

School District U-46

Elgin, Illinois

February 9, 2026

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[February 9, 2026 BOE Meeting](#)

The meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:30 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, and Melissa Owens. Kate Thommes 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 6:31 p.m. by Ms. Noland, seconded by Ms. Schwartz. 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.

A motion was made at 6:51 p.m. by Ms. Kerr, seconded by Ms. Martin, to reconvene into open session. 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.

Present for the business session were Board members Sue Kerr, Samreen Khan, Dawn Martin, Veronica Noland, Chanda Schwartz, Melissa Owens, Superintendent, Dr. Suzanne Johnson, and Assistant Attorney, Erika Washington. Also present was Student Board member Dhanvi Dhandapani. The following were also present at the District's Welcome Center: Jaimie Abney-Giraldo, Celia Banks, Rich Bosh, Robyn Cornelissen, Sheila Downs, Amy Ingente, Patty Kenyon, Amanda Leatherby, Brian Lindholm, Jolene Linneman, Kevin McKenzie, Cassondra Reichenbach, Melissa Robison, Danise Smith, Kevin Sosnowski, Brian Tennison, Dr. Kyle VonSchnase, and Dr. Ann Williams.

President Owens led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Accent on Achievement - Dr. Johnson

A. National School Social Work Week

In recognition of National School Social Work Week, the U-46 Board of Education presented a Proclamation of Appreciation to Melina Pantoja, Alondra Ruiz, and Giana Villanueva, U-46 Social Workers, on behalf of all U-46 students, staff, and families. School District U-46 employs approximately 115 social workers.

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

A. School Safety Update

Rich Bosh, Director of School Safety, Kevin Sosnowski, Coordinator of School Safety, and Kevin McKenzie, Security Operations Manager, presented to the Board of Education an update on school safety.

B. 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 included details on professional development for staff in preparation for the 2026-2027 school year, an overview of planned transition events taking place this spring and summer, and an update on Transportation routing progress.

3. Comments from the Audience - Ms. Owens

A. Public Comments

David Quiroz, Birth to Five Illinois Regional Manager, discussed the Birth to Five Illinois program.

Jonathan Medina, parent, shared his experience at a District high school on February 6, 2026.

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

A. Additional Information

President Owens thanked the staff at Wayne Elementary and South Elgin High School for allowing Ms. Kerr and her to visit.

Dr. Johnson thanked all the teams for their work to support the transition into the 2026-2027 school year.

5. Consent Agenda - Dr. Johnson

- A. Personnel Report and Workers' Compensation Cases
- B. Minutes of Board Meetings - November 17, 2025
- C. Termination of Robin Nagle - Food Service Tech
- D. Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of Serious Safety Hazard Findings to the Illinois Department of Transportation
- E. Bid - Operations - Unite U-46 - Kenyon Woods Middle School Furniture Project
- F. Bid - Operations - Unite U-46 - Kimball Middle School Furniture
- G. Proposal - Operations - Unite U-46 - Kimball Middle School Furniture Cooperative
- H. Proposal - Operations - Unite U-46 - Kimball Middle School Cafetorium Furniture
- I. Proposal - Assessment, Accountability, and Student Success - Kane County Regional Office of Education Support for Planning Schools
- J. Proposal - Plant Operations - Age and Obsolescence Dump Truck Purchase
- K. Change Order - Plant Operations - Elgin High School Parking Lot Paving, Project #251-25
- L. Building Permit – 1
- M. Occupancy Permits - 2

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

6. Discussion/Action - Dr. Johnson

A. Itemized Bills – February 9, 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 \$27,536,764.88.

Motion by Ms. Noland, seconded by Ms. Martin, to approve the List of Bills in the amount of \$27,536,764.88. 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.

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. Administration recommended approval of the Elementary Art Curriculum and Resource Proposal in the amount of \$178,614.96 for the initial cost and \$75,000.00 in annual costs, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be

charged to the Education Fund. The textbook costs are included in the budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. All other costs will be included in the budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Motion by Ms. Martin, seconded by Ms. Noland, to approve the Elementary Art Curriculum and Resource Proposal in the amount of \$178,614.96 for the initial cost and \$75,000.00 in annual costs, and grant authorization for District administration to execute related documents. 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.

