

Highlights from the September 9, 2024 U-46 Board of Education meetings

During the Finance Committee meeting, Dr. Ann Williams, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, and Dr. Frank Williams, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, presented an [overview of the FY2025 budget](#) for board consideration during the regular board meeting. The school board has a statutory obligation to approve the annual budget in September of each year.

The public session of the meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with Accent on Achievement, recognizing nine students for earning first place at the Illinois Future Problem Solving Bowl, held in Bloomington-Normal in April. In the Senior Division, Michelle Cardozo of Elgin High School as well as Nishi Sheth and Katelyn Wong of Bartlett High School, competed in and placed first as a team. Neda Bazys of Bartlett High School competed in and placed first in the Senior Division as an individual competitor. In the Middle Division, Sophia Lee, Andrew Punnoose, and Zinnia Saher, then 8th grade students at Larsen Middle School, and Aiken Navarro, then an 8th grade student at Ellis Middle School, competed in and placed first as a team. Zinnia Saher also competed in and placed first as an individual competitor.

Next, the board was presented with an [orientation to the strategic plan development process](#) presented by Ms. Lauren Klaffky of Performance Fact.

As required by the Illinois School Code, a Public Hearing for the FY2025 Budget was held, including a [budget presentation](#) by Dr. Ann Williams and Dr. Frank Williams. No public comments were made at the Public Hearing, and the Public Hearing was closed.

There was one public comment regarding the Elgin High School Flea Market.

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

- Personnel report of 09/19/24 and Board meeting minutes of 05/06/24 and 05/13/24.
- Bills in the amount of \$44,602,159.23.
- The [2025/26 School Board Meeting calendar](#).
- A resolution to adopt the [FY25 budget](#).
- Approval of the list of 2024 Graduates from each comprehensive high school.
- A proposal for Streamwood High School equipment from Hunter Engineering Company Equipment in the amount of \$145,832.50.
- A First Amendment to the [Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement](#) regarding the property at 850 N Grove Ave in Elgin, 60120.
- Approval of the [SEIU Tentative Agreement](#).
- Two proposals discussed at the previous Board meeting.

During Other Business and the Work Sessions, the Board:

- Reviewed the 2024 Administer and Teacher Salary and Benefits report.
- Reviewed bids and proposals for:
 - Staff laptops.
 - High school desktop computers and monitors.
 - Furniture replacements for 355 E Chicago St and 1555 Larkin Ave buildings.
 - Classroom furniture upgrades for Coleman, Harriet Gifford, Highland, Hillcrest, Lincoln, Lords Park, Oakhill, Otter Creek, Ridge Circle, and Ronald D. O'Neal elementary schools.
 - A district-wide energy efficient lighting and controls project.
 - A climate and culture training contract for Parkwood Elementary.
 - A literacy support consultant for ELA ESL curriculum implementation.
 - A contract with Catalyst for Educational Change for Abbott Middle School.
- Reviewed contract renewals for:
 - Career and Technical Education Electude USA LLC.
 - Literacy and Learning Lab Support with MQDI4Kids, LLC.
 - Learning Genie Early Learners support.

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, September 23rd, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., at 355 E. Chicago St., Elgin.