

School District U-46
Elgin, Illinois

November 7, 2022

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[November 7, 2022, BOE Meeting](#)

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 5:31 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, identification of potential fraud risk areas, known or suspected frauds, and fraud interviews, 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 5:32 p.m. by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Martin. 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 7:00 p.m. by Ms. Thommes, 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.

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

Dr. Sanders, Superintendent, Dr. Johnson, Deputy Superintendent of Instruction, Dr. Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, and Ms. Hill, Director of Assessment, discussed the School Report Card Data with the Board of Education.

2. Public Comments.

Ana Luisa Espinoza, a member of Parents with Power, provided an update on the group's work within the community to address mental health needs. Ms. Espinoza stated that the group continues to hold café events for parents which offer mental health support, and noted that the next event would be held on November 9th at the Gail Borden Public Library. Ms. Espinoza stated the group is interested in bringing their model for mental health support to District schools.

Esther Rosas, a member of Parents with Power, stated that the group has had a positive partnership with after school programs, and has been able to support the social emotional health of elementary students through no cost extra-curricular activities. Ms. Rosas stated that the group has been working with Ronald O'Neal to implement more programs.

Claudia Serrano, a member of Parents with Power, stated that some of the group's members have had training in restorative justice to support their work within the community. Ms. Serrano stated that members of the group dedicated time this past month to review the District's Student Code of Conduct, and noted that the group has an interest in exploring ways in which parents can support restorative practices.

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

A. Additional Information

Dr. Sanders congratulated Ms. Owens for her IASB recognition as an established Board leader, and Ms. Noland and Ms. Kerr for their IASB recognition as distinguished Board leaders. Dr. Sanders thanked all Board members for their service, and congratulated the Board for being recognized by IASB for school board governance.

Ms. Harris stated that she attended a trip to the WGN studios with Beacon Academy, and it was a great experience.

Ms. Martin stated that she attended the last CAC meeting, and thanked Mr. Bosh for his presentation on safety.

Mrs. Porter also thanked Mr. Bosh for the safety presentation.

B. 2022 Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) Resolutions Committee Report

Dr. Sanders, Superintendent, and the Board of Education discussed the November 19, 2022 Delegate Assembly. The Board made the following determinations:

1. Fund Balances-Miller Ratio Adjustment – support 2. Alternative Fueled School Bus Funding – oppose 3. Firearm Dealer Location – oppose 4. Capital Grant Fund for School Buildings – support 5. School Safety Fund – support 6. Involvement with Candidates for Public Office – support 7. Mandates Review Committee – support 8. Financial Contribution for School Board Elections – oppose.

C. FOIA Requests

Dr. Sanders stated there were six (6) FOIA requests that the District has responded to since the previous Board meeting, and the responses are 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

Chanda Schwartz thanked Mr. Bosh for his presentation at the last CAC meeting. Ms. Schwartz stated that the next Specialized Student Services committee meeting would be held on Tuesday, November 15th via Zoom, and the next CAC Executive meeting would be held Thursday, November 17th via Zoom. Ms. Schwartz also noted that the public should save the date for the December 1st CAC roundtable meeting.

5. Consent Agenda – Dr. Sanders

- A. Personnel Report and Workers' Compensation Cases
- B. Minutes of Board Meeting – October 24, 2022
- C. Board Policy Updates: 2:170 Procurement of Architectural, Engineering, and Land Surveying Services; 4:70 Resource Conservation; 5:80 Court Duty; 6:140 Education of Unhoused Children; 6:290 Homework; 6:80 Teaching About Controversial Issues; 7:15 Student and Family Privacy Rights; 7:270 Administering Medicines to Students
- D. Board Policy Update - Section 6 - 6:240 Field Trips
- E. Bid - Plant Operations - Electric Service
- F. Contract Renewal - Information Services - Student Information System
- G. Contract - Office of Instruction - Bargaining Facilitation
- H. Contract - Office of Schools - Northern Illinois University Middle School Endorsement

Motion by Ms. Thommes, second by Ms. Noland, to approve the consent agenda items A-H, 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.

