

Highlights of the November 6, 2023, U-46 Board of Education Finance Committee Meeting and Regular Meeting

The Board of Education Finance Committee meeting was held at 355 East Chicago Street, Elgin prior to the regular board meeting.

During the Finance Committee meeting Dr. Ann Williams, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, and Dr. Frank Williams, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, provided the board with an [update](#) on the proposed 2023 tax levy. The Board also received a [presentation](#) from Dr. Ann Williams, Mr. Lindholm, Chief of Staff, Dr. Frank Williams, Ms. Hennessy, Managing Director of Raymond James, on the Unite U-46 Financing Plan.

The video of the Finance Committee meeting can be found [here](#).

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

During Accent on Achievement, the Board presented a Proclamation of Appreciation to the Elgin Teachers Association in recognition of American Education Week, November 13-17, 2023. The Board also presented Proclamations of Appreciation to Ms. Pizzitola, Ms. Avina, Ms. Weiss, and Mr. Sheahan on behalf of the support unions in recognition of National Education Support Professionals Day, November 15, 2023.

During the Strategic Plan Report, the Board received an [update](#) on 2023 School Report Card data from Mrs. Majstorovic, Deputy Superintendent of Instruction, Dr. Acevedo, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Lance, Assistant Superintendent of Equity and Innovation, Mr. Tennison, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, and Mr. Raimondi, Director of Assessment and Accountability. The update included information on IAR and SAT test results, student chronic absenteeism, 9th graders on track, 4-year graduation rates, AP exams, and Seal of Biliteracy. There was also a discussion of the summative designations each school received.

Mr. Briesemeister, Director of Educational Pathways, and Mrs. Coleman, Executive Director of Alignment Collaborative for Education (ACE), provided the Board of Education with an [update](#) on Explore 2023 which was held at the NOW Arena in October. This event introduces eighth graders to careers and possible pathways in high school.

There were five public comments. A parent expressed concern that the PTO had to pay custodial fees for events held at a school; two bus drivers expressed concern about the lack of drivers and assistants and the long routes children were facing; a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority discussed the service focus of her association and how they would like to be of help to students in the district; and the DUEA president outlined the many positions DUEA professionals hold.

The Board selected Mrs. Martin as the delegate at the upcoming Illinois Association of School Boards convention and agreed on the Board's position on the five resolutions outlined in the [Resolutions Committee report](#).

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

- Personnel report of 11/6/23.
- Bills in the amount of \$14,687,988.
- Bids, contracts, building permits, proposals, and change orders discussed at the previous Board meeting.

During Other Business, the Board reviewed:

- [Secondary Schools Financial Report](#) for the first quarter.
- [Investment Report](#) for the first quarter.

During the Work Session, the Board reviewed:

- A resolution Declaring the Intention to Issue Bonds not to Exceed \$35,000,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds.
- An order Calling a Public Hearing Concerning the Intent of the Board of Education to issue Working Cash Fund Bonds.
- A [resolution](#) regarding the proposed 2023 tax levy.
- An [estimate](#) of the 2023 tax levy.

A link to the video of the Board meetings 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 13, at 7 p.m., at 355 E. Chicago St., Elgin.