

School District U-46
Elgin, Illinois

May 1, 2023

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[May 1, 2023, BOE Meeting](#)

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 5:45 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 355 E. Chicago Ave, Elgin, Illinois. The following Board Members answered roll call: John Devereux, Dawn Martin, Veronica Noland, Melissa Owens, Eva Porter, Kate Thommes, and Sue Kerr. Ms. Noland participated remotely via Zoom.

Ms. 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, collective negotiating matters between the School Board and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes or employees; review of closed session minutes; and individual student matters.

The motion was made at 5:47 p.m. by Ms. Martin, second by Mrs. Porter. Upon roll call yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 7-0.

A motion was made at 6:21 p.m. by Ms. Martin, second by Mrs. Porter, to reconvene into open session. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

The Board recessed until the start of business session at 7:00 p.m.

Present for the business session were Board members John Devereux, Dawn Martin, Veronica Noland, Melissa Owens, Eva Porter, Kate Thommes, and Sue Kerr, Student Board member Angelica Harris, Interim Superintendent Dr. Suzanne Johnson, and Chief Legal Officer Trisha Olson. The following administrators were also present at the District's central office: Dr. Josh Carpenter, Dr. Teresa Lance, Brian Lindholm, Lela Majstorovic, Mark Moore, and Dr. Ann Williams. Present for the meeting via Zoom were other administrators and members of the public.

Ms. Kerr led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was held for District employee of 34 years, Nancy Wuilleumier.

1. Accent of Achievement – Dr. Johnson

A. Teacher Appreciation Week

In recognition of National Teacher Appreciation Week, the U-46 Board of Education presented a Proclamation of Appreciation on behalf of all U-46 teachers for delivering inspiration, knowledge and motivation in an effort to create exemplary citizens. School District U-46 has 2,300 teachers serving nearly 35,000 students from 11 communities across Kane, Cook, and DuPage counties. The role of a teacher is to provide knowledge, to build a welcoming environment, to mentor students, and to be a role model while continuing to grow in their individual knowledge. Our educators demonstrate a commitment to education and a love for teaching and learning.

B. National Nurses Week

In recognition of National Nurses Week, the U-46 Board of Education presented a Proclamation of Appreciation on behalf of all U-46 nurses in recognition of National School Nurses Day on May 10, 2023.

2. Strategic Plan Report – Dr. Johnson (Board Policy 2.020 - School Board Powers and Duties)

A. High School Network U-46 Rising Update

Mr. Tennison, Executive Director of the High School Network, Ms. Bush, Larkin High School Principal, Ms. Means, Larkin High School Instructional Coach, Ms. Smith, Larkin High School English Language Arts Teacher/Instructional Coach, Mr. Demovsky, Bartlett High School Principal, and Mrs. Allanson, Bartlett High School Social Science Teacher, provided an update on U-46 Rigor Diagnostics and Rigor Walks for the High School Network.

3. Public Comments

Leah Nicolini stated that she had questions regarding school safety and security due to recent school shootings throughout the United States, and would like follow-up regarding District safety measures currently in place.

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

A. Additional Information

Ms. Owens stated that she wanted to recognize the students from the Streamwood High School civics class who participated in Student Government Day with the Board of Education. Ms. Owens also recognized the Superintendent Scholarship winners, and the elementary students whose art was showcase at Elgin State Bank this past weekend.

Ms. Kerr stated that she enjoyed participating in Student Government Day. Ms. Kerr also thanked the high schools who provided tours of the Consumer and Technology education departments. Ms. Kerr stated she also attended a tree planting at Horizon Elementary for former Board of Education member, Donna Smith.

Dr. Johnson thanked the students from Streamwood High School for their participation in Student Government Day. Dr. Johnson congratulated the Superintendent Scholarship winners, and also thanked the U-46 Foundation for their support for the scholarship event.

5. Other Business – CAC Update (Board Policy 2:152 - Advisory Committees to the Board)

A. Community Advisory Council (CAC) Update

Dr. Johnson stated that the next CAC updated would be provided in June.

