

School District U-46
Elgin, Illinois

May 3, 2021

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[May 3, 2021, 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, Veronica Noland, Melissa Owens, Eva Porter, Donna Smith, Kate Thommes, and Sue Kerr.

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. Noland, second by Mrs. Porter. Upon roll call yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, Mrs. Smith and Ms. Kerr. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 7-0.

A motion was made at 7:00 p.m. by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Thommes, to reconvene into open session. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Present for the business session were Superintendent Tony Sanders, Board members John Devereux, Veronica Noland, Melissa Owens, Eva Porter, Donna Smith, Kate Thommes, and Sue Kerr, Assistant Attorney Luis Rodriguez, and student Board member Olivia Howell. The following administrators were also present at the District's central office: Steve Burger, Dr. Josh Carpenter, Ann Chan, Dr. Suzanne Johnson, Dr. Jeff King, Dr. Teresa Lance, Lela Majstorovic, Dr. Ushma Shah, Sheila Downs, Mary Fergus, and Brian Lindholm. Present for the meeting via Zoom were other administrators and members of the public.

Ms. Kerr noted that Covid-19 Executive Order 76, which extends modifications to the Open Meetings Act and permits public bodies to meet remotely through electronic means, is still in effect.

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

1. Accent of Achievement - Mr. Sanders

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 2,684 teachers serving nearly 37,000 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 Board Certified Teachers

As part of the Board of Education's Accent on Achievement, the Board of Education recognized School District U-46 teachers who have recently achieved or renewed National Board Certification. This is the highest credential in the teaching profession and may be the most powerful professional development experience available to teachers. The Board of Education recognized new National Board-Certified Teacher Holly Saxton of South Elgin High School and renewing National Board-Certified Teacher Martha Hernandez of Oakhill Elementary School.

C. 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 12, 2021.

2. Strategic Plan Report - Mr. Sanders (Board Policy 2.020 - School Board Powers and Duties)

A. Summer Programming Update

Dr. Johnson, Deputy Superintendent of Instruction, provided the Board of Education with an update on Summer Programming.

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

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

A. Additional Information

Mr. Sanders stated that he attended the retirement dinner that was put together by Human Resources and the Communication Department to honor retirees from last year and this year. Mr. Sanders also congratulated Maggie Schroeder for receiving the Kane County Student Support Professional of the Year award. Mr. Sanders stated that he also attended the EXPLORE event and wanted to thank everyone involved in the planning process, including teachers and counselors. Mr. Sanders stated that the real estate professionals virtual breakfast had a great turnout this year as well.

Mrs. Porter stated that she attended the African American Advisory Counsel and wanted to thank Dr. Lance and her team who worked to present a number of interesting speakers this year. Mrs. Porter stated that she attended a webinar with Franczek P.C. regarding residential placement and also attended the EXPLORE session with Luis Rodriguez, who presented on the topics of lawyers, paralegals and police detectives. Mrs. Porter thanked Nancy Coleman and her team for their efforts in planning the event. Mrs. Porter also recognized teacher appreciation week, and thanked teachers for their all of their efforts.

Mrs. Smith stated that the teacher mentees graduated last week, and that it is a great program, and she was proud of all this year's graduates.

Ms. Kerr stated that she wanted to thank Human Resources and Communications for putting together the retirement dinner. Ms. Kerr also stated that she attended a few EXPLORE sessions, and was impressed with the student questions.

B. FOIA Requests - 7

Mr. Sanders stated there were seven (7) FOIA requests that the District has responded to since the previous Board meeting, and the responses are available on the Board book and would be made available on the District's website.

5. Consent Agenda – Mr. Sanders

- A. Personnel Report and Workers' Compensation Cases
- B. Minutes of Board Meeting – April 26, 2021
- C. Termination of Jayne Miller - Food Service Technician
- D. Contract - Financial Operations – Annual Support and Licensing for Kronos Time Clocks
- E. Bid - Plant Operations - Vehicle Replacement
- F. Bid - Transportation Department - Fuel Bid
- G. Building Permits - 3

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. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote 7-0.

6. Discussion/Action – Mr. Sanders

A. Itemized Bills – May 3, 2021

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, will 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 \$5,231,747.12.

Motion by Mr. Devereux, second by Ms. Noland, to approve the itemized bills in the amount \$5,231,747.12. Upon roll call yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Noland, Ms.

