

Highlights of the March 18, 2024, U-46 Board of Education Meeting

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

There were three Recognitions during Accent on Achievement

The Board recognized new National Board Certified Teacher Brittany Hennessey, an English teacher at South Elgin High School and renewing National Board Certified Teacher Gisselle Moreira, 4th grade teacher at Hillcrest Elementary School.

The Board also recognized students who were named All-State and All-State Honors Musicians by the Illinois Music Educators Association (ILMEA). These students include: Kara Hagan, All-State Chorus Tenor I - Bartlett High School; Anthony Cortes, Future Music Educators Symposium Chorus Bass II - Elgin High School; Edward Power, Future Music Educators Symposium - Elgin High School; Ayaka Vieira, All-State Orchestra Violin - Larkin High School; Aidan Klapperich, All-State Band Trombone - Larkin High School; Ruby Montgomery, Honors Chorus Soprano I - South Elgin High School; Isabella Huynh, All-State Chorus Soprano I - South Elgin High School; and Kiera Moore, All-State Chorus Alto II - South Elgin High School.

Finally, the Board recognized students who were named by the Illinois High School Theatre Festival for their role in the Pit Orchestra in the All-State Production of "She Kills Monsters". These students include Sarah Ballenger and David Burmann of Streamwood High School.

There were two presentations during the Strategic Plan Report Portion of the meeting. Mr. Tennison, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, Ms. Pirtle, Director of the Multilingual and Multicultural Education Department, Dr. Ernst, Coordinator of the Multilingual and Multicultural Education Department for Elementary, and Mr. Pestaña, Coordinator of the Multilingual and Multicultural Education Department for Secondary, gave the board an [update](#) on Multilingual and Multicultural Education in U-46. This included a comparison of the Dual Language, English as a Second Language, and the Transitional Bilingual Program. There are over 95 languages represented in U-46 with the most common being Spanish, English, Polish, Gujarati, and Urdu.

Mr. Lindholm and Dr. Ann Williams gave the Board an [update](#) on Facilities work. Mr. Lindholm discussed attendance boundary criteria guidelines, while Dr. Williams updated the Board on work being done at the new middle school in Bartlett.

There were four public comments. Two speakers voiced concerns about the proposed new middle school in Elgin, while two speakers expressed support for the Bartlett High School principal.

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

- Personnel report of 03/18/24.
- Board meeting minutes of 2/5/24

- Bills in the amount of \$7,931,712.24
- Ratification of the Board President's Execution of Purchase and Sale Agreement - 2604 Rohrssen Road, Elgin.
- A resolution authorizing the reclassification of a principal and reassignment to a classroom teaching position.
- Five HR resolutions concerning personnel categories that are eligible for possible dismissal following state notification guidelines.
- Bids, contracts, building permits, proposals, and change orders as discussed at the previous Board meeting.

During the Work Session the Board reviewed

- Renewal of School District U-46 High School Membership in the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) for 2024-2025.

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, April 8, at 7:00 p.m., at 355 E. Chicago St., Elgin.