

School District U-46
Elgin, Illinois

June 9, 2025

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[June 9, 2025 BOE Meeting](#)

The meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:15 p.m. at the School District U-46 Welcome Center, 1019 East Chicago Street, Elgin, Illinois.

The following Board Members answered roll call: Sue Kerr, Dawn Martin, Veronica Noland, Chanda Schwartz, Kate Thommes, and Melissa Owens. Samreen Khan was absent.

President Owens requested a motion to move into Closed Session to discuss individual student disciplinary matters; pending, probable or imminent litigation; the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public, or legal counsel for the public body; the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the School Board; the setting of a price for the sale or lease of real property owned by the School Board; an internal audit, control weaknesses, identification of potential fraud risk areas, known or suspected frauds, and fraud interviews; collective negotiating matters between the School Board and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; review of Closed Session Minutes; and individual student matters.

The motion was made at 6:16 p.m. by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Martin. Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Kerr, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Schwartz, Ms. Thommes, and President Owens. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 6-0.

A motion was made by Ms. Martin, second by Ms. Schwartz, to recess at 6:34 p.m. Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Kerr, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Schwartz, Ms. Thommes, and President Owens. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 6-0.

A motion was made at 6:54 p.m. by Ms. Thommes, second by Ms. Martin, to move into open session. Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Kerr, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Schwartz, Ms. Thommes, and President Owens. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 6-0.

Present for the business session were Board members Sue Kerr, Dawn Martin, Veronica Noland, Chanda Schwartz, Kate Thommes, Melissa Owens, Superintendent, Dr. Suzanne Johnson, and Assistant Attorney, Erika Washington. Also present was Student Board member Dhanvi Dhandapani. The following were present at the District's central office: Dr. Ann Williams and Dr. Frank Williams.

President Owens led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Accent on Achievement - Dr. Johnson

A. Elgin Symphony Orchestra's Arts Educator of the Year

As part of the Board of Education's Accent on Achievement, the Board of Education recognized Jaimie Giraldo, Fine Arts Coordinator, for being recognized as the Elgin Symphony Orchestra's Arts Educator of the Year.

B. Best Communities for Music Education Award

As part of the Board of Education's Accent on Achievement, the Board of Education recognized Jaimie Giraldo, Fine Arts Coordinator, for School District U-46 for being honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education. The NAMM Foundation is a nonprofit organization supported in part by the National Association of Music Merchants.

C. Illinois Music Educators Association's All-State Music Festival 2025 Individual and Featured School Ensemble Winners

As part of the Board of Education's Accent on Achievement, the Board of Education recognized students who were named All-State and All-State Honors Musicians by the Illinois Music Educators Association (ILMEA). These students include:

All-State Music Festival: Individual

Bartlett High School: Jarvin Ignacio - Bass II. Elgin High School: John Drew – Viola. Larkin High School: Thomas Akemann - Contra-Bass Clarinet, and Aidan Klapperich – Trombone. South Elgin High School: Alyssa Dzien – Viola, Ian Kim - Bb Clarinet, Maria Serban - Future Music Educators Symposium, Amy Skrabacz - Bb Clarinet, Ellie Jahnke - Alto II, and Ruby Montgomery - Soprano I. Streamwood High School: David Burmann - Future Music Educators Symposium

All-State Music Festival: Featured School Ensemble

South Elgin High School: Camyrn Antor – Soprano, Elisha Budzban – Soprano, Maria Cecala – Alto, Natalia Colon – Soprano, Jessica Cruz – Alto, Magdalena Czapla – Percussion, Kate Fenner – Soprano, Maddie Gallagher – Soprano, Jaylene Galvan – Soprano, Ava Gutierrez – Alto, Esther Gutierrez – Soprano, Peyton Hawkins – Soprano, Gianna Helnrich – Soprano, Rebecca Herrmann – Alto, Ellie Jahnke – Alto, Rose Lockard – Alto, Meadow Macalindong – Soprano, Arabella Maegdlin – Soprano, Ella Malone – Alto, Madalyn Martin – Alto, Alex Mascorro – Alto, Alexa Medina-Protz – Alto, Lucia Melchiorre – Soprano, Mikella Mesina

