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The Examiner of Bartlett

Renovations, travel costs slated for U-46 approval ---

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By Seth Hancock – Note: This story also ran in The Examiner of South Elgin and in The Examiner of Streamwood

District U-46 is set to vote on \$5 million in expenditures for Streamwood High School renovations and to send 45 staff members to Orlando, Florida this summer at its upcoming meeting on Monday, April 11.

The items were presented on March 21.

Included is \$4.9 million, from the operations and maintenance fund if approved, with Northwest Contractors, Inc. for the first phase of renovations at Streamwood for the educational pathways program which will include early childhood, healthcare science, business incubator and science labs.

Renovations will be made at all five high schools with one a year being renovated. Streamwood will be the second school to receive the Phase 1 renovations.

“This initiative will continue until each high school has been adapted for the specific Educational Pathway that it will house,” the proposal states.

Regarding the Florida trip, \$75,000 is being asked for 45 people to attend the Building Expertise Annual Conference from June 22 to June 24 through the Learning Sciences International (LSI). The funds would be paid for by the nation’s taxpayers through federal bailout funds.

A year ago, the board approved a whopping \$18.5 million with LSI for openly theoretical work through the 2025-2026 school year. Some teachers have already been required to attend LSI professional development and have publicly stated they learned nothing new.

Suzanne Johnson, deputy superintendent of instruction, said the district receives 33 seats at the conference and it is purchasing 12 more seats, \$630 each. The remaining \$67,440 is for travel and lodging expenses for all 45 which equates to just under \$1,500 each.

“The Building Expertise Conference is a three-day conference created to bring together teams of educators to research and explore the concepts of rigor and equity in learning and

education,” the proposal states. “Along with experts and colleagues, educators will research and learn about strategies to enhance the continuous improvement cycle in alignment with the school instructional maturity model, with both general and specific strategies for U-46 schools and the school system. Sessions will also support personal reflection and growth.”

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Bartlett High students named as merit finalists --- 4/6/2022

By Seth Hancock – Note: This story also ran in The Examiner of South Elgin and in The Examiner of Streamwood

Bartlett High School has five seniors who have been named finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

The Board of Education in School District U-46 recognized the finalists at its March 14 meeting.

Jessica Pearce, the board’s student advisor and one of the finalists, said the evaluation process for the program starts during junior year when students take the PSAT, finalists needing to be in the top 1 percent in the nation according to a district press release. Pearce said there are applications recommendations and essays involved in the process.

The Bartlett students were notified in February by their principal, Mike Demovsky, that they were among 15,000 semifinalists to be named finalists. Between March and June, the National Merit website states that 7,500 of those finalists will be notified if they’ve received a scholarship, with over \$30 million in scholarships being awarded.

“We always talk about leadership as students, we talk about cultivating leaders,” Demovsky said. “And there are so many that we have in this building. Not only are these amazing academic leaders, but these are leaders of the absolute school.”

Along with Pearce, the other finalists include Evan Bulatek, Agilan Gunashankar, Anthony Martin and Ronit Nagarapu.

Bulatek plans to attend Northwestern University and study mechanical engineering, and Martin plans to major in mechanical engineering at Valparaiso University, according to the district press release. The other three finalists have not chosen a college but Gunashankar plans to study computer sciences, Nagarapu either computer sciences or electrical engineering and Pearce political science and journalism.

The Examiner of Streamwood

Sabres soccer succumb to Hoffman Estates 5-1 --- 4/4/2022

By Seth Hancock

The **Streamwood** soccer team struggled to stop Hoffman Estates as the Sabres dropped a 5-1 nonconference game on Monday, March 28 at Hoffman Estates.

Although down 1-0 at halftime, Sabres coach Matt Polovin was happy with his team's performance. Senior Esther Cardenas did get Streamwood on the board in the second half, but the chances were fewer for the Sabres as Hoffman Estates found the net four times.

"I was pleased with the first half we created some chances and had one breakdown defensively that lead to their goal," Polovin said. "I really thought at 1-0 we would continue to create more chances and get a couple in during the second half. That didn't happen and it was a tale of two halves. Nothing seemed to go right, too many giveaways and the attacking phase all but shut down. The girls know it's a long season with many games, and they need to be more consistent each game and half."

Junior goalie Selina Chavez made eight saves.

Streamwood is now 1-3 overall on the young season as they look to fill the loss of Natalia Colin this year. Colin, as a sophomore, scored 25 goals and tallied 10 assists last season.

"Our goals are to find other girls who can make up for the scoring loss with Natalia Colin leaving high school to play professionally in Mexico," Polovin said. "I have a few girls who definitely can make up for that loss, but it's time to step up and be the offensive threats I know they can be."

Along with Cardenas, a center back, some of the Sabres' key players will be senior Diana Herrera (center mid) and juniors Dayanara Huerta (forward) and Daniela Sanchez (center mid).