

School District U-46

Elgin, Illinois

January 12, 2026

The video of the January 12, 2026, meeting can be found here:

[January 12, 2026, 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, IL 60120.

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

A motion was made at 6:54 p.m. by Ms. Thommes, seconded by Ms. Martin, to reconvene into open session. 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.

Present for the business session were Board members Sue Kerr, Dawn Martin, Veronica Noland, Kate Thommes, Melissa Owens, Superintendent, Dr. Suzanne Johnson, and Chief Legal Officer, Trisha Olson. The following were also present at the District's Welcome Center: Dr. Annette Acevedo, Nick Corn, Robyn Cornelissen, Sheila Downs, Jolene Linneman, Lela Majstorovic, Marc Spacone, and Dr. Ann Williams.

President Owens led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was held in honor of Journee Banner.

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

A. 2026-2027 Boundary Transition Update

Lela Majstorovic, Deputy Superintendent of Instruction, presented an update to the Board of Education on the 2026-2027 Boundary Transition. The update provided details on the classroom moving logistics over the summer of 2026, and information regarding the progress of Transportation routing.

2. Comments from the Audience - Ms. Owens

A. Public Comments

Nico Esposto, a student in the Automotive Technology Program, discussed the current restrictions on the use of student and teacher vehicles and the need for unpredictable cars.

Gustavo Montano, a student, discussed the Automotive Technology Program and not being able to work on live vehicles.

Nivan Patel, a student in the Automotive Technology Program, shared the advantages of working on live vehicles.

Anthony Metallo, educator, stated that the Automotive Technology Program delivers real-world preparation. He said that a fleet-only model offers repetition but limits the variables that students will face. He shared options for a pilot program.

David Avitia, a student, stated that he has learned many things from the Automotive Technology Program and discussed the advantages of working on live cars.

Alexandrea Schmeckpeper did not speak.

Luis Ugalde, a student, shared how the Automotive Technology Program has helped him.

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

A. Additional Information

Dr. Johnson thanked staff for all they have done to welcome students back after Winter Break. Dr. Johnson also thanked the School Board and staff for their hard work in preparing for next year's transitions.

President Owens thanked staff and administrators for the work that went into the Century Oaks groundbreaking event.

Ms. Noland spoke about her visit to the Kimball Middle School construction site. She is very impressed with how the school has been able to function and move forward during this process.

B. FOIA Requests – 14

Dr. Johnson stated that there were 14 Freedom of Information Act requests, which will be available on BoardDocs and the District’s website.

4. Consent Agenda - Dr. Johnson

- A. Personnel Report and Workers’ Compensation Cases
- B. Minutes of Board Meetings – October 6, 2026, and October 20, 2025
- C. Termination of Zahria Richardson – Noon Hour Supervisor
- D. Termination of Latressa Wilson – Driver’s Assistant
- E. Donation Acceptance Between Assurance Technologies, Inc. and the Board of Education of School District U-46
- F. Intergovernmental Agreements - Video Integration Agreement with the Villages of Bartlett, Carol Stream, Hanover Park, Hoffman Estates, South Elgin, Streamwood, and Wayne
- G. Bid - Plant Operations - South Elgin High School Modernization Pool, Project #282-25
- H. Proposal - Plant Operations - Hanover Countryside Elementary School Emergency Environmental Testing and Cleaning
- I. Contract - Plant Operations - 2017 Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Architect - IMEG Corp.
- J. Contract - Plant Operations - 2017 Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Architect - Arcon Associates, Inc.
- K. Contract - Plant Operations - 2017 Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Architect - Mechanical Service Associates Corp.
- L. Contract Renewal - Information Services - Call Manager Flex
- M. Contract Renewal - Specialized Student Services - 5Star Interpreting
- N. Change Order - Plant Operations - Coleman Elementary School Roof Replacement, Project #686-25

Motion by Ms. Noland, seconded by Ms. Kerr, to approve the Consent Agenda items A-N as presented. 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.

5. Discussion/Action - Dr. Johnson

A. Itemized Bills – January 12, 2026

Robyn Cornelissen, Executive Director of Financial Services, was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education regarding the List of Bills.

Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the List of Bills in the amount of \$61,487,537.11.

Motion by Ms. Noland, seconded by Ms. Martin, to approve the List of Bills in the amount of \$61,487,537.11. 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.

