

Highlights from the January 24, 2022, U-46 Board of Education meeting

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

Prior to the regular board meeting, the Board Legislative Committee met with an IASB (Illinois Association of School Boards) representative for an update on legislation in Springfield.

The Board began the regular meeting with an Accent on Achievement recognizing five teachers who had renewed their National Board Certification.

The Board received a [presentation](#) on School Safety and Culture which reviewed organizational relationships, school safety training drills, SRO training, Crisis Prevention Institute Training, and the Student Code of Conduct.

The Board also received an [update](#) on the Facilities Master Plan. Key priority goals are (1) moving 6th grade to middle school and converting Hawk Hollow to a ninth middle school; (2) expanding the Pre-K program to all elementary buildings; (3) providing an equitable experience for all elementary students by decommissioning three buildings (Garfield, Hanover Countryside, and Illinois Park), replacing five buildings (Century Oaks, Glenbrook, Lowrie, McKinley, and Parkwood), and putting an addition on Washington. This is a multi-year endeavor which will include the need for a referendum in order to rebuild schools.

There was one public comment concerning Alignment Collaborative for Education funding and the pay scale of para-professionals.

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

- Personnel report of 01/24/22 and Board meeting minutes of 1/10/22
- Bills in the amount of \$10,845,918.
- A one-year renewal of Alignment Collaborative for Education funding.
- A re-funding of some outstanding bonds to take advantage of lower interest rates and save taxpayers money.
- A [Resolution](#) affirming the U-46 Facility Study
- A [contract](#) with Virtuoso Education Consulting, LLC to address the district's disproportionality of over identifying black students with an Emotional Disability (ED).
- Bids, contracts, and change orders discussed at the 1/10/22 Board meeting.

Community Advisory Council (CAC) Secretary Tracy Kelly updated the Board on future CAC meetings.

During Other Business the Board received the [December Financial Report](#), [the second quarter Investment Report](#), and the [Secondary Schools Financial Report for the second quarter](#).

During the Work Session the Board reviewed

- A resolution to abate \$9.6 million from 2021 taxes.
- Bids for fire alarm replacements at Wayne Elementary and Tefft Middle Schools.
- A bid to replace auditorium lighting at Bartlett High School.
- A bid for track improvements at Streamwood High School.
- A bid for parking lot work at Larsen Middle School.
- Ten-Year Safety Survey reports for seventeen U-46 buildings. A summary can be found [here](#).

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 Board of Education meeting will be held on Monday, February 7, at 7:00 p.m., at 355 E. Chicago St., Elgin.