

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

October 24, 2022

**The video of the October 24, 2022 meeting can be found here:**  
[October 24, 2022, BOE Meeting](#)

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:02 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; 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 6:03 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 6:55 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, 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, 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 on Achievement - Dr. Sanders

A. National School Bus Safety Week

In recognition of National School Bus Safety Week, October 17-21, 2022, a Proclamation of Appreciation was presented to representatives of the U-46 Transportation Department. Members of the U-46 Transportation Department, including drivers, assistants, mechanics, shop staff, trainers, and office staff, work together to safely transport approximately 24,000

children to and from 58 in-district and approximately 20 out-of-district sites each day. To accomplish this, U-46 drivers travel more than four million miles every school year.

B. Illinois Communication and Theatre Association Edith Harrod Award Winner

As part of the Board of Education's Accent on Achievement Program, the Board of Education recognized Bartlett High School speech and debate teacher Anthony Zoubek for being honored with the Illinois Communication and Theatre Association Edith Harrod Award. The Illinois Communication and Theatre Association is the state's oldest and largest professional affiliation for high school and college teachers of communications and drama. The Edith Harrod Award is the highest lifetime achievement honor that an Illinois speech, debate, and theatre educator can receive while still working in the field. Mr. Zoubek has taught since 2006 and has coached Bartlett High School's competitive forensics team since 2007. Mr. Zoubek was recognized on Friday, September 23, 2022.

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

A. Alignment Collaborative for Education (ACE) and School District U-46 Explore 2022 Update

Mr. Briesemeister, Director of Educational Pathways, and Mrs. Coleman, Executive Director of ACE, provided the Board of Education with an update on Explore 2022 event.

3. Public Comments.

LaShaunda Jordan, a District employee, stated that she had difficulty with the HR onboarding process, and also offered her suggestions for fostering black student networks at all of the District high schools.

Jackie Gustaffson stated she would like additional information on the District's sex education curriculum, and how decisions on the curriculum are being made. Ms. Gustaffson also stated that she would like information on the District's distinction between equity and equality.

Rick Newton stated that he would like information on the District's low academic proficiency ratings, and to know what the accountability is for the low scores.

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

A. Additional Information

Ms. Kerr stated that she attended the Elgin High School National Honors' Society inauguration, and it was enjoyable seeing students and families. Ms. Kerr stated that she also attending an event at Bartlett Elementary School where 4<sup>th</sup> graders interviewed their local elected officials.

Mrs. Porter stated that she attended the marching band event with all U-46 high schools, and was so impressed with the talent and the music departments.

Dr. Sanders stated that he attended the Push Excel Town Hall, and also presented an award to the Elgin Lions Club.

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 discussed the following resolutions, and stated final determinations would be made at the November 7, 2022 meeting date:

1. Fund Balances-Miller Ratio Adjustment – support 2. Alternative Fueled School Bus Funding – do not support 3. Firearm Dealer Location – more discussion needed 4. Capital Grant Fund for School Buildings – support 5. School Safety Fund – support 6. Involvement with Candidates for Public Office – more discussion needed 7. Mandates Review Committee – support 8. Financial Contribution for School Board Elections – more discussion needed.

The Board designated Board member Thommes as committee delegate.

C. FOIA Requests

Dr. Sanders stated there were eleven (11) 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.

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

A. Community Advisory Council (CAC) Update

Ian Horn stated that the CAC Instructional Initiatives meeting would be held October 26<sup>th</sup> via Zoom, and Eureka Math would be discussed. Mr. Horn stated that the next CAC General meeting would be held at the Welcome Center on November 3, 2022 and would include a presentation on student safety. Information for all CAC meetings can be found on the District's website.

6. Consent Agenda – Dr. Sanders

- A. Personnel Report and Workers' Compensation Cases
- B. Minutes of Board Meeting – October 3, 2022
- C. Termination of Lavonne Bozeman - Bus Driver
- D. Termination of Alan Landry - Bus Driver
- E. Termination of Hortencia Ortiz – Monitor
- F. Termination of Maha Swanson - Food Service Technician
- G. Board Policy Update - Section 7 - 7:285 Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program
- H. Proposal - Chief of Staff - Garfield Elementary School Boundary Change
- I. Contract - Specialized Student Services - Easterseals Metropolitan Chicago

Motion by Ms. Thommes, second by Ms. Noland, to approve the consent agenda items A-I, 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. Discussion/Action – Dr. Sanders

A. Itemized Bills – October 24, 2022

Dr. Williams, Deputy Superintendent of 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 \$13,699,147.42.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Martin, 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. Approval of Closed Session Minutes

