

Highlights from the December 16th, 2024 U-46 Board of Education Meeting

The public session of the regular meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with an Accen on Achievement presentation by Dr. Suzanne Johnson, Superintendent, in recognition of National Education Support Professionals Day.

There were two Strategic Plan reports. First, Dr. Leatrice Satterwhite, Assistant Superintendent of Equity and Innovation, Lisa Jackson, Director of Equity and Inclusion, Griselda Pirtle, Director of Multilingual Multicultural Education, Michele Chapman, Director of Post-Secondary Success, and Amanda Leatherby, Director of Specialized Student Services, provided an [Equity Update](#) to the Board. Second, Mutiu Fagbayi and Lauren Klaffky from Performance Fact joined the Board for an update on progress toward implementing our new [Strategic Plan](#).

There was one public comment regarding the proposed athletic facility at Larkin High School.

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

- Personnel report of December 16, 2024 and Minutes of the Board Meetings from 09/23/24 and 10/07/24.
- Minutes from the 10/21/2024 Board of Education Curriculum Committee Meeting and the 11/04/2024 Board of Education Policy Committee Meeting.
- Bills in the amount of \$62,980,460.95.
- A contract with [Project Lead the Way](#) for \$141,568.00.
- Contracts with WorldStrides for the [Historically Black College and Universities Tour](#) (\$127,000.00) and the [Hispanic Serving Institutions Student Tour](#) (\$70,800.00).
- A bid with Berger Contractors Inc. for [Unite U-46 Kimball Middle School Project - Site Utilities](#) in the amount of \$3,430,000.00 for the base bid with alternates not to exceed \$85,000.00.
- Proposals from Johnson Controls and GrayBar for [Unite U-46 Kimball Middle School Project - HVAC and Electrical Equipment](#) in the amounts of \$1,695,555.00, and \$324,434.70, respectively.
- A [Resolution](#) for the Issue of General Obligation School Bonds not to exceed \$60,000,000.00 for Unite U46-related projects.
- [The Fiscal Year 2024 Tax Levy](#).
- Occupancy Permit for Project #273.
- Additional proposals and contract renewals as discussed at the previous Board meeting.

During Other Business and the Work Sessions, the Board:

- Reviewed the [2025 Proposed Summer Capital Projects](#).
- Reviewed bids for:
 - [Video Production Services](#) at the District Welcome Center.
 - [District-wide copy paper](#).

- Reviewed proposals for:
 - [District-wide plumbing-on-call services.](#)
 - [Ford F350 Truck Fleet Replacement.](#)
 - [Ford F550 Dump Truck Fleet Replacement.](#)
- Reviewed contract and contract renewals for:
 - [Snap! Mobile Inc.](#) Digital Communication Platform.
 - [Job-embedded professional learning](#) with Hudspeth Bailey at Laurel Hill Elementary School and Sunnydale Elementary School.
 - [Food service packaging.](#)

Here is a link to the [video](#) of the Board meeting and to the complete Board [meeting packet](#).

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Monday, January 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., at 355 E. Chicago St., Elgin.
