

School District U-46

Elgin, Illinois

January 26, 2026

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[January 26, 2026 BOE Meeting](#)

The meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:02 p.m. at the U-46 Welcome Center, 1019 East Chicago Street, Elgin, IL 60120.

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

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 6:04 p.m. by Ms. Noland, seconded by Ms. Martin. Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Kerr, Ms. Khan, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Schwartz, Ms. Thommes, and President Owens. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 7-0.

A motion was made at 6:44 p.m. by Ms. Thommes, seconded by Ms. Martin, to recess. Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Kerr, Ms. Khan, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Schwartz, Ms. Thommes, and President Owens. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 7-0.

A motion was made at 6:57 p.m. by Ms. Thommes, seconded by Ms. Martin, to reconvene into open session. Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Kerr, Ms. Khan, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Schwartz, Ms. Thommes, and President Owens. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 7-0.

Present for the business session were Board members Sue Kerr, Samreen Khan, Dawn Martin, Veronica Noland, Chanda Schwartz, 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 Welcome Center: Jaimie Abney-Giraldo, Celia Banks, Nick Corn, Robyn Cornelissen, Sheila Downs, Brian Lindholm, Ashlee McHaney, Marcy Murphy, Matt Raimondi, Cassondra Reichenbach, Danise Smith, Brian Tennison, Dr. Kyle VonSchnase, and Dr. Ann Williams.

President Owens led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was held in honor of Pam Jewell.

1. Accent on Achievement - Dr. Johnson

A. National School Counseling Week

In recognition of National School Counseling Week, the U-46 Board of Education presented a Proclamation of Appreciation to Alexa Charsha-Hahn, U-46 lead counselor, on behalf of all U-46 school counselors. School District U-46 has 62 school counselors serving more than 16,000 students in five high schools, nine middle schools, three elementary schools, and two alternative programs. The role of a school counselor is to support a student's academic, social, and emotional growth and help them establish plans for their future. Counselors meet with students throughout the school year on both an individual and group basis to address social and emotional issues that arise in their lives and help them create academic plans that align with their post-high school goals.

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

A. Facility Planning Update

Brian Lindholm, Chief of Staff, and Dr. Ann Williams, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, presented to the Board of Education an update on facility planning. The presentation provided updates on construction at Kimball Middle School, Kenyon Woods Middle School, Legacy Middle School, Century Oaks Elementary School, Glenbrook Elementary School, Illinois Park Elementary School, and the new Elgin Elementary School. The presentation also included financing updates.

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. Thommes spoke about the Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Breakfast that she and Dr. Johnson attended.

Dr. Johnson thanked the Operations teams for their work during treacherous weather conditions. She stated that they have been working around the clock to make sure facilities are safe for staff and students.

B. FOIA Requests – 10

Dr. Johnson stated that there were ten Freedom of Information Act requests, which will 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 Meetings - November 3, 2025
- C. Termination of Meahnna S. Evans - Bus Driver-Route
- D. Bid - Plant Operations - Larkin High School Stadium, Project #275-25
- E. Proposal - Plant Operations - Larkin High School Stadium Project - Field Turf, Project #275-25
- F. Proposal - Plant Operations - Larkin High School Stadium Project - Grandstands, Project #275-25
- G. Proposal - Plant Operations - Age and Obsolescence Playground Playset Replacement
- H. Proposal - Financial Services - Fiscal Year 2026 School Maintenance Project Grant
- I. Proposal - Office of Schools - Boys and Girls Club - Before and After School Program Provider
- J. Proposal - Office of Schools - Right at School - Before and After School Program Provider

Motion by Ms. Noland, seconded by Ms. Thommes, to approve the Consent Agenda items A-J as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Kerr, Ms. Khan, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Schwartz, Ms. Thommes, and President Owens. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 7-0.

6. Discussion/Action - Dr. Johnson

A. Itemized Bills – January 26, 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 \$32,017,137.98.

Motion by Ms. Noland, seconded by Ms. Martin, to approve the List of Bills in the amount of \$32,017,137.98. Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Kerr, Ms. Khan, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Schwartz, Ms. Thommes, and President Owens. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 7-0.

7. Other Business - Student Disciplinary Case (Board Policy #7:190 - Student Behavior)

A. Student A

Motion by Ms. Kerr, seconded by Ms. Noland, affirming the findings of the hearing officer, thereby upholding the suspension of Student A. Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Kerr, Ms. Khan, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Schwartz, Ms. Thommes, and President Owens. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 7-0.

8. Other Business - Dr. Johnson

A. November Financial Report

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

9. Work Session - Dr. Johnson

A. Board Policy Updates

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

IASB PRESS Issue 120 Updates:

2:120	Board Member Development
2:150	Committees
2:270	Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited
3:10	Goals and Objectives
3:50	Administrative Personnel Other Than the Superintendent
3:60	Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal
4:10	Fiscal and Business Management
4:30	Revenue and Investments
4:80	Accounting and Audits
4:110	Transportation
4:140	Waiver of Student Fees
4:150	Facility Management and Building Programs
4:160	Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds
4:170	Safety
4:190	Targeted School Violence Prevention Program
5:10	Equal Employment Opportunity, Nondiscrimination, and Minority Recruitment
5:20	Workplace Harassment Prohibited

