

School District U-46
Elgin, Illinois

August 18, 2025

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[August 18, 2025 BOE Meeting](#)

The meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the U-46 Welcome Center, 1019 East Chicago Street, Elgin, Illinois.

The following Board Members answered roll call: Sue Kerr, Dawn Martin, Veronica Noland, Kate Thommes, and Melissa Owens. Ms. Chanda Schwartz 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 6:01 p.m. by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Thommes. Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Kerr, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Thommes, and President Owens. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

Ms. Khan joined the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

A motion was made at 6:27 p.m. by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Martin, to move to recess. Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Kerr, Ms. Khan, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Thommes, and President Owens. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 6-0.

A motion was made at 6:55 p.m. by Ms. Thommes, second by Ms. Noland, to move to closed session. Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Kerr, Ms. Khan, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Thommes, and President Owens. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 6-0.

A motion was made at 6:56 p.m. by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Martin, to move to open session. Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Kerr, Ms. Khan, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, 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, Samreen Khan, Dawn Martin, Veronica Noland, Kate Thommes, Melissa Owens, Superintendent, Dr. Suzanne Johnson, and

Chief Legal Officer, Trisha Olson. Also present was Student Board member Dhanvi Dhandapani. The following were also present at the District's central office: Celia Banks, Michele Chapman, Robyn Cornelissen, Sheila Downs, Jacqueline Johnson, Patty Kenyon, Amanda Leatherby, Brian Lindholm, Lela Majstorovic, Deborah McMullen, Milena Nedeljkovic, Matt Raimondi, Brian Tennison, and Dr. Ann Williams.

President Owens led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Accent on Achievement - Dr. Johnson

A. U-46 Financial Operations Department Meritorious Budget Award

As part of the Board of Education's Accent on Achievement, the Board of Education honored School District U-46's Financial Operations Department for having been awarded a Meritorious Budget Award by the Association of School Business Officials International for Fiscal Year 2025. Robyn Cornelissen, Executive Director of Finance, accepted the recognition on behalf of the District's Financial Operations Department.

2. Strategic Plan Report - Dr. Johnson (Board Policy 2:20 - Powers and Duties of the Board of Education; Indemnification)

A. Back to School Update

Dr. Suzanne Johnson, Superintendent, provided the Board of Education with an update on the start of the 2025-2026 school year. She thanked instructional and operational leaders, the Board of Education, families and community members, and students. Lela Majstorovic, Deputy Superintendent of Instruction, spoke about a great first week of school and thanked staff, students, and families for making it happen. Sheila Downs, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, presented an update on all the Operations Departments. President Owens also thanked staff and everyone who was in place to welcome back 33,000 plus students.

B. Facility Planning Update

Brian Lindholm, Chief of Staff, and Dr. Ann Williams, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, presented an update on facility planning. The update included construction updates and the naming of the new middle school in Elgin.

3. Comments from the Audience - Ms. Owens

A. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

4. Other Business - Board Member and Superintendent Update, If Necessary

A. Additional Information

Ms. Martin spoke about her first day of school experience with Dr. Ann Williams, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, at Hawk Hollow Middle School, Lowrie Elementary School, Kimball Middle School, the Commissary, the Warehouse, and the new Elgin Middle School construction site.

Ms. Kerr spoke about her first day of school experience with Lela Majstorovic, Deputy Superintendent of Instruction. They went to ten schools, including Washington Elementary, for their last first day.

Ms. Khan spoke about her first day of school experience with Mark Moore, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, at Bartlett Elementary and Eastview Middle School.

Ms. Noland spoke about her first day of school experience with Dr. Kyle VonSchnase, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, at all the behind the scenes Operations Departments.

Dr. Johnson spoke about her first day of school experience with Ms. Schwartz visiting schools and sites.

B. FOIA Requests - 4

Dr. Johnson stated that there were four Freedom of Information Act requests, which would be available on BoardDocs and the District's website.

5. Consent Agenda - Dr. Johnson

- A. Personnel Report and Workers' Compensation Cases
- B. Minutes of Board Meeting May 19, 2025
- C. Termination of Esmeralda Perez Serrano – HR Generalist
- D. Proposal - Plant Operations - Postage
- E. Proposal - Professional Learning - Formative Online Assessment Platform Professional Learning
- F. Proposal - Teaching and Learning - Elgin Community College Room Rentals
- G. Contract - Food and Nutrition Services - Equipment Purchase for Meal Packaging Lines
- H. Contract - Office of Schools - Professional Learning Consultant
- I. Building Permit - 1

Motion by Ms. Martin, second by Ms. Kerr, to approve the Consent Agenda items A-I as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Kerr, Ms. Khan, Ms. Martin, Ms.