Owens, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

7. Other Business – CAC Update (Board Policy 2.152 – Advisory Committees to the Board

A. Additional Information

Ms. Fergus stated that the CAC General Committee meeting will take place this Thursday.

8. Recognition of Service as Student Board Member

A. Olivia Howell

The Board of Education recognized Olivia Howell, the twelfth Student Board of Education Member, for her service as Student Board Member for the 2020-2021 school year.

9. Oath of Office for New Student Board Member

A. Oath of Office

The newly appointed Student Board of Education Member, Jessica Pearce, was sworn in by the acting Board of Education Secretary.

10. Abstract of Votes

A. Canvass of Votes

Mr. Rodriguez, Assistant Attorney and acting Board Secretary, presented the Abstract of Votes and announced the winners of the election: Melissa Owens, Veronica Noland, and Dawn Martin.

11. Recognition of Outgoing Board Member

A. Donna Smith

The Board of Education recognized outgoing Board of Education Member Donna Smith.

12. 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.

13. Oath of Office for Elected Board Members

A. Oath of Office

Mr. Rodriguez, Assistant Attorney and acting Board Secretary, swore in the elected Board members: Dawn Martin, Veronica Noland, and Melissa Owens.

B. Roll Call

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

14. Election of Officers

A. Process for Election of Board Officers

The election process was turned over to the acting 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. Noland, second by Mrs. Porter to close the nominations for President. 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.

Vote:

Yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, 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 Mr. Devereux, second by Ms. Noland to close the nominations for Vice President. 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.

Vote:

Yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, 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: 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.

Vote:

Yes votes: Mr. Devereux, Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0.

15. Other Business - Appointment of IASB Governing Board Representative

A. IASB Governing Board Representative

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

16. Work Session - Mr. Sanders

A. Advanced Placement (AP) U.S. History and AP Psychology Resource Only Proposal

Mr. VandeMoortel, Coordinator of World Languages and K-12 Social Studies, provided the Board of Education with information relating to the AP U.S. History and AP Psychology Resource Only Proposal.

17. Work Session - Resolutions

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

Dr. King, Deputy Superintendent of Operations/Chief School Business Official, 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.

18. Work Session - Contracts Over \$25,000.00 (Board Policy 4.060 - Purchasing/Purchasing Authority)

A. Contract - Specialized Student Services – School Psychology Services

Mr. Phelps, Director of Business Services, and Dr. Satterwhite, 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 contracts for the listed vendors totaling the amount of \$231,200.00 and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Federal IDEA Grant. The cost will be included in the budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

B. Contract - Specialized Student Services - School Social Work Services

Mr. Phelps, Director of Business Services, and Dr. Satterwhite, 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 with Maxim Health in the amount of \$200,080.00, and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged

to the Federal IDEA Grant. This cost will be included in the budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

C. Contract - Specialized Student Services - Occupational Therapy Services

Mr. Phelps, Director of Business Services, and Dr. Satterwhite, 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 for the listed vendors in the total amount of \$614,960.00, and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Federal IDEA Grant. This cost will be included in the budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

D. Contract - Specialized Student Services - Occupational Therapy Services

Mr. Phelps, Director of Business Services, and Dr. Satterwhite, 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 for the listed vendors in the total amount of \$614,960.00, and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Federal IDEA Grant. This cost will be included in the budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

19. Work Session – Bids/Proposals (Board Policy 4.060 - Purchasing/Purchasing Authority)

E. Bid - Plant Operations - Vehicle Replacement

Mr. Phelps, Director of Business Services, and Ms. Downs, Director of Plant Operations, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended award of the low bid meeting specification to Currie Motors in the amount of \$221,200.00, Sutton Ford in the amount of \$97,398.00, and Bonnell Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$162,925.00 for a total of \$481,523.00 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 2020-2021 fiscal year.

F. Bid - Transportation Department - Fuel Bid

Mr. Phelps, Director of Business Services, and Mr. Prowell, Director of Transportation, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended award of the low bid meeting specification to Mansfield Oil Company of Gainesville, Inc. in the amount of \$4,363,905.50 (estimated) which includes both gasoline and diesel fuel, and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Transportation Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2020-2024 fiscal years. This expenditure will be charged to the Operations and Maintenance Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

20. Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Thommes, to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of May 3, 2021 at 8:44 p.m. 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.

Approved this 17th day of May, 2021.



President



Secretary