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. Administration recommended approval of the Elementary Music Curriculum and Resource Proposal in the amount of \$165,091.76 for the initial cost and \$69,657.70 in annual costs, and requested authorization for District administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Education Fund. The textbook costs are included in the budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. All other costs will be included in the budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Motion by Ms. Noland, seconded by Ms. Martin, to approve the Elementary Music Curriculum and Resource Proposal in the amount of \$165,091.76 for the initial cost and \$69,657.70 in annual costs, and grant authorization for District administration to execute related documents. 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.

D. 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 for 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.

Motion by Ms. Noland, seconded by Ms. Kerr, to 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. 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.

E. Contract - Specialized Student Services - Contract Related Service Staff

Amanda Leatherby, Director of Specialized Student Services, and Melissa Robison, Assistant Director of Specialized Student Services, presented the proposal and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract renewal with the prior Board-approved agencies, not to exceed the approved total amount in the Board proposal presented on November 17, 2025, and requested that funds projected to be spent with Bilingual Speech Solutions be redelegated to 3 Chords/Therapy Care/EPIC Staffing. This expenditure will be charged to the Education Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Motion by Ms. Schwartz, seconded by Ms. Kerr, to approve the contract renewal with the prior Board-approved agencies, not to exceed the approved total amount in the Board proposal presented on November 17, 2025, and requested that funds projected to be spent with Bilingual Speech Solutions be redelegated to 3 Chords/Therapy Care/EPIC Staffing. 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.

7. Other Business - Dr. Johnson

A. December 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.

B. Investment Report for the Second Quarter

Robyn Cornelissen, Executive Director of Financial Services, presented the investment Report for the second quarter and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education.

8. Work Session - Dr. Johnson

A. Elementary Math Curriculum and Resource Proposal

Brian Tennison, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, and Amy Ingente, Math Coordinator, presented the Elementary Math Curriculum and Resource Proposal and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the Elementary Math Curriculum and Resource Proposal in the amount of \$4,906,280.51, 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. 2026-2027 School Fees

Dr. Kyle VonSchnase, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, and Robyn Cornelissen, Executive Director of Financial Services, presented the school fees and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Information on Student Insurance (School Time Coverage, 24 Hour Coverage, Optional – 24-Hour Dental) is posted on the district website each July. Administration recommended approval of the School Fees for the 2026-2027 School Year.

9. Work Session – Resolutions

A. Resolution for the Disposal of Surplus Personal Property (Instruments)

Celia Banks, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Jaimie Abney-Giraldo, Fine Arts Coordinator, reviewed the Resolution and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the Resolution for the Disposal of Surplus Personal Property.

B. Resolution for the Disposal of Surplus Personal Property (Damaged Furniture)

Robyn Cornelissen, Executive Director of Financial Services, and Danise Smith, Procurement Coordinator, reviewed the Resolution and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the Resolution for the Disposal of Surplus Personal Property.

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

A. Bid - Plant Operations - Larsen Middle School Domestic Water Piping Replacement, Project #508-25

Cassandra Reichenbach, Assistant Director of Planning and Systems, 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, Northwest Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$2,597,224.00, 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 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 fiscal years.

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

A. Contract - Plant Operations - 2017 Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Architect - Studio GC Architecture and Interiors

Sheila Downs, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, and Jolene Linneman, Capital Projects Coordinator, presented the proposal and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract with Studio GC Architecture and Interiors for the design of the Summer 2027 Capital Projects, 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. Contract Renewal - Specialized Student Services - One-to-One Nursing Services

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 Team Select Home Care in the amount of \$161,199.00, 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.

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


A. Change Order - Operations - Unite U-46 - Kimball Middle School Additional Scope

Dr. Ann Williams, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, and Brian Lindholm, Chief of Staff, 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 Gilbane in the amount of \$1,977,199.00. This expenditure will be charged to the Capital Projects Fund.


13. Adjournment - Ms. Owens

Motion by Ms. Noland, seconded by Ms. Martin, to adjourn the Board meeting of February 9, 2026, at 8:29 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 13th day of April, 2026.



President



Secretary