

## Highlights from the October 21, 2024 U-46 Board of Education meetings

The Curriculum Committee held a meeting beginning at 5:00 pm. Lela Majstorovic, Deputy Superintendent of Instruction, Brian Tennison, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, Celia Banks, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Michele Chapman, Director of Post-Secondary Success, presented a [curriculum update focused on three areas](#): updates to the curriculum cycle, 2025/26 school year curriculum timeline and implementation (including changes to electives at the middle school level), and in high school dual credit.

The public session of the regular meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with two strategic plan reports. Dr. Leatrice Satterwhite, Assistant Superintendent of Equity and Innovation, Griselda Pirtle, Director of Multilingual and Multicultural Education, and Patricia Makishima, Coordinator of Multilingual and Multicultural Education, provided the Board with an update on [structural changes to the Dual Language \(DL\) and English as a Second Language \(ESL\) programs](#) at the elementary school level. A [Facility Planning update](#) by Brian Lindholm, Chief of Staff, and Dr. Ann Williams, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, followed. This facility update included district enrollment numbers for the FY24/25 school year, updates to timing options for the shift of 6th grade to middle school, and notification of the process to name the new middle school in Bartlett.

There was one public comment regarding substitute teachers' workload and pay schedule.

During Other Business - Board Member Update, the Board briefly reviewed proposed resolutions in the [2024 Illinois Association of School Boards \(IASB\) Resolutions Committee Report](#). These resolutions, including a resolution submitted by the U-46 Board and administration to support recognition of the Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy as satisfaction for Illinois' future world language graduation requirement, will be presented to the state delegation for consideration at the Joint Annual Conference on November 23rd. The U-46 Board will have one vote at this conference. The Board will determine our position on the resolution packet at our next meeting.

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

- Personnel report of 10/21/24 and the June 22nd and June 29th, 2024 Minutes of Board Meetings.
- Bills in the amount of \$28,160,612.98.
- Board policy updates as outlined in IASB PRESS Issue 115 and as recommended by the administration.
- Approval of Closed Session minutes from meetings in April 2024 through June 2024, and approval of the destruction of audio recordings from closed session meetings in November 2022 through April 2023.
- Proposals, contracts, and contract renewals as discussed at the previous Board meeting.
- Eight occupancy permits for ongoing construction projects.

During Other Business and the Work Sessions, the Board:

- Reviewed the [Investment Report](#) for the FY24 fourth quarter.
- A proposal for the Tooling U-SME instructional resource for welding and manufacturing courses.
- A proposal for the installation of wall graphics at the U-46 Welcome Center.
- A proposal for the provision of annual fire alarm inspection and testing services as required by the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshall for three years.
- A contract renewal with Wayside Publishing for middle school Spanish language class resources.

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, November 4, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., at 355 E. Chicago St., Elgin.