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Board of Education Meeting Recap

The Township High School District 211 Board of Education met on Thursday, January 20, 2022, in the Ann Koller Board of Education Meeting Room at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center. The following is a recap of items that were acted upon at the meeting.

Recognitions

Palatine High School Boys Cross Country runner **Mason Krieg** was recognized by the Board of Education for his performance at the 2021 IHSA state Cross Country Championship. You can read more about his placement [here](#).

William Fremd High School Girls Swimming and Diving members **Jacqueline Genet** and **Katherine Kuehn** were recognized by the Board of Education for their performance at the IHSA state Swimming and Diving Championship. You can read more about their placements [here](#).

Schaumburg High School Girls Swimming and Diving members **Danielle Alley**, **Annabel Banicz**, **Madison Dohrn**, **Zuzanna Krasnicki**, and **Nina Mollin** were recognized by the Board of Education for their performances in the IHSA state Swimming and Diving Championship. You can read about their placements [here](#).

Higgins Education Center 10th grade student **Brandon Weinstein** was recognized by the Board of Education for being a recipient of the 2021-2022 National Association of School Psychologists Student Power Award. You can read more about this [here](#).

Presentation: FY22 Budget and Five-Year Financial Forecast Update

District 211 Chief Operating Officer **Lauren Hummel** and District Controller & Treasurer **Barb Peterson** presented the fiscal year 2022 budget and five-year financial forecast update to the Board of Education. You can view the presentation [here](#).

Approval of Minutes

The Board of Education approved the minutes from regular meeting [December 9, 2021](#).

2022-2023 Student User Fees & 2023 Summer School Fees

Each year, the Board of Education establishes student user fees for the use of textbooks, instructional supplies, driver education behind-the-wheel, student parking, transportation, school breakfast and lunch, and summer school. At the December 9, 2021 meeting, the Board of Education reviewed introductory information on student user fees for the current school year. Information within this report includes student user fee recommendations for the 2022-2023 school year and 2023 summer school. Student fees are due in full at the time of registration or at the time that a service is accessed. Students experiencing financial hardship may have full or partial payment provisions or student employment opportunities arranged through the administration.

The Board of Education waived the \$170 student textbook/instructional fee for all students for the 2022-2023 school year. The Board of Education also chose to keep the driver education behind-the-wheel fee at \$400, pending approval by the General Assembly, and chose to keep the student parking user fee at \$75 per semester, the under 1.5 mile transportation fee at \$200, the late registration fee for transportation at \$35, and that the late fee would be imposed on registration payments received after July 1, 2022. The Board set the school breakfast cost to \$1.75; and that the reduced-price standard school breakfast remains at 30 cents, lunch prices were set at \$2.50, \$3.00, and \$3.25 including milk for students, and kept the reduced-price standard school lunch at 40 cents. The Board of Education decided to leave all summer school fees unchanged.

You can read more about the 2022-2023 Student User Fees and 2023 Summer School Fees [here](#).

Secondary School Cooperative Risk Management Program (SSCRMP)

The Board of Education received information on the District's involvement with the Secondary School Cooperative Risk Management Program, a risk-sharing insurance pool governed by School Districts 211, 207 (Maine Township), 214 (Wheeling and Elk Grove Townships), and 225 (Northfield Township). The pool provides comprehensive insurance coverage at a lower cost than school districts could obtain individually.

For 2022, SSCRMP will maintain a self-insured retention (shared deductible) of \$1,000,000 for liability claims and a \$250,000 self-insured retention for property claims excluding hail and wind claims which have a \$1,000,000 self-insured retention limit. SSCRMP continues to successfully manage claims, member equity and excess loss reserves. Each member district is responsible for paying the initial \$1,000 deductible for its own boiler machinery, auto damage, pollution and property claims and \$10,000 deductible for cybercrime claims.

For the 2022 policy year, SSCRMP has maintained its level of coverage for all categories compared to coverage levels for 2021. Loss control is reflected in the total for loss funding in the 2022 renewal costs. Renewal costs are based upon actual claims data for District 211 during 2021. Overall, the annual renewal cost for Township High School District 211 will increase by 14.7% over the prior year. The increase is due to renewal costs of insurance and property and casualty allocation costs based upon prior year claims.

For the 2022 plan year, District 211's cost allocation for workers' compensation insurance under SSCRMP will decrease from \$294,960 to \$286,066, or a decrease of 3%. The renewal allocation is included in the 2022 budget.

Additional information on SSCRMP is available [here](#).

Board Policy Revisions

As part of its ongoing Policy Manual review, the Board of Education reviews proposed policy revisions, proposed policy deletions, and proposed new policies from the Administrative Board Policy Group. The Group is comprised of Board President **Anna Klimkowicz**, Board member **Mark Cramer**, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum **Joshua Schumacher**, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services **Kurt Tenopir**, Director of Administrative Services **Matthew Hildebrand**, and Chief Operating Officer **Lauren Hummel**.

The Board approved revisions to Board Policies: [JFCH Prevention and Response to Student Bullying](#), previously reviewed at the December 9, 2021 meeting, [IAA Selection of Instruction Materials](#), and [INB Teaching About Controversial Issues](#), both previously reviewed at the November 11, 2021 meeting.

