

School District U-46
Elgin, Illinois

December 19, 2022

The video of the December 19, 2022 meeting can be found here:
[December 19, 2022, Special BOE Meeting](#)

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 355 E. Chicago Street, Elgin, Illinois. The following Board members answered roll call: John Devereux, Dawn Martin, Melissa Owens, Eva Porter, Kate Thommes, and Sue Kerr. Board member Dawn Martin participated remotely via Zoom. Board member Veronica Noland was absent.

The following were also present at the District's central office: Dr. Tony Sanders, Brian Lindholm, and student Board member Angelica Harris. 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. Public Comments.

There were no public comments.

2. Discussion/Action – Dr. Sanders

A. Unite U-46 Committee Final Recommendations

Unite U-46 Committee Chairs and Administration were available to respond to any questions from the Board of Education regarding final recommendations. Administration recommended the approval of the Unite U-46 Committee Final Recommendations.

Motion by Ms. Owens, second by Mr. Devereux, to approve the recommendations, as presented.

Ms. Martin stated that she had concerns with the committee's Plan B, and its lack of additional planning for moving 6th grade to the middle school level. Mr. Lindholm stated that planning team members have been walking sites and reviewing the amount of available instructional space. Mr. Lindholm stated buildings may need to plan for slightly lower capacities, and minor work may need to be completed to add instructional space to older middle schools. Dr. Sanders noted that Plan C was a desirable outcome, but community polling revealed that voters likely would not support the level of funding needed.

Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: Ms. Martin. The motion carried by a vote 5-1.

B. Resolution Providing for and Requiring the Submission of the Proposition of Issuing \$179,000,000 School Building Bonds to the Voters of the District at the Consolidated Election to be held on the 4th day of April, 2023

The Unite U-46 Committee and Administration recommended the approval of the Resolution Providing for and Requiring the Submission of the Proposition of Issuing \$179,000,000 School Building Bonds to the Voters of the District at the Consolidated Election to be held on the 4th day of April, 2023.

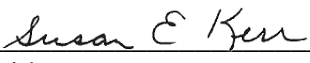
Motion by Ms. Owens, second by Mrs. Porter, to approve the resolution, as presented.

Ms. Martin stated that she wanted the public to know that there was a lot of thought behind these decisions, and that she agrees money needs to be spent to update facilities, although she does not necessarily agree with the allocation in the planning. Ms. Kerr stated that this resolution gives voters the opportunity to make this work happen. Mr. Devereux stated that the proposed work is essential because of the aged buildings, and this resolution will allow voters to make those choices. Mr. Devereux stated that bonds are how this type of work is funded, and that half of the funding would come from money already in reserves, as the District has planned for these necessary updates. Ms. Owens stated that this work is a process that the District has been working through for multiple years, and that a lot of due diligence is behind this work. Mrs. Porter stated that this planning is the right thing for our students – so that all students have access to updated facilities.

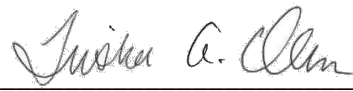
Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Devereux, second by Ms. Owens, to adjourn the Special Board Meeting of December 19, 2022 at 7:32 p.m. Upon roll call yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Approved this 9th day of January, 2023



President



Secretary