- B. Resolution Providing for the Issue of Not to Exceed \$57,000,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2026A, for the Purpose of Paying Certain Costs of Those Capital Projects Approved by Referendum at the April 4, 2023, Consolidated Election, Providing for the Levy of a Direct Annual Tax Sufficient to Pay the Principal and Interest on Said Bonds, and Authorizing the Proposed Sale of Said Bonds to the Purchaser Thereof

Dr. Ann Williams, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, and Anjali Vij, Partner at Chapman and Cutler, were available for questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended the Board of Education adopt the Resolution Providing for the Issuance of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2026A, not to exceed \$57,000,000 for the purpose of paying certain costs of Capital Projects approved by referendum.

Motion by Ms. Noland, seconded by Ms. Thommes, to adopt the Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$57,000,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2026A, for the purpose of paying down certain costs of those capital projects approved by referendum at the April 4, 2023, consolidated election, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the proposed sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

Anjali Vij, Partner at Chapman and Cutler, stated that this is the final Board action on the resolution for the final portion of the \$179,000,000.00 referendum approved Bonds.

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.

- C. Resolution Providing for the Issue of Not to Exceed \$32,000,000 General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds, Series 2026B, for the Purpose of Increasing the Working Cash Fund, Providing for the Levy of a Direct Annual Tax to Pay the Principal and Interest on Said Bonds, and Authorizing the Proposed Sale of Said Bonds to the Purchaser Thereof

Dr. Ann Williams, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, and Anjali Vij, Partner at Chapman and Cutler, were available for questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended the Board of Education adopt the Resolution

Providing for the Issuance of General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds, Series 2026B, not to exceed \$32,000,000 for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds.

Motion by Ms. Noland, seconded by Ms. Thommes, to adopt the Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$32,000,000 General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds, Series 2026B, for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the proposed sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

Dr. Williams thanked the School Board and the Superintendent for their leadership and the Community for the trust they placed in the District through the successful 2023 referendum.

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.

6. Other Business - Financial Audit and Related Reports - Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025 (Board Policy 4:80 - Accounting and Audits)

A. School District U-46 Audit

Robyn Cornelissen, Executive Director of Finance Services, and Don Shaw, Principal with Lauterbach & Amen, LLP, an independent certified public accounting firm, reviewed the School District U-46 Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Financial Report and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. The audit report will be posted on the District's website www.u-46.org.

7. Work Session - Bids/Proposals (Board Policy 4:60 - Purchases and Contracts)

A. Bid - Plant Operations - Larkin High School Stadium, Project #275-25

Sheila Downs, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, and Jolene Linneman, Capital Projects Coordinator, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended award to the lowest responsible bidder, The George Sollitt Construction Company, in the amount of \$10,879,801.00, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Operations Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 fiscal years.

B. Proposal - Plant Operations - Larkin High School Stadium Project - Field Turf, Project #275-25

Sheila Downs, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, and Jolene Linneman, Capital Projects Coordinator, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the proposal from FieldTurf USA, Inc. in the amount of \$1,039,565.81, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Operations Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 fiscal years.

C. Proposal - Plant Operations - Larkin High School Stadium Project - Grandstands, Project #275-25

Sheila Downs, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, and Jolene Linneman, Capital Projects Coordinator, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the proposal from GT Grandstands in the amount of \$2,038,400.00, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Operations Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 fiscal years.

D. Proposal - Plant Operations - Age and Obsolescence Playground Playset Replacement

Sheila Downs, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, and Nick Corn, Grounds Coordinator, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the proposal from GameTime c/o Cunningham Recreation in the amount of \$469,312.34, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Operations Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

E. Proposal - Financial Services - Fiscal Year 2026 School Maintenance Project Grant

Sheila Downs, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, and Robyn Cornelissen, Executive Director of Financial Services, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval to complete and submit the School Maintenance Project Grant application as required by the Illinois State Board of Education, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents.

F. Proposal - Office of Schools - Boys and Girls Club - Before and After School Program Provider

Dr. Annette Acevedo, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, and Marc Spacone, Athletics and Activities Coordinator, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the proposal from Boys and Girls Club for before and

after school programs for the 2026-2027 through 2028-2029 school years, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. There are no direct costs to the budget.

G. Proposal - Office of Schools - Right at School - Before and After School Program Provider

Dr. Annette Acevedo, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, and Marc Spacone, Athletics and Activities Coordinator, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the proposal from Right at School for before and after school programs for the 2026-2027 through 2028-2029 school years, and requests authorization for district administration to execute related documents. There are no direct costs to the budget.

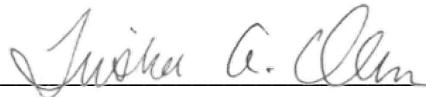
8. Adjournment - Ms. Owens

Motion by Ms. Noland, seconded by Ms. Martin, to adjourn the Board meeting of January 12, 2026, at 7:45 p.m. 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.

Approved this 2nd day of March, 2026.



President



Secretary