6. Discussion/Action – Dr. Sanders

A. Itemized Bills – November 7, 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 \$8,899,769.61.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Owens, 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. Board Policy Update - Section 2 - 2:230 Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings and Petitions to the Board

Ms. Olson, Chief Legal Officer, was available to discuss the proposed changes to Policy 2:230 Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings and Petitions to the Board of Education. Administration recommended adoption of the proposed changes to Policy 2:230 Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings and Petitions to the Board.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Owens, to approve the policy, 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. Board Policy Update - Section 6 - 6:250 Community Resource Persons and Volunteers

Ms. Olson, Chief Legal Officer, was available to discuss the proposed changes to Policy 6:250 Community Resource Persons and Volunteers to the Board of Education. Administration recommends adoption of the proposed changes to Policy 6:250 Community Resource Persons and Volunteers.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Mr. Devereux, to approve the policy, 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.

D. Resolution Regarding Proposed 2022 Levies

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, was available to discuss the Resolution regarding the Proposed 2022 Levies and to respond to questions from the Board of Education. The Certificate of Tax Levy and the Tax Levy Resolution will be presented on November 21, 2022 and adoption will be requested on December 12, 2022. The tax levy must be filed with the counties by the last Tuesday in December. Administration recommended adoption of the proposed levy resolution.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Thommes, 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.

E. Determination of 2022 Tax Levy

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, was available to discuss the Determination of the 2022 Tax Levy and to respond to questions from the Board of Education.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Owens, to approve the Determination of the 2022 Tax Levy, 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.

F. Resolution modifying certain terms of the General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2023, proposed to be issued by the District, and authorizing the execution of certain documents necessary to effectuate such modifications

Dr. Williams, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, and Ms. Hennessy of Raymond James and Associates, were available to answer questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended the approval of the Resolution modifying certain terms of the General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2023, proposed to be issued by the District, and authorizing the execution of certain documents necessary to effectuate such modifications.

Motion by Mr. Devereux, second by Mrs. Porter, 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.

G. Subject Resolution providing for the issue of approximately \$12,500,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2022, for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of said School District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

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Motion by Mr. Devereux, second by Ms. Martin, 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. Work Session - Bids/Proposals (Board Policy 4:60 - Purchases and Contracts)

A. Proposal - Post-Secondary Success - Dual Credit Agreement Between Elgin Community College and School District U-46

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 intergovernmental agreement with Elgin Community College and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents.

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

A. Contract - Specialized Student Services - 5 STAR Interpreting

Dr. Satterwhite, Director of Specialized Student Services, and Ms. Leatherby, Assistant Director of Specialized Student Services-Compliance, presented the proposal and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the agreement of the contract with 5 STAR Interpreting in the amount not to exceed \$75,000.00, 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 - Specialized Student Services - Gorbald Behavioral Consulting

Dr. Satterwhite, Director of Specialized Student Services, presented the proposal and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract with Gorbald Behavioral Consulting, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$404,160.00, and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This is a supplementary contract to the \$181,725.00 contract approved by the Board of Education on September 12, 2022. This expenditure will be charged to the IDEA ARP Grant. The cost is included in the budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

9. Work Session - Change Orders (Board Policy 4.164 - Construction Contracts, Bidding, Awards, and Payments)

A. Change Order - Plant Operations - Larkin High School Partial Roof Replacement Project #270


Ms. Waldau, Director of Plant Operations, presented the change order and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the change order from Preservation Services, Inc. in the amount of minus \$17,607.28.

B. Change Order - Plant Operations - Coleman Elementary School Boiler Replacement Project #684 and Wayne Elementary School Boiler Replacement Project #1552


Ms. Waldau, Director of Plant Operations, presented the change order and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the change order from Preservation Services, Inc. in the amount of minus \$71,370.00.

Motion by Ms. Thommes, second by Ms. Noland, to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of November 7, 2022 at 9:00 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 21st day of November, 2022



President



Secretary