6. Consent Agenda – Dr. Johnson

- A. Personnel Report and Workers' Compensation Cases
- B. Minutes of Board Meeting – April 24, 2023
- C. Termination of Boyd Purvis - Driver
- D. Bid - Plant Operations - Feminine Hygiene Consumable Products and Vending
- E. Proposal - Operations - Capital Improvements Planning
- F. Change Order - Plant Operations - Bartlett Elementary School and Ronald D. O'Neal Elementary School Ceiling and Lighting Replacement - Project #2067
- G. Change Order - Plant Operations - Tefft Middle School Asbestos Abatement, Ceiling Tile, Lighting, and Insulation Replacement - Project #531

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Mrs. Porter, to approve the consent agenda items A-G, as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote 7-0.

7. Discussion/Action – Dr. Johnson

A. Itemized Bills – May 1, 2023

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education regarding the attached bills. Administration recommends the Board of Education approve the List of Bills in the amount of \$5,938,425.55.

Motion by Mrs. Porter, second by Mr. Devereux, to approve the itemized bills in the amount \$5,938,425.55. Upon roll call yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

B. Curriculum and Instruction - Middle School Mathematics Resource Proposal

Dr. Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, Mrs. Banks, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Mrs. Ingente, Math Coordinator, were available for questions relating to the Middle School Mathematics Resource proposal.

Motion by Mr. Devereux, second by Ms. Noland, to approve the proposal, as presented. Upon roll call yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

C. Final 2022-2023 School Calendar

Annually, the Board of Education is required to adopt a final School Calendar and submit it to the Kane County Regional Office of Education.

Motion by Ms. Martin, second by Ms. Thommes, to approve the final 2022-2023 School Calendar, as presented. Upon roll call yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

D. Board Policy Updates

Ms. Olson, Chief Legal Officer, presented the IASB PRESS Issue 111 proposed changes to the following Board policies. Administration recommended adoption of the proposed changes.

5:260 Student Teachers
6:135 Accelerated Placement Program
8:20 Community Use of School Facilities

Motion by Ms. Martin, second by Mrs. Porter, to approve the Board policies, as presented. Upon roll call yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

8. Discussion/Action – Dr. Johnson

A. Other Business - Employee Matters (Board Policy 5.212 - Suspension and Dismissal of Certificated Staff Members)

This matter was before the Board of Education whether to approve the Resolution Regarding the Suspension and Dismissal of Tenured Teacher A (Christyn Brown).

Motion by Ms. Thommes, second by Ms. Martin, to approve the Resolution, as presented. Upon roll call yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. Abstention: Mrs. Porter – 1. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

9. Recognition of Service as Student Board Member

A. Angelica Harris

The Board of Education recognized Angelica Harris, the fourteenth Student Board of Education Member, for her service as Student Board Member for the 2022-2023 school year.

10. Oath of Office for New Student Board Member

A. Oath of Office

The newly appointed Student Board of Education Member, Asraar Ahmed Siddiqui, was sworn in by the Board of Education Secretary.

11. Abstract of Votes

A. Canvass of Votes

Ms. Olson, Chief Legal Officer and Board Secretary, presented the Abstract of Votes and announced the winners of the April 4, 2023 election: Kate Thommes, Susan Kerr, Chanda Schwartz, and Samreen Khan.

Motion by Ms. Martin, second by Ms. Owens, to approve the Abstract, as presented. Upon roll call yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

12. Recognition of Outgoing Board Members

A. John Devereux

The Board of Education recognized outgoing Board of Education Member John Devereux.

B. Eva Porter

The Board of Education recognized outgoing Board of Education Member Eva Porter.

13. Convening of the Reconstituted Board of Education (2.210 - Board Organizational Meeting)

A. Seating of New Board Member and Selection of New Officers

The process for seating and selection of new officers was as follows:

1. Announce that the Board of Education will be reconstituted;
2. Give the oath of office to the new Board of Education Members;
3. Call the role with the new Board of Education Members, and;
4. Conduct the election process for Board of Education Officers.

