

Highlights from the June 24, 2024 U-46 Board of Education meetings

The Board of Education held a Finance meeting at 5:15 pm at 355 East Chicago Street, Elgin. Board members were given a [presentation](#) detailing the progress in preparing the tentative FY25 Budget. The actual *tentative* budget will be presented to the board at the August 5th meeting. A budget hearing and adoption of the *final* FY25 Budget will take place at the September 9th meeting.

The public session of the meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with two Strategic Plan presentations. Dr. Acevedo, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, and Ms. Rabe and Ms. Sturgill, Executive Directors for the Larkin and South Elgin Networks (respectively), [presented an update](#) on elementary/middle school data, including U-46 Rising implementation, 4th-grade common assessment results, and Learning Renewal / IAR results for 3rd through 8th grade.

Mr. Lindholm, Chief of Staff, and Dr. Ann Williams, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, [presented updates](#) on facilities planning, including important updates on current middle school construction/renovation projects.

There was one public comment regarding the planned new middle school in Elgin.

Prior to the consent agenda, Dr. Ann Williams, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, and Dr. Frank Williams, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, gave a brief review of highlights from the Finance Committee meeting earlier in the evening (see first paragraph for related presentation). The board also heard a [recap](#) from Ms. Virginia McHugh Kurtz, and Ms. Sarah Siddiqui, co-chairs of the CAC Specialized Student Services committee, regarding the committee's work over the past year and its impact on our community.

The Board approved in the Consent Agenda and during Discussion/Action:

- Personnel report of 06/24/24 and Board meeting minutes of 04/15/24.
- Bills in the amount of \$35,953,234.40.
- The [2024/25 Student Code of Conduct](#).
- Updates to Middle School math curriculum.
- A lease for a modular unit at Clinton Elementary.
- Two resolutions supporting [legislative amendments](#) to world language graduation requirements.
- Bids, contracts, building permits, proposals, and change orders discussed at the previous Board meeting.

The board also approved the selection of [Performance Fact](#) to lead the district and community through the creation, adoption, and implementation of a new strategic plan.

During the Work Session the Board

- Reviewed numerous annual resolutions, including:
 - Resolution Authorizing Participation in Federal and State Grant Programs
 - Resolution Authorizing the School Treasurer to Make Bond and Interest Payments
 - Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Interest Earnings from the Working Cash Fund to the Tort Fund and Capital Projects Fund
 - Resolution on Serious Safety Hazards for Student Transportation
 - Resolution Declaring the Need to Continue Usage of Temporary Classrooms
 - and a Resolution to Approve the 2024-2025 Tentative Budget and Set a Public Hearing
- Reviewed a list of authorized depositories.
- Reviewed a proposal for [Middle School ELA Curriculum](#).
- Reviewed a proposal for [High School ELA Curriculum](#).
- Reviewed a bid for Ellis Middle School Parking Lot Resurfacing.
- Reviewed proposals for Community Engagement and Communications Services and replacement of the Bartlett High School Auditorium Smoke Hatch.
- Reviewed contract renewals for
 - National Geographic Cengage, World Cultures and Geography
 - McGraw Hill, Discovering our Past - U.S. History, Early Years
 - News2You
 - CDW Zoom

A link to the video of the Board meeting can be found [here](#). A link to the complete Board meeting packet can be found [here](#).

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Monday, July 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., at 355 E. Chicago St., Elgin.