

Highlights from the August 23, 2021, U-46 Board of Education meeting

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

During the Strategic Plan Report, the Board received an [update](#) on the Return to School. This update included pictures from the first day of school, Covid cases that have been reported since August 5, and the number of current teacher vacancies.

The Board also received a presentation on the 2021-22 budget. Highlights include

- \$15 million increase in Evidence-Based Funding from the state, for a total of \$212.3 million
- \$39 million increase in federal revenue, primarily due to ESSER funding and Food and Nutrition reimbursement, for a total of \$83.4 million
- A reduction of \$133.4 million in debt principal since the 2015 debt issuance
- A summary of how \$112 million in Covid relief funds will be spent

The Board congratulated the Finance Department on receiving the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Association of School Business Officials International for FY2020 and a Meritorious Budget Award for FY2021.

Links to the [budget presentation](#) and [2021-22 budget](#).

Eight people participated in public comment either in person, through Zoom, or in writing. Four addressed Covid mitigations and/or Senate Bill 818, while four expressed concerns about other issues.

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

- Personnel report of 8/23/21 and Board meeting minutes of 8/9/21
- Bills in the amount of \$8,233,894.48
- A one-year contract with the District U-46 Educational Assistants Union
- 2021 High School graduates
- The renaming of 1019 East Chicago Street to the U-46 Welcome Center.
- Various bids, contracts, and proposals that were presented at the August 9 meeting.

During Other Business and Work Session the Board also considered contracts, bids, and proposals which will be voted on at the next meeting. Among these were contracts with the City of Elgin and villages of Bartlett, South Elgin, and Streamwood for school resource officers for the middle and high schools. Changes to the contracts for this year include additional training in crisis intervention and awareness of situational understanding of students with special needs. A [summary of the contracts](#) and a [sample contract](#) are linked 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 at 7 p.m. Monday, September 13 at 355 E. Chicago St., Elgin.