5:90	Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
5:100	Staff Development Program
5:120	Employee Ethics; Code of Professional Conduct; and Conflict of Interest
5:185	Family and Medical Leave
5:190	Teacher Qualifications
5:200	Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal
5:220	Substitute Teachers
5:280	Duties and Qualifications
5:300	Schedules and Employment Year
6:20	School Year Calendar and Day
6:40	Curriculum Development
6:60	Curriculum Content
6:130	Program for the Gifted
6:135	Accelerated Placement Program
6:140	Education of Homeless Children
6:160	English Learners
6:210	Instructional Materials
6:220	Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) Program; Responsible Use and Conduct
6:235	Access to Electronic Networks
6:240	Field Trips
6:260	Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs
6:270	Guidance and Counseling Program
6:280	Grading and Promotion
6:300	Graduation Requirements
6:310	High School Credit for Non-District Experiences; Course Substitutions; Re-Entering Students
6:315	High School Credit for Students in Grade 7 or 8
6:320	High School Credit for Proficiency
7:10	Equal Educational Opportunities
7:70	Attendance and Truancy
7:130	Student Rights and Responsibilities
7:140	Search and Seizure
7:150	Agency and Law Enforcement Requests
7:180	Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
7:190	Student Behavior
7:250	Student Support Services
7:290	Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention
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
8:100	Relations with Other Organizations and Agencies

Kate Thommes exited the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

B. Elementary Art Curriculum and Resource Proposal

Celia Banks, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Jaimie Abney-Giraldo, Fine Arts Coordinator, were available for questions relating to the Elementary Art Curriculum and Resource Proposal.

C. Elementary Music Curriculum and Resource Proposal

Celia Banks, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Jaimie Abney-Giraldo, Fine Arts Coordinator, were available for questions relating to the Elementary Music Curriculum and Resource Proposal.

10. Work Session – Resolutions

A. Resolution Abating the Working Cash Fund of School District Number 46, Kane, Cook, and DuPage Counties, Illinois, to the Operations and Maintenance Fund, and further providing for the transfer to the Capital Projects Fund

Dr. Ann Williams and Dr. Kyle VonSchnase, Deputy Superintendents of Operations, were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended the Board of Education adopt the Resolution abating the Working Cash Fund of School District Number 46, Kane, Cook, and DuPage Counties, Illinois, to the Operations and Maintenance Fund, and further providing for the transfer to the Capital Projects Fund.

B. Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of Serious Safety Hazard Findings to the Illinois Department of Transportation

This Resolution is required annually by the Illinois State Board of Education. The Resolution confirms that the hazardous transportation area designations previously approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation still exist, and students who resided within the designated areas during the 2025-2026 school year were provided free transportation services. The District will request reimbursement from the state for transportation services provided. Marcy Murphy, Director of Transportation, presented the Resolution and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended the Board of Education adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of Serious Safety Hazard Findings to the Illinois Department of Transportation.

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

A. Bid - Operations - Unite U-46 - Kenyon Woods Middle School Furniture Project

Dr. Ann Williams, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, and Danise Smith, Procurement Coordinator, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended awarding the following base bid packages in the total amount of \$483,556.45, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents:

Base Bid A to Continua Interiors in the amount of \$479,183.01

Base Bid D to Continua Interiors in the amount of \$4,373.44

This expenditure will be charged to the Capital Projects Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

B. Bid - Operations - Unite U-46 - Kimball Middle School Furniture

Dr. Ann Williams, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, and Danise Smith, Procurement Coordinator, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended awarding the following base bid packages numbers 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7 to Educational Environments in the total amount of \$263,955.90, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Capital Projects Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

C. Proposal - Operations - Unite U-46 - Kimball Middle School Furniture Cooperative

Dr. Ann Williams, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, and Danise Smith, Procurement Coordinator, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the proposals through the Omnia Cooperative for miscellaneous furniture items in the total amount of \$196,536.98, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Capital Projects Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

D. Proposal - Operations - Unite U-46 - Kimball Middle School Cafetorium Furniture

Dr. Ann Williams, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, and Danise Smith, Procurement Coordinator, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the proposal from AmTab, through the Sourcewell Cooperative, for miscellaneous furniture items in the amount of \$158,689.88, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Capital Projects Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

E. Proposal - Assessment, Accountability, and Student Success - Kane County Regional Office of Education Support for Planning Schools

Brian Tennison, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, and Matt Raimondi, Director of Assessment, Accountability, and Student Success, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the proposal from the Kane County Regional Office of Education in the amount of \$25,000.00, 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.

F. Proposal - Plant Operations - Age and Obsolescence Dump Truck Purchase

Ashlee McHaney, Assistant Director of Plant Operations, and Nick Corn, Coordinator of Grounds, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the proposal from Sutton Ford in the amount of \$58,092.00 and Knapheide Truck Equipment Center Chicago in the amount of \$53,527.90, 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 2025-2026 fiscal year.

12. Work Session - Change Orders (Board Policy 4:60 - Purchases and Contracts)


A. Change Order - Plant Operations - Elgin High School Parking Lot Paving, Project #251-25

Sheila Downs, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, and Cassondra Reichenbach, Assistant Director of Planning and Systems 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 from Schroeder Asphalt Services, Inc. in the amount of \$244,717.70.

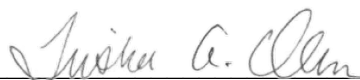
13. Adjournment - Ms. Owens

Motion by Ms. Noland, seconded by Ms. Martin, to adjourn the Board meeting of January 26, 2026, at 9:12 p.m. Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Kerr, Ms. Khan, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Schwartz, and President Owens. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 6-0.

Approved this 16th day of March, 2026.



President



Secretary