

**School District U-46**  
Elgin, Illinois

February 27, 2023

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[February 27, 2023, BOE Meeting](#)

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 355 E. Chicago Street, Elgin, Illinois. The following Board members answered roll call: John Devereux, Dawn Martin, Veronica Noland, Melissa Owens, Eva Porter, Kate Thommes, and Sue Kerr.

President Kerr requested a motion to move into closed session to discuss individual student disciplinary matters; pending, probable or imminent litigation; the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public, or legal counsel for the public body; the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the School Board; the setting of a price for the sale or lease of real property owned by the School Board; an internal audit, control weaknesses, collective negotiating matters between the School Board and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; review of closed session minutes; and individual student matters.

The motion was made at 6:01 p.m. by Ms. Noland, second by Mrs. Porter. Upon roll call yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 7-0.

A motion was made at 6:58 p.m. by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Thommes, to move to open session. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Present for the business session were Board members John Devereux, Dawn Martin, Veronica Noland, Melissa Owens, Eva Porter, Kate Thommes, and Sue Kerr, Student Board member Angelica Harris, Interim Superintendent Dr. Suzanne Johnson, and Chief Legal Officer Trisha Olson. The following administrators were also present at the District's central office: Dr. Josh Carpenter, Dr. Teresa Lance, Brian Lindholm, Mark Moore, Lela Majstorovic, and Dr. Ann Williams. Present for the meeting via Zoom were other administrators and members of the public.

Ms. Kerr led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Strategic Plan Report - Dr. Johnson (Board Policy 2:20 - Powers and Duties of the Board of Education; Indemnification)

A. South Elgin Network U-46 Rising Update

Dr. Thompson, Executive Director of the South Elgin Network, Mr. Miquelon, Clinton Elementary School Principal, Ms. McDonald, Clinton Elementary School Assistant

Principal, Ms. Warrick, Clinton Elementary School Instructional Coach, Dr. Gold, Fox Meadow Elementary School Principal, Ms. Theall, Fox Meadow Elementary School Assistant Principal, Ms. Chavda, Fox Meadow Elementary School Instructional Coach, Dr. Chisholm, Garfield Elementary School Principal, Mr. Dixon, Garfield Elementary School Assistant Principal, Ms. Genz, Garfield Elementary School Instructional Coach, Mr. Covarrubias, Willard Elementary School Principal, Mr. Coleman, Willard Elementary School Assistant Principal, and Ms. Henry, Willard Elementary School Instructional Coach, provided the Board of Education an update on U-46 Rigor Diagnostics and Rigor Walks for the South Elgin Network.

B. School Improvement Plan Update

Dr. Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, and Ms. Hill, Director of Assessment and Accountability, provided the Board of Education with an update on the Continuous School Improvement Plans.

2. Public Comments.

There were no public comments.

3. Other Business – Board Member and Interim Superintendent Update, If Necessary

A. Additional Information

Ms. Harris stated that she and another South Elgin High School student were selected to the IHSA All-State Honorable Mention Academic Team.

Dr. Johnson thanked the Board for selecting her as Interim Superintendent of U-46, and stated she was excited for the opportunity to serve the District in this role. Dr. Johnson also thanked her colleagues at ESC, the operations team, the instructional team, and support staff for all of their efforts to address the power outages from the winter storm last week.

B. FOIA Requests

Dr. Johnson stated there were four (4) FOIA requests that the District has responded to since the previous Board meeting, and the responses were available on the Board book and would be made available on the District's website.

4. Other Business – CAC Update (Board Policy 2:152 - Advisory Committees to the Board)

A. Community Advisory Council (CAC) Update

Mr. Hovey stated that the CAC would be hosting a Board Candidate Forum on March 6th at the U-46 Welcome Center (forum will also be live-streamed via Zoom). Other upcoming CAC meetings and events include the CAC General committee meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup>; the CAC Specialized Student Services presentation titled "Brain Training" on April 11th, and the CAC Curriculum Committee presentation titled "Learning Priorities After COVID" on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

5. Consent Agenda – Dr. Johnson

- A. Personnel Report and Workers' Compensation Cases
- B. Minutes of Board Meeting – February 13, 2023
- C. Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding Hanover Township
- D. Proposal - Gifted - Northwestern University Center for Talent Development Summer Enrichment Programming
- E. Proposal - Plant Operations - Auditorium Equipment Purchase
- F. Proposal - Plant Operations - Snow Removal Equipment Purchase
- G. Proposal - Operations - Request for Qualifications for Owner's Representative
- H. Contract - Specialized Student Services - Disproportionality Consultant
- I. Building Permits - 5

Motion by Ms. Thommes, second by Ms. Martin, to approve the consent agenda items A-I, as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Owens, Ms. Noland, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote 7-0.