– Alto, Ruby Montgomery – Soprano, Gianna Munera – Soprano, Maja Nagalska – Soprano, Julieann Nelson – Alto, Grayson Rowland – Alto, Frida Salgado - Alto Alex Sanchez – Alto, Reagan Schaal – Alto, Kai Scordas – Alto, Maria Serban – Alto, Lilyanna Sjurset – Alto, Cailyn Smith – Alto, Maria Spanos – Soprano, Shannon Strickland – Soprano, Lihanna Thayasouth – Alto, Ali Thoma – Alto, Abi Wallis – Soprano, Samantha Weber – Soprano, Soha Yasir – Soprano, Melanie Zarate – Soprano, and Ivan Zamudio – Percussion.

D. Illinois High School Theatre Festival 2025 All-State Individual Production and Featured School Production Winners

As part of the Board of Education's Accent on Achievement, the Board of Education recognized students who were named by the Illinois High School Theatre Festival for their individual role in the All-State Production of "The Prom" and the Featured School Production of "Anne of Green Gables". These students include:

Illinois High School Theatre Festival: Individual

Bartlett High School: Ethan Bakos - Ensemble, Principal Hawkins Understudy, and Isabella Nelson - Pit Orchestra, Violin.

Illinois High School Theatre Festival: Featured School Production

South Elgin High School: Lily Barthel, Annabeth Baughcum, Olivia Beach, Junior Beanland, Kayden Berber, Noah Cheney, Maegan Cooper, Mia Dastrup, Justin Denton, Cameron Dicus, Meghan Englund, Alexis Foster, Jess Irons, Mac Klinger Bianca Lamberti, Charlotte Lippe, Rose Lockard, Avi McCollim, Regina Merced, Aditya Mittal, Laila Miulli, Audrey Morhardt, Sean Mydlach, Evelyn Pajeau, Aditi Patel, Ashley Prasil, Ali Radke, Gabriella Savino Banach, Kai Scordas, Juan Perez Marcano, Sophie Potenzo, Elise Pratt, Kayla Shimabuku, Jordan Slovik, Cailyn Smith, Jersie Speidel, Ryan Suarez, Connor Thompson, Abi Wallis, Adler Wilen, and Soha Yasir.

2. Comments from the Audience - Ms. Owens

A. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3. Consent Agenda - Dr. Johnson

A. Personnel Report and Workers' Compensation Cases

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Kerr, to approve the Consent Agenda item A as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Kerr, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms.

Schwartz, Ms. Thommes, and President Owens. No votes: 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 6-0.

4. Discussion/Action - Dr. Johnson

- A. Resolution Approving a Letter of Support for a Twelve-Year Extension Request for the Central Area Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District Within the City of Elgin, Illinois

Dr. Ann Williams, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, presented the Resolution and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the Resolution Approving a Letter of Support for a Twelve-Year Extension Request for the Central Area Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District Within the City of Elgin, Illinois.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Kerr, to approve the Resolution Approving a Letter of Support for a Twelve-Year Extension Request for the Central Area Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District Within the City of Elgin, Illinois. Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Kerr, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Schwartz, Ms. Thommes, and President Owens. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 6-0.

- B. Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Interest Earnings from the Working Cash Fund to the Capital Projects Fund

Dr. Ann Williams, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, and Dr. Frank Williams, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, presented the Resolution and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended the Board of Education adopt the Resolution authorizing the Transfer of Interest Earnings from the Working Cash Fund to the Capital Projects Fund.

Motion by Ms. Martin, second by Ms. Noland, to approve the Resolution authorizing the Transfer of Interest Earnings from the Working Cash Fund to the Capital Projects Fund. Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Kerr, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Schwartz, Ms. Thommes, and President Owens. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 6-0.

5. Adjournment - Ms. Owens

Motion by Ms. Martin, second by Ms. Thommes, to adjourn the Board meeting of June 9, 2025, at 7:32 p.m. Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Kerr, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Schwartz, Ms. Thommes, and President Owens. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 6-0.

Approved this 22nd day of September, 2025.

President



Secretary