

Highlights from the April 24, 2023 U-46 Board of Education meeting

The Board of Education meeting was held at 355 East Chicago Street, Elgin.

During Accent on Achievement, the Board recognized Anaya Chikhalia, a 6th grader at Hanover Countryside Elementary School, who won the Middle School division of the poster contest held to celebrate Illinois Arts Education Week 2023. The Board also recognized Ashley Dominguez of Dream Academy for winning the 2023 Illinois Coalition for Educating At-Risk Youth Outstanding Student Award.

There were three Strategic Plan presentations.

Asraar Ahmed Siddiqui of Bartlett High School; Mahitha Ratakonda of Elgin High School; and Camilla Blacha, Angelica Harris, and Yumna Hashmi of South Elgin High School, provided a [report](#) on the U-46 Student Summit held on April 5, 2023. Three main topics were discussed at the Summit: Post-Secondary Resources, Mental Health, and School Safety.

Mr. Brian Lindholm and Dr. Ann Williams provided an [update](#) on the Facilities Planning.

There was an [update](#) from the Streamwood Elementary Network on U-46 Rising. Mrs. Winters, Executive Director of the Streamwood Elementary Network, Ms. Alegria, Oakhill Elementary School Principal, Ms. Mesch, Oakhill Elementary School Instructional Coach, Ms. Arroyo, Parkwood Elementary School Principal, Ms. Sheeks, Parkwood Elementary School Instructional Coach, as well as Ms. Kozel and Ms. Jimenez, Hanover Township representatives, discussed the work they were doing and the success they were seeing.

There was one public comment by a speaker who discussed the financial education workshops his company offered.

Veronica Betz gave an update on the Community Advisory Council (CAC) and discussed their work for the remainder of the year.

The Board approved in the Consent Agenda and during Discussion/Action:

- Personnel report of 4/24/23 and Board meeting minutes of 4/10/23.
- Bills in the amount of \$10,359,460.
- Closed Session minutes and the destruction of closed session audio recordings more than eighteen months old.
- The appointment of Asraar Ahmed Siddiqui of Bartlett High School as the 2023-24 Student Advisor to the Board of Education, with Yumna Hashmi of South Elgin High School as the alternative.
- The [Superintendent Leadership Profile](#), as presented by representatives of Hazard, Young, Attea and Associates.

- Bids, contracts, building permits, proposals, and change orders discussed at the previous Board meeting.

During Other Business the Board reviewed

- The [Investment Report](#) for the third quarter.
- The [March Financial Report](#).

During the Work Session the Board reviewed

- [Middle School Mathematics Resource proposal](#).
- A bid from Warehouse Direct for Feminine Hygiene Consumable Products and Vending
- A proposal from DLA Architects, Ltd., to complete a conceptual capital improvement study to establish options and recommendations for additions, renovations, and/or replacement buildings at the sites identified by the Unite U-46 committee.

A link to the video of the Board meeting can be found [here](#). A link to the complete Board meeting packet can be found [here](#).

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Monday, May 1, at 7:00 p.m., at 355 E. Chicago St., Elgin.