

School District U-46
Elgin, Illinois

April 10, 2023

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[April 10, 2023, BOE Meeting](#)

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 355 E. Chicago Street, Elgin, Illinois. The following Board members answered roll call: Dawn Martin, Veronica Noland, Melissa Owens, Eva Porter, Kate Thommes, and Sue Kerr. Board member John Devereux was absent.

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, 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. Thommes. Upon roll call yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 6-0.

A motion was made at 6:49 p.m. by Ms. Thommes, second by Ms. Noland, to move to open session. Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

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

Present for the business session were Board members 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.

1. Accent of Achievement - Dr. Johnson

A. National Merit Scholarship Program

As part of the Board of Education's Accent on Achievement, the Board of Education recognized Madeline Conter of Elgin High School, Hannah Guerra of Bartlett High School as well as Andrew Strama of South Elgin High School. These students were recently named finalists in the prestigious 68th Annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Their selection keeps these students in the competition for approximately 7,500 scholarships that will be offered in Spring 2023.

2. Public Comments.

Amira Tanveer and Anaya Davoodi, students at Horizon Elementary, stated that their school's talent show was scheduled on a Muslim religious holiday, and they were not able to attend. Ms. Tanveer and Ms. Davoodi asked the Board to honor students of all religious backgrounds, and to reserve certain dates for district families to be able to observe their holidays and traditions.

Anaya Davoodi, a District parent, stated that she was speaking in support of the students. Ms. Davoodi asked the Board to take into consideration other religious holidays in support of equity, diversity, and inclusion.

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

A. Hazard, Young, Attea, and Associates (HYA) Superintendent Search Update

Ms. Kerr provided an update on the Superintendent Search. Ms. Kerr stated that the online survey will remain open until April 14th, and that focus groups took place last week and will continue through this week. Ms. Kerr stated that HYA would be conducting an in-person focus group on April 12th at the U-46 Welcome Center. HYA will present a leadership profile at the April 24th Board of Education meeting.

B. Additional Information

Dr. Johnson stated that she wanted to highlight the Student Summit that took place last week, and wanted to thank Angelica Harris and the Student Advisory Board for their work on this event. Dr. Johnson also thanked the community for getting out to vote last week.

C. FOIA Requests – 3

Dr. Johnson stated there were three (3) FOIA requests that the District has responded to since the previous Board meeting, and the responses were available on the Board book and would be made available on the District's website.

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

A. Community Advisory Council (CAC) Update

Ms. Schwartz stated that next CAC Executive Committee meeting will take place on April 20th, and the next CAC General Committee meeting will take place on May 4th.

5. Consent Agenda – Dr. Johnson

- A. Personnel Report and Workers' Compensation Cases
- B. Minutes of Board Meeting – March 20, 2023
- C. Termination of Flor Tejada - Interventionist
- D. Termination of Nakia West - Driver's Assistant
- E. Bid - Plant Operations - Streamwood High School Installation of Fiber Cabling to Press Box Project #322
- F. Bid - Plant Operations - Educational Service Center Interior Renovation Phase Two Project #332
- G. Proposal - Secondary Education - RFP College and Career Planning Platform
- H. Contract Renewal - Human Resources - Frontline Absence and Substitution Management
- I. Contract - Teaching and Learning/Multilingual and Multicultural Education Department - Northern Illinois University Bilingual/English as a Second Language Teacher Cohort V

Motion by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Owens, to approve the consent agenda items A-I, as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Owens, Ms. Noland, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote 6-0.

6. Discussion/Action – Dr. Johnson

A. Itemized Bills – April 10, 2023

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education regarding the itemized bills. Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the List of Bills in the amount of \$11,071,997.89.

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

B. High School Science Curriculum Proposal

Ms. McMullen, Coordinator of K-12 Science and Planetarium, and Ms. Valenzia, Science Instructional Coach, were available for questions relating to the High School Science Curriculum Proposal.

Motion by Ms. Thommes, second by Mrs. Porter, to approve the curriculum proposal, as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote 6-0.

C. Minutes of Board Committee Meetings

The following committee meeting minutes were recommended for approval: January 23, 2023 Board of Education Legislative Committee Meeting and March 13, 2023 Board of Education Policy Committee Meeting.

