

Highlights from the November 18th, 2024 U-46 Board of Education meetings

The Board of Education Finance Committee held a meeting at 4:45 p.m. Dr. Ann Williams, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, and Dr. Frank Williams, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, comprehensively reviewed the [2024 Tax Year Tax Levy](#) recommendation. In addition, Elizabeth Hennessy, Managing Director of Raymond James, joined the finance team to provide a [Unite-U46 bond funding](#) update.

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

Brian Lindholm, Chief of Staff, and Dr. Ann Williams, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, presented a Strategic Plan [Facilities Report](#). This report provided an update on Unite-U46 construction projects along with a schedule of upcoming boundary meetings.

President Owens declared the opening of a Truth in Taxation Public Hearing for the 2024 Tax Levy. The hearing began with a [presentation](#) by Dr. Ann Williams and Dr. Frank Williams. With no public comments, the hearing was closed following the presentation. The Board will vote on the 2024 Tax Levy at the December 16th, 2024 regular board meeting.

There were four public comments: two comments on magnet academy enrollment; one regarding Agenda Item 14-F, Proposal - Information Services - Copiers; and one regarding Centennial Elementary School.

During Other Business - Board Member Update, the Board reviewed and finalized the district's position for the upcoming delegate vote on IASB resolutions in the [2024 Illinois Association of School Boards \(IASB\) Resolutions Committee Report](#). Dr. Ann Williams and Dr. Frank Williams, as well as Elizabeth Hennessy, provided a brief recap of the topics discussed at the earlier Finance Committee meeting.

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

- Personnel report of November 18, 2024, Minutes of the Board Meetings from 08/19/24 and 09/09/24, 09/09/2024 Board of Education Finance Committee Meeting minutes, and 10/07/2024 Board of Education Community Relations Committee Meeting minutes.
- Bills in the amount of \$34,760,206.73.
- Board Policy updates recommended by IASB PRESS Issue 116.
- A bid for [Snow Removal Services](#) for \$79,779.40.
- A proposal for [Ellis Middle School Emergency Abatement and Domestic Pipe Repair](#) for \$42,655.00.
- Additional bids, proposals, contracts, and contract renewals as discussed at the previous Board meeting.

During Other Business and the Work Sessions, the Board:

- Reviewed the [FY24 June Financial Report](#), the [FY24 Secondary Schools Financial Report for the Fourth Quarter](#), and the [FY25 Investment Report for the First Quarter](#).
- Reviewed a [Curriculum and Resource Proposal for Elementary Health](#).
- Reviewed a [Bond Issuance Resolution](#) for Unite-U46-related construction projects not to exceed \$60,000,000.00.
- Reviewed the [2024 Tax Levy documentation](#), including the Truth in Taxation Certificate and [Certificate of Tax Levy](#).
- Reviewed proposals for:
 - [Sycamore Trails Elementary School HVAC Project](#).
 - [School Accountability - Creekside Elementary School Needs Assessment](#).
- Reviewed contract renewals for:
 - [Ready, Set, Go!](#) ESL learning resource.
 - [CoSpaces Edu](#) learning platform for middle school Essential Technology courses.
 - [Roosevelt University Dual Language Teacher Leadership Program, Cohort VII](#).

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, December 16, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., at 355 E. Chicago St., Elgin. A Special Board Meeting on district-wide boundary recommendations will be held at 7:00 pm on Monday, December 9th at the same location.
