

Highlights from the January 9, 2023 U-46 Board of Education meeting

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

The Board had two updates during the Strategic Plan section of the meeting. The [first presentation](#) by Chief of Staff Mr. Brian Lindholm and Mr. Brian Tennison, Executive Director of High Schools, covered the Gallup survey results on employee engagement as well as local metrics on student attendance, discipline, and grades. There was discussion about the low engagement scores and how they would be addressed.

The [second presentation](#) by Dr. Annette Acevedo, Executive Director of Middle Schools, covered work being done in the middle schools, particularly as it pertained to U-46 Rising. Dr. Luis De Leon, principal of Tefft Middle School, and Ms. Verastegui, Tefft Instructional Coach, outlined some of the initiatives introduced at Tefft.

There were no public comments.

Chanda Schwartz 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 1/9/23 and Board meeting minutes of 12/12/22.
- Bills in the amount of \$18,937,932.
- Bids, contracts, building permits, proposals, and change orders discussed at the previous Board meeting.

During Other Business the Board reviewed

- The November [Financial Report](#).
- The [2023 Capital Projects Summary](#). This includes over \$80 million in construction work for the coming year, of which \$50 million will cover the Hawk Hollow renovation to a middle school.

During the Work Session the Board reviewed

- A 3-year contract for the [CommonLit Schools Essential PRO](#) package for all high schools and middle schools, This would replace StudySync which is currently used.
- ESC cooling tower replacement
- Waterproofing and regrading work at Illinois Park
- Fire alarm replacement at five schools
- Bathroom renovations at Channing and Kimball
- Cooler/freezer replacement at Abbott Middle School

- Fencing projects at Bartlett High School, Clinton Elementary, and Timber Trails Elementary
- Two-way radio purchase
- A three-year contract renewal with Panorama Education for the Equity and Inclusion survey

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, January 23, at 7:00 p.m., at 355 E. Chicago St., Elgin.