

School District U-46
Elgin, Illinois

November 18, 2019

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[November 18, 2019, 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 East Chicago Street, Elgin, Illinois. The following Board members answered roll call: John Devereux, Veronica Noland, Melissa Owens, Eva Porter, Donna Smith, Kate Thommes, and Sue Kerr.

President Kerr 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; 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 6:16 p.m. by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Thommes. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Thommes and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

A motion was made at 6:50 p.m. by Ms. Thommes, second by Ms. Noland, to reconvene into open session. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

The business session began at 7:00 p.m. Present for the business session of the meeting were the same Board members listed above, Student Board Member Hallie Furtak, Chief Executive Officer Tony Sanders and Chief Legal Officer Miguel Rodriguez. The following administrators were also present: Steve Burger, Dr. Josh Carpenter, Ann Chan, Lela Majstorovic, Dr. Ushma Shah, Dale Burnidge, Jamie Crosen, Sheila Downs, Mary Fergus, John Heiderscheidt, and Bruce Phelps. Also present were: other administrators, guests, and visitors. Ms. Furtak led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was held for Beth Cobb, a U-46 Bus Driver, and Evelyn Gonzalez-Jacobo, a U-46 student teacher.

1. Accent on Achievement

A. American Education Week and Education Support Professionals Day

In recognition of American Education Week, November 18-22, 2019, a Proclamation of Appreciation was presented to the Elgin Teachers Association, represented by Ms. Barbara Bettis. In recognition of National Education Support Professionals Day, November 20, 2019, annually falling on the Wednesday of American Education Week, a Proclamation of Appreciation was also presented to Ms. Sara Moeller on behalf of the support unions. Each

day our teachers and support staff play an important role in the lives of more than 38,000 students in School District U-46.

2. Comments from the Audience

Nicole Giveman stated that she had concerns with the expulsion process at the high school level, but that her concerns were adequately dealt with at the District level. Ms. Giveman noted that the process needs to be adequately followed and in line with District procedures at the high school level.

3. Other Business – Board Member and CEO Update

A. Additional Information

Mrs. Porter stated that she attended the Latino Policy Forum in Chicago on November 15, 2019 with Mr. Devereux and it was very informative. Mrs. Porter stated she also attended Hanover Park’s panel discussion “Understanding Diversity in the African American Community in the Suburbs” and it was a great discussion.

Ms. Thommes stated that she and Ms. Kerr attended the production “Newsies” at Streamwood High School and it was an excellent performance. Ms. Thommes stated that all U-46 High School productions are highly recommended and the students do a great job.

Ms. Kerr stated that she attended the play at Bartlett High School, and the students did a great job. Ms. Kerr also stated that the Board of Education met with Elgin Community College Trustees to discuss their dual credit and transfer programs, and it was an informative meeting.

Mr. Sanders stated that he attended the Elgin Hispanic Network’s Thanksgiving luncheon, as well as a number of events where Ron Raglin was recognized including the Windy City Bulls’ game and the “Reflejos Reflecting Excellence” ceremony where Mr. Raglin posthumously received an award. Mr. Sanders stated he also attended the Dual Language Parent Academy and thanked Board and staff members for attending. Mr. Sanders thanked Dr. Acevedo for her and her staff’s work on the event.

B. FOIA Requests – 7

Mr. Sanders stated there were seven FOIA requests that the District has responded to since the previous Board meeting, and these responses are available on the Board book and would be made available on the District’s website.

4. Consent Agenda

- A. Personnel Report and Workers' Compensation Cases
- B. Minutes of Board Meeting – November 4, 2019
- C. Termination of Sandra Ramirez - Food Service Assistant
- D. School Resource Officer Contracts for all Secondary Schools with the Bartlett, Elgin, South Elgin and Streamwood Police Departments
- E. Temporary Facility - Serial Number 35912-13 A-B
- F. Change Order - Plant Operations - South Elgin High School Press Box, Lights, and Track Repair - Project #275

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Thommes, to approve the Consent Agenda of November 18, 2019, items A through F, as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

5. Discussion/Action

A. Itemized Bills – November 18, 2019

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial 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 \$12,549,106.17.

