

School District U-46
Elgin, Illinois

November 21, 2022

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[November 21, 2022, BOE Meeting](#)

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 5:45 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 5:47 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 7:01 p.m. by Ms. Martin, 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, Superintendent Dr. Tony Sanders, and Chief Legal Officer Trisha Olson. The following administrators were also present at the District's central office: Dr. Josh Carpenter, Dr. Suzanne Johnson, Dr. Teresa Lance, Lela Majstorovic, Mark Moore, Dr. Ann Williams, and Brian Lindholm. 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. Accent of Achievement - Dr. Sanders

A. American Education Week and Education Support Professionals Day

In recognition of American Education Week, November 13-19, 2022, a Proclamation of Appreciation was presented to the Elgin Teachers Association, represented by Ms. Barbara

Bettis. In recognition of National Education Support Professionals Day, November 16, 2022, annually falling on the Wednesday of American Education Week, a Proclamation of Appreciation was presented to Ms. Pizzitola, Ms. Avina, Ms. Weiss, and Mr. Sheahan on behalf of the support unions. Each day our teachers and support staff play an important role in the lives of nearly 35,000 students in School District U-46.

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

A. Dream Academy Programs Update

Ms. Mangione, Dream Academy Principal, Ms. Stewart, Dream Academy APEX Teacher, and Dr. McKee, Dream Academy Special Education Social Worker, presented an update on Dream Academy programs.

3. PUBLIC HEARING - 2022 Tax Levy (Board Policy 4:30 - Revenue and Investments)

A. Opening of Public Hearing

The Hearing was opened by a simple declaration by the Board President. As required in the Truth-In-Taxation Act, a Public Hearing must be held by a public body when the proposed levy exceeds 105% of the previous year's actual extension. As required by the Act, notice of the Public Hearing was published in local newspapers in each of the three counties of our District. Dr. Williams, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, and Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, reviewed the proposed tax levies and were available for questions.

B. Comments from the Public

There were no public comments.

C. Close of Public Hearing

The Hearing was closed by a simple declaration by the Board of Education President.

4. Public Comments.

There were no public comments.

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

A. Additional Information

Ms. Harris stated that the Student Advisory Council met this past week and completed a lot of work for the upcoming Student Summit.

Dr. Sanders thanked the Board for their attendance at the Triple I Conference this past weekend. Dr. Sanders noted that students from Streamwood High School Civics class were present for tonight's meeting and would be needing signatures from Board members or staff members after the meeting adjourns.

B. FOIA Requests

Dr. Sanders stated there was one (1) FOIA request that the District has responded to since the previous Board meeting, and the response is available on the Board book and would be made available on the District's website.

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

A. Community Advisory Council (CAC) Update

Ms. Kerr stated that the CAC Virtual Roundtable event will take place on December 1st via Zoom.

7. Consent Agenda – Dr. Sanders

- A. Personnel Report and Workers' Compensation Cases
- B. Minutes of Board Meeting – November 7, 2022
- C. Termination of Reshelle Brooks - Dean's Assistant
- D. Termination of Laura Dicristofano - Food Service Lead
- E. Proposal - Post-Secondary Success - Dual Credit Agreement Between Elgin Community College and School District U-46
- F. Contract - Specialized Student Services - 5 STAR Interpreting
- G. Contract - Specialized Student Services - Gorbald Behavioral Consulting
- H. Change Order - Plant Operations - Larkin High School Partial Roof Replacement Project #270
- I. Change Order - Plant Operations - Coleman Elementary School Boiler Replacement Project #684 and Wayne Elementary School Boiler Replacement Project #1552
- J. Approval of Settlement Agreement and General Release in the Matter of Michael Salman v. School District U-46

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Martin, to approve the consent agenda items A-J, 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.

8. Discussion/Action – Dr. Sanders

A. Itemized Bills – November 21, 2022

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 \$10,030,584.83.

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. Minutes of Board Committee Meetings

Administration recommended approval of the October 24, 2022 Board Finance Committee minutes.

Motion by Mr. Devereux, second by Ms. Thommes, to approve the minutes, 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.

9. Other Business - Student Disciplinary Cases (Board Policy #7:190 - Student Behavior)

A. Student A

This matter was before the Board whether to uphold or withdraw the suspension of Student A.

Motion by Mr. Devereux, second by Ms. Owens, to uphold the suspension of Student A. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Owens, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 1 – Ms. Noland. Abstention: 1 – Mrs. Porter. The motion carried by a vote 5-1.

10. Other Business - Dr. Sanders

A. Capital Projects

Ms. Waldau, Director of Plant Operations, reviewed the 2022 Capital Projects List and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education.

B. June, July, August and September Financial Reports

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, reviewed the June through September Financial Reports and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education.

C. Secondary Schools Financial Report for the First Quarter

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

11. Work Session - Resolutions

A. Resolution Requesting Approval of Hazardous Transportation Area Designations

This Resolution is required annually by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). The attached Resolution confirms that there are 48 current locations with an additional one location within School District U-46 classified as a hazardous transportation area designation and approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation, and students that reside within the designated areas during the 2022-2023 school year are provided free transportation services. The District will request reimbursement from the state for

transportation services provided. Ms. Murphy, Director of Transportation, presented the Resolution and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended the Board of Education adopt the Resolution Requesting Approval of Hazardous Transportation Area Designation.

12. Work Session - 2022 Tax Levy (Board Policy 4:30 - Revenue and Investments)

A. Tax Levy Resolution

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, presented the Resolution and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. The Resolution, and the Certificate of Tax Levy are filed with the County Tax Extension offices. Administration recommended the Board of Education adopt the Tax Levy Resolution.

B. Certificate of Tax Levy

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, presented the Certificate of Tax Levy and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. The attached Certificate is the final draft of the levy amounts that will be filed with the county clerks. This Certificate must be filed by the last Tuesday in December. Administration recommends the Board of Education adopt the Certificate of Tax Levy.

13. Work Session - Bids/Proposals (Board Policy 4:60 - Purchases and Contracts)

A. Proposal - Human Resources/Benefits/Finance - Insurance Broker/Consultants

Dr. Williams, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, and Mr. Moore, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, presented the proposal and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the proposal from Alliant Insurance Services in the amount of \$250,000.00 per year for three years, and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Educational Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year and will be added for subsequent years.

14. Work Session - Contracts Over \$25,000.00 (Board Policy 4:60 - Purchasing/Purchasing Authority)

A. Contract Renewal - Secondary Education – Naviance

Dr. Lance, Assistant Superintendent of Equity and Innovation, and Ms. Chapman, Director of Post-Secondary Success, presented the proposal and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract renewal with PowerSchool in the amount of \$83,420.35, and requested authorization for district administration to execute 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 - Teaching and Learning/Multilingual and Multicultural Education - Roosevelt University Dual Language Teacher Leadership Program and Bilingual/ESL Endorsement Teacher Cohort V

Mrs. Pirtle, Director of Multilingual and Multicultural Education, presented the proposal and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract with Roosevelt University in the amount of \$213,300.00, and requested authorization for district administration to executive related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Title III Grant. The cost is included in the budget for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 fiscal years.


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The motion was made at 8:14 p.m. by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Noland. 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.

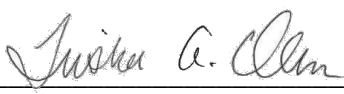
A motion was made at 8:35 p.m. by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Martin, to move to open session. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Motion by Ms. Owens, second by Ms. Martin, to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of November 21, 2022 at 8:37 p.m. 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.

Approved this 12th day of December, 2022



President



Secretary