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

6. Discussion/Action - Dr. Johnson

A. Itemized Bills – August 18, 2025

Robyn Cornelissen, Executive Director of Financial Services, was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education regarding the bills. Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the List of Bills in the amount of \$41,449,507.62.

Motion by Ms. Martin, second by Ms. Kerr, to approve the List of Bills in the amount of \$41,449,507.62. Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Kerr, Ms. Khan, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Thommes, and President Owens. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 6-0.

B. Bartlett High School STEM Academy Engineering Curriculum Resource Proposal

Michele Chapman, Director of Post-Secondary Success, and Milena Nedeljkovic, Assistant Director of Post-Secondary Success, Gifted, Talented, and Magnet Programs, were available to answer questions relating to the Bartlett High School STEM Academy Engineering Curriculum Resource Proposal.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Martin, to approve the Bartlett High School STEM Academy Engineering Curriculum Resource Proposal with a curriculum cost of \$108,802.00 and an initial consumables cost of \$87,646.42. Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Kerr, Ms. Khan, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Thommes, and President Owens. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 6-0.

C. South Elgin High School Beacon Academy Curriculum Resource Proposal

Michele Chapman, Director of Post-Secondary Success, and Milena Nedeljkovic, Assistant Director of Post-Secondary Success, Gifted, Talented, and Magnet Programs, were available to answer questions relating to the South Elgin High School BEACON Academy Curriculum Resource Proposal.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Kerr, to approve the South Elgin High School BEACON Academy Curriculum Resource Proposal with a curriculum cost of \$33,160.52, ECC Tuition cost of \$4,500.00, and an annual consumables cost of \$5,766.12. Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Kerr, Ms. Khan, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Thommes, and President Owens. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 6-0.

D. Streamwood High School LEAD Academy Curriculum Resource Proposal

Michele Chapman, Director of Post-Secondary Success, and Milena Nedeljkovic, Assistant Director of Post-Secondary Success, Gifted, Talented, and Magnet Programs, were available to answer questions relating to the Streamwood High School LEAD Academy Curriculum Resource Proposal.

Motion by Ms. Kerr, second by Ms. Noland, to approve the Streamwood High School LEAD Academy Curriculum Resource Proposal with a curriculum cost of \$39,677.69, ECC tuition cost of \$9,000.00, and an annual consumables cost of \$34,479.29. Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Kerr, Ms. Khan, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Thommes, and President Owens. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 6-0.

E. Board Policy Updates

Trisha Olson, Chief Legal Officer, presented proposed changes to the following Board policies, excluding Board policy update 6:235. Administration recommended the adoption of the proposed changes.

IASB PRESS Issue 118 Updates:

2:260	Uniform Grievance Procedure
2:265	Title IX Grievance Procedure
4:15	Identity Protection
4:120	Food Services
4:80	Accounting and Audits
5:10	Equal Employment Opportunity, Nondiscrimination, and Minority Recruitment
5:20	Workplace Harassment Prohibited
5:60	Expenses
5:100	Staff Development Program
6:150	Home and Hospital Instruction
6:310	High School Credit for Non-District Experiences; Course Substitutions; Re-Entering Students
7:10	Equal Educational Opportunities
7:20	Harassment of Students Prohibited
7:50	School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools
7:60	Residence
7:70	Attendance and Truancy
7:180	Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
7:185	Teen Dating Violence Prohibited
7:190	Student Behavior
7:200	Suspension Procedures

7:210	Expulsion Procedures
7:250	Student Support Services
7:255	Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence
7:270	Administering Medicines to Students
7:310	Restrictions on Publications; Elementary Schools
7:315	Restrictions on Publications; High Schools
7:340	Student Records
8:30	Visitors to and Conduct on School Property

Motion by Ms. Thommes, second by Ms. Martin, to approve the IASB Press issue 118 Updates with the exclusion of update 6:235. Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Kerr, Ms. Khan, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Thommes, and President Owens. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 6-0.

F. Board Policy 6:235 Update

Trisha Olson, Chief Legal Officer, presented proposed changes to the following Board policy. Administration recommended adoption of the proposed change.

