

Highlights of the April 29, 2024 and May 6, 2024, U-46 Board of Education Meetings

A Special Board meeting was held on April 29 to address employee issues and review board policy. A video of that meeting can be found [here](#).

The regular Board of Education meeting was held on May 6 at 355 East Chicago Street, Elgin.

The Board had three recognitions during Accent on Achievement.

In recognition of National Teacher Appreciation Week, the U-46 Board of Education presented a Proclamation of Appreciation on behalf of all U-46 teachers for delivering inspiration, knowledge and motivation in an effort to create exemplary citizens.

The Board also presented a Proclamation of Appreciation on behalf of all U-46 nurses in recognition of National School Nurses Day on May 8, 2024.

Finally, the Board recognized students from Bartlett High School who won the "Critics Choice Award", the top honor in the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Musical Theatre Revue category of the IHSA Drama State Series. Bartlett High School competed with the musical "Six". The cast included Bartlett High School students Clara Dean, Jenna Fox, Ava Grace, Mia Lannon, Jamielyn Opilla, Emma Robin, Mariella Santoro, Victoria Smutek, and Cosette Winter.

During the Strategic Plan portion of the meeting, the Board received a [Facilities Update](#). This update included a review of boundary guidelines, the process for naming schools, and a preview of Unite-U46 work for 2024-25.

There was one public comment concerning the new middle school in Elgin.

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

- Personnel report of 05/06/24.
- Board meeting minutes of 3/18/24.
- Bills in the amount of \$13,198,030.53.
- A rate increase for Nyhan, Bambrick, Kinzie & Lowry P.C.
- Bids, contracts, building permits, proposals, and change orders as discussed at the previous Board meeting.

The Board recognized 2023-24 Student Board member, Yumna Hashmi, and presented her with a plaque. The newly appointed Student Board of Education Member, Mahitha Ratakonda, was sworn in.

The Board elects new officers every May. Officers elected this year are Melissa Owens, President; Kate Thommes, Vice-President; and Chanda Schwartz, Secretary Pro-Tempore.

In Other Business, the Board discussed processes related to membership in the Illinois Association of School Boards and received the [March Financial Report](#).

During the Work Sessions the Board reviewed

- Japanese and Mandarin Chinese World Language Curriculum Expansion [Proposal](#).
- Multi-Tiered System of Support and Math - i-Ready Math K-6 Intervention Resource [Proposal](#).
- [Boundary Proposal](#) and [presentation](#) for the New Middle School in Bartlett to begin in the 2025-26 school year for 7th grade students only.
- Bids for Elgin High School Pool Upgrade and Bleacher Replacement.
- Proposal for Streamwood High School Auditorium Smoke Hatch Replacement.
- Proposal for School Climate and Culture Training for staff and students at Coleman and Huff elementary schools.
- Proposals for implementation and professional development for a Universal Screening Assessment from Curriculum Associates, replacing the existing NWEA Map assessment.
- Contract renewal for Ombudsman Educational Services, Ltd.
- Contract renewal for Special Education Systems Incorporated.

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, May 13th beginning at 6:00 pm at South Elgin High School, 760 E Main Street, South Elgin. This meeting will include recognition of the Top 2% High School Seniors from all five comprehensive high schools. Consult the meeting packet for additional regular business agenda items.