

School District U-46
Elgin, Illinois

November 13, 2023

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[November 13, 2023, BOE Meeting](#)

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 355 E. Chicago Ave, Elgin, Illinois. The following Board Members answered roll call: Dawn Martin, Veronica Noland, Melissa Owens, Chanda Schwartz, Kate Thommes, and Sue Kerr. Samreen Khan was absent from roll call and arrived at 5:32 p.m.

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, 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 5:31 p.m. by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Owens. Upon roll call yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Ms. Schwartz, Ms. Thommes, and President Kerr. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 6-0.

Samreen Khan arrived at 5:32 p.m., during closed session.

A motion was made at 6:59 p.m. by Ms. Martin, second by Ms. Noland, to reconvene into open session. Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Ms. Khan, Ms. Schwartz, Ms. Thommes, and President Kerr. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 7-0.

Present for the business session were Board members Dawn Martin, Veronica Noland, Melissa Owens, Samreen Khan, Chanda Schwartz, Kate Thommes, and Sue Kerr, Superintendent Dr. Suzanne Johnson, and Chief Legal Officer Trisha Olson. The following were also present at the District's central office: Elizabeth Hennessy, Brian Lindholm, and Dr. Ann Williams.

President Kerr led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Accent on Achievement – Dr. Johnson

A. School Board Members Day

In recognition of School Board Members Day 2023, November 15, 2023, a Proclamation of Appreciation is presented to the School District U-46 Board of Education. School District U-46 Administration acknowledged the Board of Education members for their dedicated leadership in education and continuing service to the children of this District. Dr. Johnson shared that Board members, Ms. Noland and President Kerr, were recognized by the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) Recognition Program. Additionally, Board member, Ms. Thommes, acquired credits to earn IASB's Board Leader Recognition Status.

2. Comments from the Audience – Ms. Kerr

A. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

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

A. Additional Information

Dr. Johnson stated that Administration sent a memo to the Board in response to a public comment from last week regarding custodial fees for PTA events.

4. Work Session - Resolutions

A. Resolution Declaring the Intention to Issue Bonds not to Exceed \$35,000,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds of School District Number 46, Kane, Cook and DuPage Counties, Illinois, for the Purpose of Increasing the District's Working Cash Fund, and Directing that Notice of such Intention be Published in the Manner Provided by Law

Dr. Ann Williams, Deputy Superintendent Operations, Mr. Lindholm, Chief of Staff, and Ms. Hennessy, Raymond James Bond Consultant, discussed the Resolution Declaring the Intention to Issue Working Cash Fund Bonds not to Exceed \$35,000,000 for the purpose of funding capital projects associated with the Unite U-46 Initiative and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. The statute allows for the issuance of Working Cash Fund Bonds within three years of authorization. Administration intends to revisit the issuance of these bonds at a future date with the approval of the Board of Education. Dr. Johnson stated that Administration will work on talking points in response to the referendum work and tax levy information per the Boards request. She also mentioned that there will be a Finance Committee meeting on December 4th, 2023, where there will be additional discussions on the fund balance and the potential of the working cash bonds.

- B. Resolution Providing for the Issue of Bonds not to Exceed \$62,000,000 General Obligation School Bonds of the District 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 Operations, Mr. Lindholm, Chief of Staff, and Ms. Hennessy, Raymond James Bond Consultant, were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommends the Board of Education adopt the Resolution Providing for the Issuance of General Obligation School Bonds not to exceed \$62,000,000 for the purpose of funding Capital Projects approved by referendum.

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A motion was made at 8:18 p.m. by Ms. Noland second by Ms. Owens. Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Ms. Khan, Ms. Schwartz, Ms. Thommes, and President Kerr. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 7-0.

A motion was made at 9:26 p.m. by Ms. Martin second by Ms. Noland, to reconvene into open session. Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Ms. Khan, Ms. Schwartz, Ms. Thommes, and President Kerr. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 7-0.

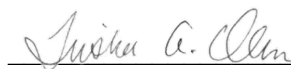
5. Adjournment – Ms. Kerr

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Martin, to adjourn the Special Board Meeting of November 13, 2023 at 9:29 p.m. Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Ms. Khan, Ms. Schwartz, Ms. Thommes, and President Kerr. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 7-0.

Approved this 18th day of December, 2023.



President



Secretary