

**School District U-46**  
Elgin, Illinois

September 12, 2022

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[September 12, 2022, BOE Meeting](#)

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:15 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 355 E. Chicago Street, Elgin, Illinois. The following Board members answered roll call: John Devereux, Dawn Martin, Veronica Noland, Melissa Owens, and Kate Thommes. Board members Eva Porter and Sue Kerr were absent.

Vice 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; 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 6:17 p.m. by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Thommes. Upon roll call yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, and Ms. Thommes. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

A motion was made at 6:58 p.m. by Ms. Thommes, second by Ms. Noland, to move to open session. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, and Ms. Thommes. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Present for the business session were Superintendent Dr. Tony Sanders, Chief Legal Officer Trisha Olson, Board members Veronica Noland, Melissa Owens, and Kate Thommes, and Student Board member Angelica Harris. Board members John Devereux and Dawn Martin participated remotely via Zoom. The following administrators were also present at the District's central office: Dr. Josh Carpenter, Dr. Suzanne Johnson, Dr. Teresa Lance, Lela Majstorovic, Mark Moore, Dr. Ann Williams, and Brian Lindholm. Present for the meeting via Zoom were other administrators and members of the public.

Ms. Owens led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. PUBLIC HEARING - 2022/2023 School District U-46 Budget (Board Policy 4.004 Budget Adoption Procedures)
  - A. Opening of Public Hearing

The Hearing was opened by a simple declaration by the Board Vice President.

The FY 2023 School District U-46 Budget was presented at the August 22, 2022 Board meeting. The budget has been on display since August 23, 2022.

B. Comments from the Public

Rick Newton stated that he had concerns with the U-46 proficiency numbers for 2019, as the budget continues to grow. Mr. Newton stated that he expected to see some accountability for administrators, principals, and teachers for the low proficiency results.

C. Close of Public Hearing

The Hearing was closed by a declaration by the Board Vice President.

2. Public Comments.

Gilbert Feliciano, member of Coalition for a Safe and Healthy Elgin, thanked the Board and Superintendent for their support of Illinois Youth Survey.

Crystal Cristescu stated she had concerns about the budget and low proficiency scores.

Corina Gomez, on behalf of Maria Schneitman of Bartlett, commented on the decline in proficiency scores in comparison to the budget expenditures.

3. Other Business – Board Member and Superintendent Update, If Necessary

A. Additional Information

Ms. Thommes stated that she attended the Elgin Historic House Tour with Ms. Owens this past weekend, and that it was a great event.

Ms. Harris stated that she attended the South Elgin Principal Advisory committee meeting, and there has been a positive reception to start of this school year.

Ms. Owens stated that the next Unite U-46 session would be held at 7:00 p.m. on September 14th at the U-46 Welcome Center.

Dr. Sanders invited the public to attend the next Unite U-46 meeting on September 14th, which would continue the discussion on District funding and options as the District moves forward with planning. Dr. Sanders stated that the first CAC meeting held this past week was well attended both in-person and via Zoom.

B. FOIA Requests

Dr. Sanders stated there were fifteen (15) FOIA requests that the District has responded to since the previous Board meeting, and the responses are available on the Board book and would be made available on the District's website.

4. Other Business - CAC Update (Board Policy 2.152 - Advisory Committees to the Board)

A. Additional Information

Veronica Betz stated that the first CAC General meeting at the Welcome Center had a nice turnout, both in-person/virtually. Ms. Betz stated that she appreciated that Dr. Sanders and Ms. Kerr were able to join, along with members of cabinet. Ms. Betz stated that the first CAC Specialized Student Services meeting would be held September 13th, the next CAC Executive meeting would be held September 22<sup>nd</sup>, and the next CAC General meeting would be held October 6<sup>th</sup>.

5. Consent Agenda – Dr. Sanders

- A. Personnel Report and Workers' Compensation Cases
- B. Minutes of Board Meeting – August 22, 2022
- C. Termination of Magdiel Perez - Monitor
- D. Proposal - Plant Operations - Equipment Replacement - Morbark Tub Grinder
- E. Contract - Athletics - Hudl All School Package
- F. Contract Renewal - School Safety - Renewal of School Resource Officer Contracts
- G. Contract Renewal - Specialized Student Services – Gorbald Behavioral Consulting (GBC)

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Thommes, to approve the consent agenda items A-G, as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, and Ms. Thommes. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote 5-0.

