

Highlights from the October 24, 2022 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 issued a Proclamation of Appreciation to the U-46 Transportation Department in recognition of National School Bus Safety Week, October 17-21. Members of the U-46 Transportation Department safely transport approximately 24,000 children to and from 58 in-district and approximately 20 out-of-district sites each day. To accomplish this, U-46 drivers travel more than four million miles every school year.

The Board also recognized Bartlett High School speech and debate teacher Anthony Zoubek for being honored with the Illinois Communication and Theatre Association Edith Harrod Award. This award is the highest lifetime achievement honor that an Illinois speech, debate, and theatre educator can receive while still working in the field. Mr. Zoubek has taught since 2006 and has coached Bartlett High School's competitive forensics team since 2007.

Mr. Mitchell Briesemeister, Director of Educational Pathways, and Mrs. Nancy Coleman, Executive Director of ACE, provided the Board with an [update](#) on the Explore 2022 event which gave 2600 eighth graders the opportunity to explore career and educational opportunities.

There were three public comments. One speaker discussed some problems she had with Human Resources and also brought up the possibility of developing a network to link the black student groups at the five high schools. The second speaker questioned whether U-46 has opted out of the new state sex ed standards and also discussed equity versus equality. The final speaker criticized the district's proficiency ratings and asserted that no one was held responsible for outcomes.

The Board reviewed the 2022 Illinois Association of School Board (IASB) Resolutions Committee [Report](#) and discussed what positions it might take on the resolutions being presented to the delegate assembly.

Ian Horn gave an update on CAC (Community Advisory Council) and discussed upcoming CAC committee and sub-committee meetings.

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

- Personnel report of 10/21/22 and Board meeting minutes of 10/3/22.
- Bills in the amount of \$13,699,147
- Closed session minutes and the destruction of closed session audio recordings that are more than 18 months old and have been put into writing and approved.
- Garfield Elementary School boundary change.
- Bids, contracts, building permits, proposals, and change orders discussed at the

previous Board meeting.

During Other Business the Board reviewed

- The [September 29, 2022 enrollments](#). Total enrollment is 35,338, down 769 students from the previous year.
- [Investment report](#) for the first quarter.
- A [presentation](#) that discussed the possibility of refunding bonds and reviewed current and future bond payments.

During the Work Session the Board reviewed

- Updates to Board Policies (The Board's full policies are available on the district website [here](#)). In depth discussion was had concerning
 - Policy 2:230 Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings and Petitions to the Board
 - Policy 6:240 Field Trips
 - Policy 6:250 Community Resource Persons and Volunteers
- A [presentation](#) on the 2022 tax levy.
- A bid for electrical services
- A contract renewal with Computer Information Concepts for the Infinite Campus Student Information System
- A contract with Collaborative Leadership Consulting Group for bargaining facilitation
- A contract with Northern Illinois University to enable 6th grade teachers to receive the middle school endorsement. This will be necessary when 6th grade is moved to middle school in the 2024-25 school year.

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