

Highlights from the July 19, 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 Tentative Return to School Plan for 2021-22. The update included a review of CDC guidelines, vaccination, masking, and testing. Masks will be initially required for elementary school students and strongly encouraged for unvaccinated middle and high school students. Masks will be required on buses. Parents will be asked (not required) to share their child's vaccination status. Parents of unvaccinated students will be asked to allow their child to participate in Covid testing to help avoid quarantine. The presentation can be found [here](#).

Over 30 people participated in public comment either in person, through Zoom, or in writing. The majority advocated making masks optional.

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

- Personnel report of 7/19/21 and Board meeting minutes of 6/21/21
- Bills in the amount of \$ \$24,358,383.32
- A resolution identifying additional Hazardous Area Designations for busing purposes.
- A three-year contract for contract cleaning services for the middle schools and high schools.
- Board Finance Committee minutes for 5/17/21 and 6/21/21.
- Curriculum proposals (Freshman Seminar Curriculum, Dream Academy School Connect Resource Proposal, and Counseling Framework Proposal) that had been presented at the 6/21/21 Board meeting.
- Various bids, contracts, and proposals

During Work Session the Board also considered contracts, bids, and proposals which will be voted on at the next meeting. Highlights included:

- A contract with College Board to provide one free AP exam for each student who chooses to sit for the exam.
- A contract with College Board to pay for the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT) for 10th and 11th graders.
- A contract with Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) to provide MAP testing
- A contract renewal with Athletico to provide high school athletic trainers for 2021-2026.

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, August 9, at 7 p.m., at 355 E. Chicago St., Elgin.