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

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

A. Bid - Early Learner Initiatives - Kindergarten Furniture Purchase

Dr. Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, and Ms. Maxey, Early Learner Administrator, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended award to the lowest responsible bidders, Discount School Supply, Hertz Furniture, Kaplan Early Learning, Lakeshore Learning, School Specialty, and William P. Peterson and Associates, in the total amount of \$165,927.99 and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the ESSER Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

B. Bid - Plant Operations - Channing Memorial Elementary School and Kimball Middle School Bathroom Renovation Phase 2 - Asbestos Abatement - Project #2069

Ms. Waldau, Director of Plant Operations, presented the proposal summary and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended award to the lowest responsible bidder, Celtic Environment, Inc., in the amount of \$96,000.00 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 2022-2023 fiscal year.

C. Bid - Plant Operations - Ronald D. O'Neal Elementary School First Floor Asbestos Abatement Flooring Project

Ms. Waldau, Director of Plant Operations, presented the proposal summary and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended award to the lowest responsible bidder, EHC Industries, Inc., in the amount of \$37,250.00 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 2022-2023 fiscal year.

D. Bid - Plant Operations - Ronald D. O'Neal Elementary School First Floor Hallway Tile Replacement - Project #M0223

Ms. Waldau, Director of Plant Operations, presented the proposal summary and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration

recommended award to the lowest responsible bidder, Floor & Wall, Inc., in the amount of \$35,121.50 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 2022-2023 fiscal year.

E. Bid - Plant Operations - Ronald D. O'Neal Elementary School First Floor Hallway Tile Replacement - Project #M0223

Ms. Waldau, Director of Plant Operations, presented the proposal summary and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended award to the lowest responsible bidder, Floor & Wall, Inc., in the amount of \$35,121.50 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 2022-2023 fiscal year.

F. Proposal - Plant Operations - Elgin High School Loading Dock Concrete Repair

Ms. Waldau, Director of Plant Operations, presented the proposal summary and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the proposal from Abbey Paving in the amount of \$44,654.00, 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 2022-2023 fiscal year.

G. Proposal - Department of Equity and Innovation - Auto Alignment Machine

Ms. Damewood, Career and Technical Education Coordinator, presented the proposal summary and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the proposal from Automotive Equipment Specialists in the amount of \$35,495.96, and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the 2022-2023 Perkins Grant. The cost is included in the budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

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

A. Contract - Office of Schools - Amendment to Service Agreements with Right at School and Boys and Girls Club of Elgin

Ms. Majstorovic, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, presented the proposal and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract with Boys and Girls Club of Elgin in the amount not to exceed \$270,000.00 and Right at School in the amount not to exceed \$313,200.00, 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 Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

- B. Contract - Specialized Student Services - Easterseals Metropolitan Chicago
Dr. Satterwhite, Director of Specialized Student Services, Mrs. Fabianczyk, Assistant Director of Specialized Student Services, and Dr. Sanzeri, Special Education Administrator, presented the proposal and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract with Easterseals in the amount of \$271,690.82, and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the IDEA Grant. The cost is included in the budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.
- C. Contract Renewal - Curriculum and Instruction - Canvas
Ms. Banks, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Ms. Ingente, Math Coordinator, presented the proposal summary and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract renewal with Instructure, Inc. in the amount of \$1,520,482.70, 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 and 2024-2025 fiscal years.
- D. Contract Renewal - Secondary Education - Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID)
Dr. Lance, Assistant Superintendent of Equity and Innovation, and Mr. Tamburrino, District AVID Support, presented the proposal and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract renewal with AVID Center in the amount of \$60,267.00, 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.
9. Work Session - Change Orders (Board Policy 4:60 - Purchases and Contracts)
- A. Change Order - Plant Operations - Bartlett High School Auditorium Lights Replacement - Project #209
Ms. Waldau, Director of Plant Operations, presented the change order and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the change order from Associated Electrical Contractors, Inc. in the amount of minus \$60,000.00.
- B. Change Order - Plant Operations - Educational Service Center Interior Renovation Phase One - Project #331
Ms. Waldau, Director of Plant Operations, presented the change order and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the change order from Kandu Construction, Inc. in the amount of minus \$12,787.66.

Motion by Ms. Martin, second by Ms. Thommes, to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of April 10, 2023 at 7:37 p.m. Upon roll call yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Owens, Ms. Noland, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Approved this 24th day of April, 2023



President



Secretary