

Highlights from the January 23, 2023 U-46 Board of Education meeting

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

Prior to the regular meeting the Board Legislative Committee met with the governmental relations team from the Illinois Association of School Boards and received an [update](#) on recently passed legislation and pending bills in Springfield.

The Board had two updates during the Strategic Plan section of the meeting. In the first Mr. David Bell, Coordinator of Culture and Climate, and Mr. Rich Bosh, Coordinator of School Safety, gave a [presentation](#) on school safety and culture. The presentation covered Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) training, the student code of conduct, and School Resource Officer (SRO) training.

The second [presentation](#) by Ms. Sarah Rabe, Executive Director of Elementary Schools (Larkin Network) discussed the Larkin Network goals and trends related to U-46 Rising. Mr. Joe Corcoran, Harriet Gifford Elementary; Mr. Steve Johnson, Highland Elementary; Ms. Lisa Bergbreiter, Independence Center for Early Learning; and Mr. Joel Pollack, Creekside Elementary, reviewed the work being done at their schools.

There were no public comments.

Veronica Betz 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 1/23/23 and Board meeting minutes of 1/9/23.
- Bills in the amount of \$13,143,017.
- A four-year agreement with the U-46 Secretarial Association (DUSA).
- Bids, contracts, building permits, proposals, and change orders discussed at the previous Board meeting.

During Other Business the Board reviewed

- The December [Financial Report](#).
- The Second Quarter [Investment Report](#).
- The Second Quarter [Financial Report](#) for the secondary schools.

During the Work Session the Board reviewed

- A curriculum and resource [proposal](#) for the International Baccalaureate (IB) program which will be introduced at Elgin High School in Fall 2023.
- [Textbook and resources](#) for four business classes.

- A three-year contract for the purchase of [GALE: In Context For Educators](#) program for high schools and middle schools. This will provide access to databases and e-books.
- Roof replacements at four schools.
- Streamwood High School boiler, pumps, electrical switchgear, and generator replacement project.
- A contract with Care Solace, a mental health coordination service, which will work to help students and their families find mental health service providers.
- A contract with Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) to provide training.

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, February 13, at 7:00 p.m., at 355 E. Chicago St., Elgin.