A Motion was requested and the need for confidentiality still exists as to all or part of closed session minutes and, therefore, "all Closed Session Minutes, with the exception of the minutes already released including audio recordings, remain confidential. In addition, all audio recordings more than 18 months old having been put into writing and approved, may be destroyed." Board Policy #2:220 - Board of Education Meeting Procedure

The following Closed Session Minutes have been reviewed for approval:

Minutes for Approval – October 2022

April 25, 2022

May 2, 9 & 16, 2022

June 6 & 20, 2022

July 18, 2022

August 8 & 22, 2022

September 12 & 26, 2022

Audio to be Destroyed – October 2022

November 16, 2020

December 14, 2020

January 11, 23 & 25, 2021

February 8 & 22, 2021

March 1, 8 & 15, 2021

April 12, 2021

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

8. Other Business - Dr. Sanders

A. September 29, 2022 Enrollments

Mr. Lindholm, Chief of Staff, presented the September 29, 2022 Enrollments and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education.

B. Investment Report for the First Quarter

Dr. Williams, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, presented the Investment Report for the first quarter and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education.

C. School District U-46 Refunding Discussion

Dr. Williams, Deputy Superintendent of Operations and Ms. Hennessy, Managing Director of Raymond James Public Finance, reviewed the refunding presentation and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education.

9. Work Session - Dr. Sanders

A. Board Policy Updates

Ms. Olson, Chief Legal Officer, presented the proposed changes to the following Board policies:

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

Administration recommended adoption of the proposed changes.

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, presented the proposed changes to Policy 2:230 Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings and Petitions to the Board of Education. The Board discussed changing the proposed language regarding anonymous comments, and returning the item to discussion/action for the November 7, 2022 Board meeting.

C. Board Policy Update - Section 6 - 6:240 Field Trips

Ms. Olson, Chief Legal Officer, presented the proposed changes to Policy 6:240 Field Trips to the Board of Education. Administration recommended adoption of the

proposed changes to Policy 6:240 Field Trips. The Board agreed with the proposed policy language.

- D. Board Policy Update - Section 6 - 6:250 Community Resource Persons and Volunteers  
Ms. Olson, Chief Legal Officer, presented the proposed changes to Policy 6:250 Community Resource Persons and Volunteers to the Board of Education. The Board discussed needing additional discussion before making a determination on the proposed policy language.

10. Work Session - 2022 Tax Levy (Board Policy 4:10 - Fiscal and Business Management)

A. Resolution Regarding Proposed 2022 Levies

Dr. Sanders, Superintendent, and Dr. Williams, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, reviewed the Resolution regarding the Proposed 2022 Levies and were available to answer 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 recommends adoption of the proposed levy resolution.

B. Determination of 2022 Tax Levy

Dr. Sanders, Superintendent, and Dr. Williams, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, reviewed the Determination of the 2022 Tax Levy and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education.

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

A. Bid - Plant Operations - Electric Service

Ms. Waldau, Director of Plant Operations, presented the proposal summary and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration requested authorization to execute an electrical service supply contract and related documents with the lowest qualified bidder based on the market rate during sealed bid opening on November 9, 2022, or at a later date based on current market fluctuation. This expenditure will be charged to the Operations and Maintenance Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the contracted term.

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

A. Contract Renewal - Information Services - Student Information System

Mr. Barron, Director of Information Services, presented the proposal and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract renewal with Computer Information Concepts (CIC) for the Infinite Campus Student Information System in the amount of \$1,112,622.00, 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 through 2024-2025 fiscal years.

B. Contract - Office of Instruction - Bargaining Facilitation


Dr. Johnson, Deputy Superintendent of Instruction, presented the proposal and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the agreement with Collaborative Leadership Consulting Group in the amount not to exceed \$75,000.00, 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.

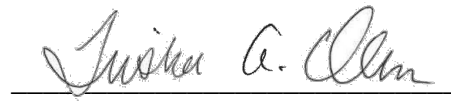
C. Contract - Office of Schools - Northern Illinois University Middle School Endorsement

Ms. Majstorovic, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Acevedo, Executive Director of Middle Schools, and Mr. Klein of Northern Illinois University presented the proposal and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract with Northern Illinois University in the amount not to exceed \$552,000.00, and requested authorization for district administration to executive related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the ESSER Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2022-2023 through 2024-2025 fiscal years.

Motion by Ms. Thommes, second by Ms. Noland, to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of October 24, 2022 at 9:07 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 7th day of November, 2022

  
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President

  
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Secretary