

Highlights from the March 6, 2023 U-46 Board of Education meeting

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

There were several Accent on Achievement recognitions to begin the Board meeting. In honor of National School Social Work Week, the Board presented a Proclamation of Appreciation to Mary Abbott, U-46 Lead Social Worker.

The Board recognized students who were named All-State and All-State Honors Musicians: Eric Fox, Honors Chorus Tenor I - Bartlett High School; Ethan Wankel, All-State Chorus Bass I - Bartlett High School; Zoey Helle-Kuczynski, Future Music Educators Symposium - Bartlett High School; Madeline Conter, Honors Chorus Alto I - Elgin High School; Stephanie Skrabacz, All-State Band Bb Clarinet - Elgin High School; Diego Gomez, Future Music Educators Symposium - Elgin High School; Madelyn Dobbeck, Honors Band Trumpet - Larkin High School; Alejandro Diaz, Honors Chorus Tenor I - South Elgin High School; Haley Leuze, All-State Chorus Tenor I - South Elgin High School; and Taylor Picha, Honors Band Flute - South Elgin High School.

The Board also recognized students who were named for their 2023 All-State Production by the Illinois High School Theatre Festival for Shrek: The Musical. These students include: Sarah Walser, Pit Orchestra Bass - Bartlett High School; and Sarah Ballenger, Pit Orchestra Violin - Streamwood High School. Larsen Middle School teacher Hector Hernandez was also recognized for his work on the Crew as Properties Director.

There were two items presented under Strategic Plan Report. The first was an [update](#) on Career Pathways by Dr. Teresa Lance and Mr. Mitchell Briesemeister. They discussed the new HUB model for specialized programs, the Educational Pathways tentative five-year plan, and Streamwood High School Pathways Phase 2 update.

The second was a [presentation](#) by the Elgin Network on work on U-46 Rising. Mrs. Yvette Gonzalez-Collins, Executive Director of the Elgin Network, introduced the presentation. Ms. Kelly Marotz, Coleman Elementary School Principal, Dr. Elisa Biancalana, Timber Trails Elementary School Principal, and Ms. Rebecca Lunak, Channing Elementary School Principal, discussed the work going on at their schools.

There was no public comment.

Veronica Betz gave an update on the Community Advisory Council (CAC) and discussed upcoming CAC committee and sub-committee meetings including the CAC Candidate Forum on March 9.

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

- Personnel report of 3/6/23 and Board meeting minutes of 2/27/23.
- Bills in the amount of \$5,875,959.
- A Resolution authorizing the Honorable Dismissal of Teachers.
- A Resolution authorizing the Non-Renewal of Building Substitute Teachers.
- A Resolution authorizing the Honorable Dismissal of Educational Support Personnel - Funded Project Personnel
- A Resolution authorizing the partial settlement of vaping litigation against Juul Labs
- International Baccalaureate Program Letter and Statement of Acceptance Diploma Programme
- Bids, contracts, building permits, proposals, and change orders discussed at the previous Board meeting.

During Other Business the Board reviewed the Board Policy updates from IASB's Press Plus. These primarily involve minor changes, such as legal references. Policy updates which require more discussion will be addressed at a special board committee meeting on March 13.

During the Work Session the Board reviewed

- A contract with Instructional Empowerment (IE) for the Summer Conference, 2023.
- A contract renewal with Thought Exchange for surveys related to equity and inclusion.

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, March 13, at 7:00 p.m., at 355 E. Chicago St., Elgin. A committee meeting to discuss board policies will be held late in the afternoon on March 13.