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Expense proposals primed for District U-46 vote

By: Seth Hancock

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The Board of Education in **School District U-46** is set to vote on a pair of curriculum proposals, \$8.6 million in expenditure proposals and two resolutions at its upcoming meeting on Monday, Feb. 5.

The items were presented at the Jan. 22 board meeting.

The curriculum items include a new high school physical education (PE) course, aquatics. It would include aquatic skills/games, aquatic fitness and aquatic safety.

“This is a course that will introduce students to the knowledge and skills they need to be able to safely utilize an aquatics setting for fitness, recreation, sports, or career,” the proposal states. “This course will be available to all students in grades 9-12 and will support skills development, stamina, and increased access to Lifeguard Certification and Leadership Course.”

The estimated total cost is \$75,313 between instructional equipment (\$55,463), professional development/training (\$14,500) and instructional resources (\$5,350).

The other curriculum item is an update to the middle school PE curriculum, which was last updated in 2020. The proposal states, regarding the rationale, that “there have been changes to the district curriculum templates, fitness equipment, and teacher resources needed for middle school PE.” The total cost estimate is \$8,633 between resource (\$4,500) and professional development/training (\$4,133). The expenditure items are mostly operations and maintenance/health and life safety fund items including renovations for Streamwood High School’s pathway program (\$4.2 million/Northwest Contractors, Inc.), replacement of flooring, house lighting, sound system and seating at Larkin High School’s auditorium (\$1.4 million/Omni Commercial Group), fire alarm replacement at three elementary schools (\$1 million/iWire Technologies), fire alarm replacement at 500 Shales Parkway (\$340,790/Austin Electric), intercom and clock replacement at Ronald D. O’Neal Elementary School (\$331,720/American Electric Construction), replacement of five plant operations vehicles (\$255,045/Sutton Ford) and water heater and softener replacement and installation at South Elgin High School (\$229,250/Hartwig Mechanical).

From the education fund is a bid costing \$199,756 with Quality Power Solutions for uninterruptible power supply, a contract renewal costing \$179,211 for the timeclock and personal time off Workforce software, a \$78,809 contract renewal for the procurement process Bonfire software and a contract to join the Northern Illinois Independent Purchasing Coopeative costing \$1,600 for competitive bidding for food and supplies.

Two contract renewals will be paid by the nation’s taxpayers through grants including

\$213,300 for dual language teachers to earn master's degrees from Roosevelt University and \$81,497 for BlueStreak Math, a math intervention program at Title I schools. The resolutions to be voted on are one to allow disposal of two dump trucks and another to affirm support for the district's facility study.

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Superintendent goal tied to Dist. U-46's strategic plan

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As recently reported, the Board of Education in **School District U-46** approved of goals for Superintendent Suzanne Johnson on Dec. 11, 2023.

The nine-page document includes five goals, most including performance goals for Johnson, how the goal aligns with the district's mission, how the goals are measured, primary action needed and a timeline.

This week, The Examiner will review the fifth and final goal which states: "The Superintendent and the U-46 Board of Education, will begin working to review the current Strategic Plan to determine the potential to review or draft a new strategic plan to guide U46 work for the next five years."

On Johnson's performance goal, the document states: "Research and provide options for potential third-party facilitation to revise or draft a five year equity driven Strategic Plan. Indicators will include: Meeting facilitation and participation; Focus group facilitations and participation; and, Communication and updates to stakeholders."

Unlike the first four goals, the final goal did not provide a timeline, the goal's alignment to the district's mission, how it will be measured or primary actions.

The district's current strategic plan was approved in 2015 and updated in 2022.

"In 2015, the Board of Education approved the U-46 Strategic Plan, including four pillars of focus: Student Achievement, Effective and Engaged Staff, Community Engagement, and Excellence, Efficiency, and Accountability," the district's website states. "Over the past several years, the District has organized its major initiatives under these pillars and established other working teams like the Equity Committee aligned to the same four pillars."

The website added: "In July 2022, the U-46 administrative team held a work session with the Board of Education to reaffirm its commitment to the strategic plan and make any necessary adjustments - particularly in the area of metrics to track our progress. The updates from this session were finalized and presented to the Board on September 26, 2022."

- Daily Herald -

High school scores for Jan. 30

January 30, 2024

Tuesday, Jan 30

Boys basketball

Aurora Christian 48, St. Edward 31

Barrington 38, Schaumburg 34

Bartlett d. Streamwood

Batavia 54, Wheaton North 51 (OT)

Benet 59, St. Patrick 42

Brother Rice 58, Marmion Academy 53

Burlington Central 66, McHenry 63

Crystal Lake South 70, Prairie Ridge 40

De La Salle 73, Aurora Central Catholic 41

Downers Grove North 51, Lyons 41

Dundee-Crown 47, Hampshire 36

Elgin 62, Glenbard South 57

Fremd 69, Hoffman Estates 50

Glenbard East 57, Fenton 48 (3OT)

Glenbard North 52, Geneva 44

Glenbrook North 67, Carmel 48

Glenbrook South 62, Neuqua Valley 52

Grayslake Central 54, Antioch 41

Grayslake North 43, Grant 38

Hersey 76, Wheeling 56

Hinsdale South 76, Addison Trail 52

Huntley 63, Crystal Lake Central 40

Jacobs 53, Cary-Grove 37

Lake Park 51, St. Charles East 45

Lakes 63, Wauconda 59

Larkin 59, East Aurora 54

Leyden 59, Willowbrook 53

Loyola Academy 66, IC Catholic Prep 46

Maine South 46, Maine East 45

Manteno 53, Lisle 41

Marian Catholic 78, St. Viator 47

Mt. Carmel 58, St. Francis 55

Palatine 52, Conant 46

Prospect 59, Elk Grove 28

Rolling Meadows 52, Buffalo Grove 48

South Elgin 70, West Chicago 42
Vernon Hills 55, Rochelle Zell 38
West Aurora 71, Oswego 51
Wheaton Warrenville South 46, St. Charles North 41
York 46, Glenbard West 39

Girls basketball

At GCAC Tournament

Providence Catholic 41, Rosary 27

Montini 72, Trinity 45

Others

Bartlett 65, **Streamwood** 46

Downers Grove North 48, Lyons 40

Glenbard East 70, Fenton 28

Glenbard South 75, **Elgin** 15

Glenbrook North 67, Maine West 42

Glenbrook South 62, Lake Park 42

Hinsdale South 34, Addison Trail 24

Kaneland 64, Rochelle 46

Larkin 39, East Aurora 24

Libertyville 48, Lake Zurich 24

Neuqua Valley 58, Metea Valley 40

Niles West 50, Vernon Hills 46

Riverside-Brookfield 63, Hinsdale Central 48

St. Edward 29, Timothy Christian 26

Warren 44, Mundelein 20

Waubonsie Valley 56, DeKalb 33

Wauconda 59, Antioch 29

West Aurora 51, Oswego 39

West Chicago 55, **South Elgin** 53

Westmont 49, Yorkville Christian 47

Willowbrook 52, Leyden 50

York 58, Glenbard West 41

Girls bowling

St. Charles North 2424, **Bartlett** 1856

Upcoming

Wednesday, Jan 31

Girls bowling

Geneva at Glenbard East (Bowlero), 4 p.m.

St. Edward at **Larkin** (Elgin Lanes), 4 p.m.

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