14. Oath of Office for Elected Board Members

A. Oath of Office

Ms. Olson, Chief Legal Officer and Board Secretary, swore in the elected Board members: Kate Thommes, Susan Kerr, Chanda Schwartz, and Samreen Khan.

B. Roll Call

Roll call was taken for the newly formed Board of Education.

C. Motion for Recess

A motion was taken for a five-minute recess.

Motion by Ms. Martin, second by Ms. Kerr, to recess. Upon roll call yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Ms. Thommes, Ms. Khan, Ms. Schwartz, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

15. Election of Officers

A. Process for Election of Board Officers

The election process was turned over to the Board of Education Secretary who led the election process for the Board of Education President. Election procedures were as follows: Nominations could be made by any Board of Education member and did not require a second. A Motion to close nominations was required. Election of officers was by roll call.

B. President

Ms. Kerr was nominated for President of the Board of Education.

Close of Nominations:

Motion by Ms. Owens, second by Ms. Martin to close the nominations for President. Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Ms. Thommes, Ms. Khan, Ms. Schwartz, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Roll Call to Elect Ms. Kerr as Board President:

Yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Ms. Thommes, Ms. Khan, Ms. Schwartz, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0.

C. Vice President

Ms. Owens was nominated for Vice President of the Board of Education.

Close of Nominations:

Motion by Ms. Martin, second by Ms. Noland to close the nominations for Vice President. Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Ms. Thommes, Ms. Khan, Ms. Schwartz, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Role Call to Elect Ms. Owens as Board Vice President:

Yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Ms. Thommes, Ms. Khan, Ms. Schwartz, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0.

D. Secretary Pro-Tempore

Ms. Thommes was nominated for Secretary Pro Tempore of the Board of Education.

Close of Nominations:

Motion by Ms. Owens, second by Ms. Noland to close the nominations for Secretary Pro Tempore. Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Ms. Thommes, Ms. Khan, Ms. Schwartz, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Roll Call to Elect Ms. Thommes as Secretary Pro Tempore:

Yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Ms. Thommes, Ms. Khan, Ms. Schwartz, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0.

16. Other Business - Appointment of IASB Governing Board Representative

A. IASB Governing Board Representative

Ms. Kerr was selected as the IASB Governing Board Representative.

17. Work Session – Dr. Johnson

A. Board Policy Updates

Ms. Olson, Chief Legal Officer, presented the IASB PRESS Issue 111 proposed changes to the following Board policies. Administration recommended adoption of the proposed changes.

2:110	Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers
4:40	Incurring Debt
4:60	Purchases and Contracts
5:30	Hiring Process and Criteria
5:90	Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
5:125	Personal Technology and Social Media, Usage and Conduct
5:150	Personnel Records
5:285	Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus and Commercial Vehicle Drivers
6:210	Instructional Materials
6:230	Library Media Program
8:70	Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities

18. Work Session - Resolutions

A. Resolution Authorizing Intervention in Proceedings Before the State of Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board

Dr. Williams, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, 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 Intervention in Proceedings before the State of Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board.

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

A. Bid - Office of Schools - Elementary Supply Kits

Mrs. Majstorovic, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, presented the proposal summary and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended award to the lowest responsible bidder, Pala Supply Company, Inc., in the amount of \$1,214,935.86 and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Educational Fund and reimbursed with funds from the Elementary and Secondary

School Emergency Relief grant. The cost is included in the budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

B. Bid - Plant Operations - Tefft Middle School Classroom and Office Move for Projects #530 and #531

Ms. Waldau, Director of Plant Operations, presented the proposal summary and will respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommends award to the lowest responsible bidder, Armstrong Relocation - Chicago, in the amount of \$37,590.00 and requests 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 2022-2023 through 2023-2024 fiscal years.

C. Bid - Plant Operations - Educational Services Center Renovation Phase 2 - Dream Academy and Central Schools Program - Asbestos Abatement, Projects #332

Ms. Waldau, Director of Plant Operations, will present the attached proposal summary and will respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommends award to the lowest responsible bidder, Celtic Environmental, Inc., in the amount of \$283,200.00 and requests 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 2022-2023 fiscal year.

