

Highlights of the October 23, 2023, 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 of Education recognized Karla Jiménez, Director of School & Community Relations, and the entire School & Community Relations team, for being honored with the Golden Achievement Award for Excellence in the 2023 Communications Contest hosted by the Illinois Chapter National School Public Relations Association. The U-46 School and Community Relations Department received a total of nine awards, including the top honor, the Golden Achievement Award for Excellence, for the Unite U-46 community engagement campaign.

The Strategic Plan Report consisted of a [Facility Planning Update](#). Dr. Williams, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, and Mr. Lindholm, Chief of Staff, reviewed updated enrollment figures; a recommendation to award the bid for Hawk Hollow construction to George Sollitt Construction Company; a recommendation to approve proposals from DLA Architects for the construction of a new Elgin middle school and an addition/renovations to Kimball Middle School; and a review of different types of bonds and funding for the Unite U-46 initiative.

There were three public comments; two concerned bus driver salaries and working conditions and the third discussed problems a parent/teacher had had with transportation that day.

The Board reviewed the 2023 Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) [Resolutions Committee report](#). Five resolutions will be voted on at the IASB meeting in November. At its November 6 meeting the Board will direct its delegate how to vote on these resolutions.

Matt Hovey, interim chairperson of the Community Advisory Council, gave an update on future CAC meetings. The next general meeting will be on Thursday, November 2, at Tefft Middle School, and will include an update on Unite U-46.

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

- Personnel report of 10/23/23 and board meeting minutes of 9/18/23 and 9/25/23.
- Bills in the amount of \$16,854,708.
- Closed session minutes and the destruction of closed session audio tapes which had been put into writing and were more than 18 months old.
- Bids, contracts, building permits, proposals, and change orders discussed at the previous Board meeting.

During the Work Session, the Board reviewed:

- A recommendation for the purchase of staff laptops.
- A bid for Hawk Hollow construction.
- Architect recommendations for Kimball Middle School and the new Elgin Middle School.
- An invoice for emergency lighting inspections.

- A bid for two-way radio replacements.
- A contract renewal with MusicFirst for a secondary music curriculum resource.
- Snow removal contract extensions.
- Judson University Mutual Use Agreement (Judson would have use of Streamwood High School's Millennium Field in exchange for SHS's use of Judson University's Hoffer and Dawson Fields).
- A contract with MDQ14Kids, LLC for literacy instruction professional development at Heritage and Ridge Circle Elementary Schools.

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 6, at 7 p.m., at 355 E. Chicago St., Elgin.