6. Discussion/Action – Dr. Johnson

A. Itemized Bills – February 27, 2023

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education regarding the itemized bills. Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the List of Bills in the amount of \$6,792,657.67.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Mr. Devereux, to approve the list of bills, as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote 7-0.

B. 2023-2024 School Fees

Dr. Williams, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, and Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, were available to answer questions regarding the 2023-2024 School Fees. Administration recommended approval of the School Fees for the 2023-2024 School Year.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Thommes, to approve the 2023-2024 School Fees, as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote 7-0.

C. HR Resolutions

In order to follow state guidelines that allow for staff dismissal up until 45 days before the end of the school year, Mr. Moore, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources,

and Ms. Perez, Director of Human Resources, annually present personnel categories that are eligible for possible dismissal. Depending on the budget situation and when programs and classes are determined for the next school year, some of these individuals may be rehired providing they have proper licensure. While the Board of Education takes this action very seriously, dismissal consideration is customary at this time of year in order to follow state requirements. Administration recommended approval of the following Resolution: Resolution Authorizing the Honorable Dismissal of Teachers (2318).

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Mr. Devereux, to approve the resolution, as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote 7-0.

7. Other Business – Dr. Johnson

A. January Financial Report

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, reviewed the January Financial Report and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education.

8. Work Session – Dr. Johnson

A. Middle School Science Curriculum Proposal

Dr. Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, Ms. Banks, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Ms. McMullen, Coordinator of K-12 Science and Planetarium, and Ms. Valenzia, Science Instructional Coach, provided the Board of Education with information relating to the Middle School Science Curriculum Proposal.

B. Streamwood High School LEAD Magnet Academy Integrated Math 2 and 3, Discovery: Contemporary World Issues, Business for Entrepreneurs, and Appreneurship Curriculum Proposal

Mr. Briesemeister, Director of Educational Pathways, Ms. Stewart, Assistant Principal of Innovation, and Ms. Balzer, Mr. Vassolo, Ms. Tomal, and Mr. Weihofen, LEAD Academy Teachers, provided the Board of Education with information relating to the Streamwood High School LEAD Magnet Academy Integrated Math 2 and 3, Discovery: Contemporary World Issues, Business for Entrepreneurs, and Appreneurship Curriculum Proposal.

9. Work Session - Contracts Over \$25,000.00 (Board Policy 4:60 - Purchases and Contracts)

A. Contract - Educational Pathways - Avid Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Instructional Services

Mr. Briesemeister, Director of Educational Pathways, and Ms. Damewood, Coordinator of Career and Technical Education, presented the proposal and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration

recommended approval of the contract with Avid CNA School in the amount of \$41,430.00, and requested authorization for district administration to executive related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Educational Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

B. Contract - Equity and Innovation - Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) High School College Tour

Dr. Lance, Assistant Superintendent of Equity and Innovation, Mrs. Chapman, Director of Postsecondary Success, and Mr. Crosen, Elgin High School Principal, presented the proposal and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract with Group Travel Planners in the amount of \$116,740.00, and requested authorization for district administration to executive related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Educational Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

C. Contract Renewal - Specialized Student Services - Math Manipulative Kits

Dr. Satterwhite, Director of Specialized Student Services, and Mrs. Fabianczyk, Assistant Director of Specialized Student Services, presented the proposal and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract renewal with n2y, LLC. in the amount of \$69,839.20, and requested authorization for district administration to executive related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the IDEA Part B Flow Through Grant. The cost is included in the budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

D. Contract Renewal - Financial Operations/Human Resources - MUNIS Software Annual Support and Updated Licensing

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, presented the proposal and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract renewal with Tyler Technologies in the amount of \$137,599.92, and requested authorization for district administration to executive related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Educational Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

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The motion was made at 9:18 p.m. by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Owens. Upon roll call yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 7-0.

A motion was made at 9:44 p.m. by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Martin, to move to open session. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Motion by Ms. Martin, second by Ms. Thommes, to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of February 27, 2023 at 9:46 p.m. Upon roll call yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Owens, Ms. Noland, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Approved this 6th day of March, 2023

  
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President

  
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Secretary