

## Highlights of the December 18, 2023, U-46 Board of Education Meeting

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

There were two presentations during the Strategic Plan Report Portion of the meeting.

The Board received an update on [Equity Plan 2.0](#), which included detailed goals and improvement strategies to increase student achievement, particularly among African-American and Hispanic students and students with IEPs; improving climate; increasing staff diversity; and other measures.

The Board also received a [Facilities update](#) with recommendations for elementary schools. The recommendations include retiring Century Oaks, Washington, Lowrie, and Hanover Countryside; rebuilding McKinley and Glenbrook at locations to be determined; closing Illinois Park as an early childhood center and researching the feasibility of opening it as an elementary school; considering additions and/or updates to Highland and Harriet Gifford; and monitoring Parkwood for declining enrollment.

There were no public comments.

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

- Personnel report of 12/18/23.
- Minutes of the 11/13/23 board meeting.
- Bills in the amount of \$11,456,921.
- Board Finance Committee meeting minutes of 11/6/23 and 12/4/23.
- Bids, contracts, building permits, proposals, and change orders discussed at the previous Board meeting.

During Other Business the Board reviewed

- [Monthly financial report](#) for November.

During the Work Session the Board reviewed

- Purchase of Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs)
- Purchase of an Electronic Health Record system.
- HVAC upgrade at Prairieview Elementary School
- An Intergovernmental agreement with the city of Elgin to share video surveillance in emergencies.
- Purchase of Red Rover system for Human Resources.

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