6. Discussion/Action – Dr. Sanders

A. Itemized Bills – September 12, 2022

Dr. Williams, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education regarding the itemized bills. Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the List of Bills in the amount of \$11,885,751.57.

Motion by Ms. Thommes, second by Ms. Noland to approve the list of bills, as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, and Ms. Thommes. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote 5-0.

B. Approval of 2022 High School Graduates

The Board of Education certifies the listings of high school graduates on an annual basis.

Motion by Ms. Thommes, second by Ms. Noland, to certify the list of high school graduates, as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, and Ms. Thommes. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote 5-0.

- C. Contract Renewal - Assessment – College Board - PSAT 8/9 for 9th Grade Students  
Dr. Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, and Ms. Hill, Director of Assessment and Accountability, presented the proposal and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract renewal with College Board in the amount of \$32,000.00 and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Educational Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Thommes, to approve the contract renewal, as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, and Ms. Thommes. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote 5-0.

7. Work Session - Resolutions

A. Resolution Adopting School District U-46 Budget, July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, presented the resolution and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Adoption of the budget resolution will be requested at the September 26, 2022 Board of Education Meeting. Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the Resolution Adopting the School District U-46 Budget, July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023.

B. Resolution Supporting the Teacher Retirement System Supplemental Savings Plan

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial 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 Supporting the Teacher Retirement System Supplemental Savings Plan.

Ms. Martin asked how this would work with the options that the District currently has. Mr. Burnidge stated currently there is a 457 or 403(b) retirement plan that is offered, but TRS is requiring that this plan be adopted by all employers, similar to a 401k plan.

8. Work Session - Bids/Proposals (Board Policy 4.060 - Purchasing/Purchasing Authority)

A. Bid - Plant Operations - Tefft Middle School Second Floor Hallways, Stairwells, and Bathroom Ceilings Painting Project

Ms. Waldau, Director of Plant Operations, presented the proposal summary and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended award of the Tefft Middle School Project #M0200 to the lowest responsible bidder, Warehouse Direct Inc., in the amount of \$44,920.00 and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Operations and Maintenance Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

B. Proposal - Plant Operations - Equipment Purchase - Playsets

Ms. Waldau, Director of Plant Operations, presented the proposal summary and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the proposal for six playsets from Game Time in the amount of \$359,568.50 and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Operations and Maintenance Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

C. Proposal - Plant Operations - Snow Removal Equipment Purchase

Ms. Waldau, Director of Plant Operations, presented the proposal summary and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the proposal for three John Deere Gators from AHW LCC in the amount of \$78,263.55 and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Operations and Maintenance Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

D. Proposal - Plant Operations – Judson University Mutual Use Agreement

Ms. Waldau, Director of Plant Operations, presented the proposal and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the mutual use agreement with Judson University and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents.

E. Proposal - Plant Operations – South Elgin Parks and Recreation Intergovernmental Agreement

Ms. Waldau, Director of Plant Operations, presented the proposal and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the intergovernmental agreement with the South Elgin Parks and Recreation Department, and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents.

9. Work Session - Contracts Over \$25,000.00 (Board Policy 4.060 - Purchasing/Purchasing Authority)


A. Contract - Office of Schools – Graduation Ceremonies at the NOW Arena


Ms. Majstorovic, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, presented the proposal and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract with NOW Arena in the amount of \$168,000.00, and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Educational Fund. The cost will be included in the budget for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 fiscal years.

- B. Contract - Office of Schools – Illinois Principals Association Coaching and Mentoring  
Ms. Majstorovic, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, presented the proposal and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract with the Illinois Principals Association in the amount of \$49,216.30, and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Educational Fund. The cost will be included in the budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.
- C. Contract - Office of Schools – Northern Illinois University Principal Preparation  
Ms. Majstorovic, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, presented the proposal and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract with Northern Illinois University in the amount not to exceed \$50,788.08, and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Educational Fund. The cost will be included in the budget for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 fiscal years.

Motion by Ms. Thommes, second by Ms. Noland, to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of September 12, 2022 at 7:41 p.m. Upon roll call yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, and Ms. Thommes. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Approved this 26th day of September, 2022

  
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President

  
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Secretary