes of 4/11/22.
- Bills in the amount of \$7,859,652.
- The appointment of Angelica Harris of South Elgin High School as the fourteenth student advisor to the Board of Education. Madeline Conter of Elgin High School will serve as the alternate.
- Curriculum for Streamwood High School's Lead Academy which had been previously presented.
- Bids, contracts, building permits, proposals, and change orders discussed at the previous Board meeting.

Community Advisory Council (CAC) vice-chair Michael Johnson updated the Board on future CAC meetings.

During Other Business Dr. Ann Williams presented the [Age and Obsolescence Plan for Bus Replacement](#) and the [third quarter Investment Report](#). Mr. Dale Burnidge presented the [March Financial Report](#) and [third quarter Secondary Schools Financial Report](#).

During the Work Session the Board reviewed:

- The Streamwood Academy Integrated Math Curriculum [proposal](#).
- Updated District Travel [guidelines](#)
- Hawk Hollow boundary [proposal](#).
- Renovation, repair, and asbestos abatement work at various school buildings.
- The purchase of four new buses.
- Payment to Central Unit School District 301 for U-46 students attending the Veterinary Assistant program.

A link to the video of the Board meeting can be found [here](#). A link to the complete Board meeting packet can be found [here](#).

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Monday, May 2, at 7:00 p.m., at 355 E. Chicago St., Elgin.