IASB PRESS Issue 118 Update - Policy 6:235:

6:235	Access to Electronic Networks
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Motion by Ms. Kerr, second by Ms. Noland, to approve the IASB Press Issue 118 Update specifically to Policy 6:235.

Ms. Martin stated that she would be voting no on policy 6:235 and described several concerns about the provision on AI-enabled tools.

President Owens asked how the Policy could be updated by the Board of Education in the future. Ms. Olson stated that the Board may undertake changes in Policy at its discretion.

Dr. Johnson stated that this policy supports the ability to research new platforms that utilize AI, learn and provide appropriate training, and bring forward a larger plan around guidelines and safety measures prior to student use.

Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Kerr, Ms. Khan, Ms. Noland, Ms. Thommes, and President Owens. No votes: Ms. Martin. The motion was carried by a vote of 5-1.

G. Contract Renewal - School Safety - Extension of the 2024-2025 Village of South Elgin School Resource Officer Contract

Ms. Olson was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the extension of the 2024-2025 School Resource Officer Contract with the Village of South Elgin and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Educational Fund.

Motion by Ms. Martin, second by Ms. Kerr, to approve the contract renewal for School Safety - Extension of the 2024-2025 Village of South Elgin School Resource Officer Contract. Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Kerr, Ms. Khan, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Thommes, and President Owens. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 6-0.

H. Ratification of August 4, 2025, Vote, Change Order for Plant Operations - Elgin High School Pool Upgrade and Bleacher Replacement, Project #247

Sheila Downs, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, and Ms. Olson presented this ratification and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended the Board of Education ratify a vote taken during the August 4, 2025 Board of Education meeting by ratifying item 12.e. from that meeting, a Work Session Change Order for Plant Operations – Elgin High School Pool Upgrade and Bleacher Replacement, Project #247, seeking approval of a change order from Omni Construction Group, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$459,005.00.

Motion by Ms. Martin, second by Ms. Noland, for the ratification of the August 4, 2025, vote, change order for Plant Operations Elgin High School pool upgrade and bleacher replacement project #247. Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Kerr, Ms. Khan, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Thommes, and President Owens. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 6-0.

7. Other Business - Dr. Johnson

A. June Financial Report

Robyn Cornelissen, Executive Director of Finance, reviewed the Financial Report and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education.

B. Investment Report for the Fourth Quarter

Robyn Cornelissen, Executive Director of Finance, presented the Investment Report for the fourth quarter and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education.

8. Work Session - Contracts Over \$35,000.00 (Board Policy 4:60 - Purchases and Contracts)

A. Contract Renewal - Assessment, Accountability, and Student Success - Kane County Regional Office of Education Learning Partner

Brian Tennison, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, and Matt Raimondi, Director of Assessment, Accountability, and Student Success, presented the proposal and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract renewal with Kane County Regional Office of Education in the amount of \$87,000.00, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Education Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

B. Contract Renewal - Chief of Staff - Gallup, Inc.

Brian Lindholm, Chief of Staff, presented the proposal and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the three-year contract renewal with Gallup, Inc. in the total amount of \$370,890.00, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Education Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2025-2026 through 2027-2028 fiscal years.

C. Contract Renewal - Curriculum and Instruction - Elementary Literacy Consultant

Celia Banks, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Jacqueline Johnson, Coordinator of Literacy and Libraries, presented the proposal and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract renewal with MQDI4Kids, LLC. in the amount of \$60,400.00, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Education Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

D. Contract Renewal - Curriculum and Instruction/K-12 Science and Planetarium - HMH 6th Grade Science

Celia Banks, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Deborah McMullen, Coordinator of K-12 Science and Planetarium, presented the proposal and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract renewal with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt in the amount of \$49,160.00, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Education Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

E. Contract Renewal - Specialized Student Services/Health Services - Automatic External Defibrillator Maintenance Program

Amanda Leatherby, Director of Specialized Student Services, and Patty Kenyon, Health Services Supervisor, presented the proposal and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract renewal with School Health in the amount of \$44,722.95, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Education Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

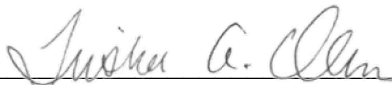
9. Adjournment - Ms. Owens

Motion by Ms. Martin, second by Ms. Noland, to adjourn the Board meeting of August 18, 2025, at 8:09 p.m. Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Kerr, Ms. Khan, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Thommes, and President Owens. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 6-0.

Approved this 3rd day of November, 2025.



President



Secretary