



Date: March 2, 2026
To: Dr. Robert Halverson, Superintendent of Schools
East Aurora School District 131 Board of Education
From: Dr. Michael Engel, Associate Superintendent of Finance and Operations, Chief
Financial Officer/CSBO
Subject: Gas & Electric Utility Contracts

The Issue:

The district should consider seeking contracts for utilities.

Justification:

Energy prices have been very volatile since the district last went to bid for natural gas and electricity. The district's gas agreement expires August 31, 2026, and the electricity expires with the September 2026 meter read dates.

Board Policy and Past Practices:

In accordance with Board Policy 4:60, all purchases and contracts shall be entered into in accordance with the IL School Code law and applicable local school board policies. The district utilizes Nania Energy to facilitate reverse auctions to obtain competitive fixed rates for utilities. The district's gas agreement expires August 31, 2026, and the electricity expires with the September 2026 meter read dates.

Strategic Plan:

This recommendation supports Strategic Goal #2, Operational Excellence that states the following: *East Aurora School District 131 will align and utilize systems and resources that promote operational excellence, efficiency, and fiscal accountability.*

Background:

Nania Energy Advisors has acted as East Aurora School District 131's energy consultant since 2018, helping the district secure favorable natural gas and electricity rates long-term for significant cost avoidance over the term of the agreements. Nania Energy Advisors has provided expertise and market monitoring for East Aurora School District 131, and informed district administrators of both opportunities and threats in the energy marketplace that could impact our energy costs.

Recommendation:

We are looking for consensus to start the process of receiving bids for natural gas and electricity at this time. We would like to explore the options that are available to the district.