

## Highlights from the September 18, 2023, Special Meeting and the September 25, 2023 U-46 Board of Education Meeting

### September 18, 2023 Special Meeting

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

The Special Board meeting was focused on the facilities planning. Mr. Lindholm, Chief of Staff, Mrs. Majstorovic, Deputy Superintendent of Instruction, and Dr. Williams, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, provided an [update](#) which reviewed goals outlined by Unite U-46 and work done to date; discussed the Middle School transition and building projects; reviewed elementary school projects and enrollment trends, and outlined recommendations that will be voted on by the Board on September 25.

There was one public comment concerning possible improvements to Ellis Middle School.

### September 25, 2023 Meeting

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

The Board meeting began with a Public Hearing on the 2023-24 School District U-46 budget. Dr. Williams, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, and Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, presented an [overview](#) of the budget. The budget book can be found [here](#).

There were two public comments concerning bus driver salaries and working conditions.

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

- Personnel report of 9/25/23 and Board meeting minutes of 9/11/23.
- Bills in the amount of \$11,397,254.
- Minutes of the 8/21/23 Board Finance Committee meeting.
- A Resolution adopting the 2023-24 U-46 Budget.
- A [Resolution](#) affirming the Facilities Recommendations. These recommendations include
  - Retiring Abbott Middle School and Ellis Middle School after the 2025-2026 school year,
  - Moving middle school transition to 2026-2027.
  - Initiating the design phase for construction of a new middle school and additions at Kimball and Kenyon Woods Middle Schools.
- A Resolution adopting the Juul Litigation Settlement.
- Approval of a contract with Chubb Insurance for property insurance.

During the Work Session, the Board reviewed:

- A bid for the purchase of snow removal equipment.
- An invoice for emergency electrical inspections and repairs.
- A proposal from International Contractors, Inc. for construction management services.
- A proposal from Gilbane Building Company for construction management services.
- A three-year contract with Automatic Building Controls, Inc. for HVAC equipment and service.
- A one-year contract with One Hope United for preschool.

A link to the videos of the Board meetings can be found [here](#) (September 18 meeting) and [here](#) (September 25 meeting). A link to the complete Board meeting packet can be found [here](#).

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Monday, October 2, at 7 p.m., at 355 E. Chicago St., Elgin.