

Highlights from the October 4, 2021, U-46 Board of Education meeting

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

The Board began its meeting with two proclamations. In recognition of National School Lunch Week, October 11-15, 2021, a Proclamation of Appreciation was presented to Ms. Elena Hildreth, Director of Food and Nutrition Services. In recognition of National Principal Appreciation Month celebrated in October, a Proclamation of Appreciation was presented to Dr. Jennifer Schwardt, Association of Elgin Schools Administrators (AESA) President. Dr. Schwardt accepted the proclamation on behalf of all administrators.

The Board received an update on [2021 Capital Projects and Energy Efficiency Initiatives](#). Capital projects include construction at the new U-46 Welcome Center, roof replacements, upgrades to the high school auditoriums, playground installations, gym floor refinishing, parking lot repaving, and other projects. Energy efficiency initiatives resulted in almost \$640,000 in rebates and incentives, as well as additional savings due to lower energy usage.

There were no public comments.

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

- Personnel report of 10/4/21 and Board meeting minutes of 9/27/21
- Bills in the amount of \$6,405,053.47.
- [Updated goals](#) to the superintendent's contract. Priority goals include work on U-46 Rising, School Safety, and Facility Utilization. These goals are in effect for the 2021-22 through 2023-24 school years.
- A three-year contract with the Service Employee International Union (SEIU). Updates to the contract are [here](#).
- Emergency plumbing repairs at Lowrie Elementary School.
- A resolution supporting participation in the Safe Routes to School Program which would reimburse some work being done at Larsen Middle School.
- Bids, contracts, and proposals that were presented at the September 27 meeting.

The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) chair Ms. Chanda Schwartz updated the Board on its work and reminded people that its next general meeting is Thursday, October 7.

There were no Work Session items.

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, October 18, at 7:00 p.m., at 355 E. Chicago St., Elgin.