

Highlights from the March 20, 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 seven U-46 teachers who recently renewed their National Board Certification:

Meagen Balzer - English Teacher at Streamwood High School
Christine Bowen - Math Teacher at South Elgin High School
Nicole Fernstrom - English Teacher at Streamwood High School
Caridad Garcia - Assistant Principal at Creekside Elementary School
Anna Hallock McEvilly - Social Studies and AVID Teacher at Canton Middle School
Laura Ocampo - English Language Learners (ELL) Language Arts Teacher at Ellis Middle School
Kimberly Stancl - Instructional Coach at Creekside Elementary School

The Board also recognized Bartlett High School student Emma Engels for earning first place in the Girls State Wrestling Championship and for being named the 2023 Illinois State Girls Wrestling Champion in the 100-pound weight class by the Illinois High School Association.

Under the Strategic Plan Report there was an [Equity Update](#) by Dr. Teresa Lance, Assistant Superintendent of Equity and Innovation, Ms. Lisa Jackson, Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and Ms. Doreen Roberts, Teacher Leader of Educational Pathways. They discussed the work of the past year including Affinity Groups, student leadership initiatives, curriculum work, an equity session with 600 paraprofessionals, book studies, and Thought Exchanges.

There were six public comments. All speakers expressed opposition to the closing of the automotive program at Bartlett High School.

Matt Hovey gave an update on the Community Advisory Council (CAC) and discussed upcoming CAC committee and sub-committee meetings.

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

- Personnel report of 3/20/23 and Board meeting minutes of 3/13/23.
- Bills in the amount of \$4,738,929.
- A Resolution Authorizing the Honorable Dismissal of Teachers
- A Resolution Authorizing the Notice of Dismissal to Tenured Teachers without an Illinois Professional Educator License
- Minor changes to Board Policy 5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited
- Minutes of the 12/22/22 Board Finance Committee meeting
- A Letter of Agreement with Hazard, Young, Attea, and Associates (HYA) for the superintendent search. Prior to the vote the Board reviewed a [presentation](#) from HYA on what that search would involve.

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

During Other Business the Board reviewed

- HYA's [Action Plan](#) for the superintendent search
- February [Financial Report](#)

During the Work Session the Board reviewed

- High School Science [Curriculum proposal](#)
- A bid from Low Voltage Solutions, Inc. for the installation of fiber cabling in the Streamwood High School press box
- A bid from Bear Construction Company for Educational Service Center Interior Renovation Phase 2 project
- A proposal from SchoolLinks for the College and Career Planning Platform
- A contract renewal with Frontline Education for the Absence and Substitute Management system
- A contract with Northern Illinois University to support teachers in their efforts in attaining the Bilingual/ESL Endorsement,

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, April 10, at 7:00 p.m., at 355 E. Chicago St., Elgin.