Motion by Ms. Owens, second by Ms. Noland, to approve the list of itemized bills of November 18, 2019, in the amount of \$12,549,106.17 as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

B. Minutes of Board Committee Meeting

Administration recommended the Board of Education accept the minutes of the October 21, 2019 Board of Education Finance Committee Meeting

Motion by Mrs. Porter, second by Ms. Noland, to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2019 Finance Committee Meeting as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

6. Other Business – CAC Update

Mr. Sanders noted that the CAC Roundtable meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2019 at Elgin High School and Board members, administration, and the public are invited to be in attendance.

7. Other Business

A. October Financial Report

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, reviewed the Financial Report for October 2019 and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. The fund balance ending October 31, 2019 totaled \$405,285,049, an \$8.7 million decrease from the balance ending September 30, 2019. The District received \$20.5 million in property tax receipts, \$17.9 million in evidence based funding, and \$490,000 in State categoricals. \$5.5 million remains outstanding from the State. The total revenue is 10.3% higher than last year at this time due to an increase in payments from evidence based funding and the timing of property tax and federal receipts. Expenditures are 18% higher than this time last year due to capital projects.

8. Other Business – Student Disciplinary Cases (Board Policy #7.190 – Student Conduct)

A. Student C

This matter was before the Board whether to expel Student C for the term of three semesters. While serving the expulsion, Student C will have the opportunity to enroll in an alternative education program.

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Owens, to approve the expulsion for Student C for the term of 3 semesters with Student C having the opportunity to enroll in an alternative education program. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

9. Work Session - 2019 Tax Levy (Board Policy 4.030 - Revenue from Tax Sources)

A. Certificate of Tax Levy

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, presented the Certificate of Tax Levy and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. The Certificate is the final draft of the levy amounts that will be filed with the county clerks. This Certificate must be filed by the last Tuesday in December. Administration recommended the Board of Education adopt the Certificate of Tax Levy.

B. Tax Levy Resolution

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, presented the Resolution and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. The Resolution and the Certificate of Tax Levy are filed with the County Tax Extension offices. Administration recommended the Board of Education adopt the Tax Levy Resolution.

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

A. Contract - Secondary Instruction and Equity - Spring Break College Tours

Mr. Phelps, Senior Business Official of Business Services, Mrs. Majstorovic, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Schools Instruction and Equity, and Mr. Crosen, Principal of Larkin High School, presented the proposal and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract with Group Travel Planners in the amount of \$31,063.00 and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Title I Fund and the individual participant. Each individual will pay a portion of the meals that total \$5,300.00. The Title I Fund will pay the balance for the busing and rooms totaling \$25,763.00. The cost is included in the budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

B. Contract - Educational Pathways - International Baccalaureate Professional Development and Candidacy toward Authorization

Mr. Phelps, Senior Business Official of Business Services, and Ms. Brown, Director of Educational Pathways, presented the proposal and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract with International Baccalaureate for two years in the amount of \$73,750.00 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 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 fiscal years.

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

A. Bid - Plant Operations - Eastview Middle School Cooler and Freezer Demolition Project #407

Mr. Phelps, Senior Business Official of Business Services, and Ms. Downs, Director of Plant Operations, presented the bid and were available to answer any questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended award of the low bids meeting specification to Enger Vavra, Inc. in the amount of \$44,000.00 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 2019-2020 fiscal year.

12. Work Session - Work Session - Change Orders (Board Policy 4.164 - Construction Contracts, Bidding, Awards, and Payments)

A. Change Order - Plant Operations - Intercom, Clock, and Fire Alarm Replacement at Abbott Middle School Project #354, Clinton Elementary School Project #652, Willard Elementary School Project #978, and Intercom Replacement at Elgin High School Project #234

Mr. Phelps, Senior Business Official of Business Services, and Ms. Downs, Director of Plant Operations, presented the change order and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the change order with Anderson Lock Company, Ltd. in the amount of minus \$487.66. This credit will be applied to the Life Safety Fund.

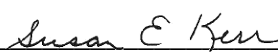
B. Change Order - Plant Operations - Lockdown Hardware and Fire Alarm Phase 5 Elgin High School and Streamwood High School Project #2049

Mr. Phelps, Senior Business Official of Business Services, and Ms. Downs, Director of Plant Operations, presented the change order and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the change order with Anderson Lock Company, Ltd. in the amount of minus \$85,717.27. This credit will be applied to the Life Safety Fund.

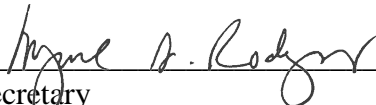
13. Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Owens, second by Ms. Noland, to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of November 18, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Approved this 16th day of December, 2019.



President



Secretary