D. Proposal - Curriculum and Instruction - LitCamp Resources for Summer School

Dr. Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, and Mrs. Banks, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, presented the proposal summary and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the proposal from Scholastic, Inc. in the amount of \$68,492.09, and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Grant. The cost is included in the budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

20. Work Session – Contracts Over \$25,000.00 (Board Policy 4:60 - Purchases and Contracts)

A. Contract Renewal - Curriculum and Instruction - Science and Planetarium K-12 National Geographic Science Resources

Dr. Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, Mrs. Banks, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Ms. McMullen, Coordinator of K-12 Science and Planetarium, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract renewal with National Geographic in the amount of \$84,000.00, and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Educational Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

- B. Contract Renewal - Curriculum and Instruction - 5th and 6th Grade Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics Resources
Dr. Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, Mrs. Banks, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Ms. McMullen, Coordinator of K-12 Science and Planetarium, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract renewal with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt in the amount of \$421,990.40, and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Educational Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.
- C. Contract Renewal - Curriculum and Instruction - Science and Planetarium K-12 Resources - Savvas
Dr. Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, Mrs. Banks, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Ms. McMullen, Coordinator of K-12 Science and Planetarium, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract renewal with Savvas in the amount of \$240,199.44, and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Educational Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.
- D. Contract Renewal - Curriculum and Instruction - Social Studies NatGeo
Dr. Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, Mrs. Banks, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Mr. VandeMoortel, Coordinator of K-12 Social Studies and World Languages, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract renewal with National Geographic Learning/Cengage Learning in the amount of \$56,250.00, and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Educational Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.
- E. Contract Renewal - Curriculum and Instruction - Social Studies Resources - Savvas
Dr. Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, Mrs. Banks, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Mr. VandeMoortel, Coordinator of K-12 Social Studies and World Languages, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract renewal with Savvas in the amount of \$143,075.00, and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Educational Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

F. Contract Renewal - Curriculum and Instruction - TurnItIn

Dr. Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, Mrs. Banks, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Mrs. Kettle, Coordinator of K-12 Literacy and Libraries, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract renewal with TurnItIn, LLC. in the amount of \$58,991.00, and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Educational Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

G. Contract Renewal - Curriculum and Instruction - Istation Intervention Resource

Dr. Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, Mrs. Banks, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Mrs. Kettle, Coordinator of K-12 Literacy and Libraries, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract renewal with Istation in the amount of \$1,230,780.00 for a three-year renewal, and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Educational Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2023-2024 through 2025-2026 fiscal years.

H. Contract - Curriculum and Instruction – EBSCO

Dr. Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, Mrs. Banks, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Mrs. Kettle, Coordinator of K-12 Literacy and Libraries, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract with EBSCO in the amount of \$115,300.00, and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Educational Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

I. Contract - Curriculum and Instruction - Follett Destiny Library Management Systems

Dr. Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, Mrs. Banks, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Mrs. Kettle, Coordinator of K-12 Literacy and Libraries, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract with Follett School Solutions, LLC. for a three-year period in the amount of \$174,938.40, and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Educational Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

J. Contract - Curriculum and Instruction - Journal Storage

Dr. Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, Mrs. Banks, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Mrs. Kettle, Coordinator of K-12 Literacy

and Libraries, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract with Journal Storage in the amount of \$9,885.00, and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Educational Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Ms. 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, collective negotiating matters between the School Board and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes or employees; review of closed session minutes; and individual student matters.

The motion was made at 9:14 p.m. by Ms. Thommes, second by Ms. Martin. Upon roll call yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Ms. Thommes, Ms. Khan, Ms. Schwartz, and Ms. Kerr. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 7-0.

A motion was made at 10:59 p.m. by Ms. Owens, second by Ms. Thommes, to reconvene into open session. Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Ms. Thommes, Ms. Khan, Ms. Schwartz, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

21. Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Martin, second by Ms. Thommes, to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of May 1, 2023 at 11:00 p.m. Upon roll call yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Ms. Thommes, Ms. Khan, Ms. Schwartz, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Approved this 15th day of May, 2023.



President



Secretary