Winter Curriculum Committee Report

The District 211 Curriculum Committee meets three times each year to focus on curricular scope and sequence, as well as to discuss core components of the curriculum. During the winter 2021 Curriculum Committee meetings, each department provided a review of the work that was accomplished during the district-wide department institute day held on Tuesday, October 12, 2021.

The Board received a summary report and approved recommendations as presented. A complete copy of the summary report that the Board received is available [here](#).

One-to-One Program and Electronic Device Purchase

For the past eight years, District 211 has provided each student an iPad as part of the District's one-to one program. The program has become a fixture of the District's instructional model and has earned recognition by Apple for the program's efficient and effective integration into students' learning experiences. The one-to-one program provides students with on-demand access to classroom and course content resources while supporting their participation in authentic problem-solving experiences, enabling immediate teacher feedback and increasing opportunities for collaboration with classmates. The one-to-one program allows teachers and students to adapt their routines and patterns to match the demands of the Remote and Hybrid learning models the District observed during the 2020-2021 school year and the familiarity with the iPad as a learning tool assisted in the transition.

Each freshman in the Class of 2026 will be assigned a new iPad at the start of the 2022-2023 school year. The District needs to purchase 3,150 iPads to provide devices to students and faculty members and to maintain a sufficient inventory of replacement devices. The cost for this set of iPads is \$926,100.

Along with the iPads themselves, protective cases are also purchased. After reviewing alternatives, the District recommends purchasing 3,240 cases from UZBL - standard cases for the majority of new iPads, a small number of special heavy-duty cases for certain special-use iPads, and replacements for worn or damaged cases. The total cost for the new cases is \$74,848.50. The unit cost for both the iPad and the case remains unchanged from the prior year.

The Board of Education authorized the District to purchase 3,150 iPads from Apple at a total cost of \$926,100; and 3,240 cases from UZBL at a total cost of \$74,848.50 to support the one-to-one learning program during the 2022-2023 school year.

Additional information is available [here](#).

2021-2022 Budget and Five-Year Financial Projection Updates

In order to sustain and uphold the educational excellence and extraordinary learning opportunities that District 211 has delivered for many years, the District utilizes a yearly operating budget of more than \$270 million. Our commitments to developing college and career readiness skills in today's world demand that we provide quality instruction from highly qualified professionals within a rigorous curriculum that integrates the use of technology within effective learning environments and facilities. We prepare our students with the skills and talents so that they can continue their full involvement in our communities, our local businesses and our local economy. To accomplish these goals requires excellent financial planning and strategy integrating the current financial position into a projected financial forecast that accounts for numerous influences, both within the organization and outside the District's control. This report summarizes the current year's financial standing, declares a number of potential future budgeting

variables and provides a projected financial forecast including these budget assumptions. Safeguarding the District's financial stability is necessary in order to continue the educational excellence that is the hallmark of District 211.

Currently, revenue is on budget in total although certain areas vary both favorably and unfavorably compared to budget. Local property taxes remain on budget while Corporate P.P.R. Tax, categorical aid and fees and other income are expected to remain favorable through year end. Federal aid is unfavorable due largely to the timing of reimbursement of ESSER expenditures, and investment earnings remain bleak.

Total expenditures are trending in a favorable position compared to budget due primarily to capital spending. Capital spending is expected to end closer to budget following equipment purchases during the second semester. The District is trending favorably in the areas of supplies and purchased services, although continues to experience higher costs in areas such as food and fuel due to inflationary trends. Salaries are tracking unfavorably, due largely to increased summer school costs. Benefits remain close to budget. Utilities are trending unfavorably due to unanticipated increase in building utilization.

Based on these conditions, the District's five-year financial projection for the period FY22 through FY27 point toward continued overall financial stability with fund balances that remain in compliance with the District's fund balance policy. While it remains uncertain what financial impact current economic conditions and the continued pandemic will have on the District financially and operationally, it is critical to the financial future of the District to assess and consider all key areas as it moves forward with its financial planning and decisions. Continuous monitoring of economic and legislative changes will be included in the District's financial planning and will allow for consideration of alternative capital funding sources if necessary. Advanced forecasting provides the District with the opportunity to make financial changes to produce balanced budgets into the future in order to ensure continued support of our academic programs.

Additional information about this update is available [here](#).

Board Member Expenses

The Board approved the Pre-Approval Form for Future Expense Reimbursement for **Steven Rosenblum** to attend the ED-RED Legislative Dinner Meeting, April 25, 2022.

Acceptance of Agreement Extending Performance-Based Superintendent's Contract

The Board approved an agreement extending the performance-based superintendent's contract through June 30, 2025.

Administrative Appointment

The Board approved the appointment of **Michael Smith**, currently a 10-month assistant principal at Palatine High School, as the 12-month assistant principal and lead disciplinarian at William Fremd High School.

Mr. Smith has been in his current role since 2020. Previously, he worked in Hinsdale Township High School District 86 from 2006-2020 in various roles, including English teacher, assistant department chair, dean of students, and head girls soccer coach. He began his career as an English teacher at East Peoria Community High School in 2005. Mr. Smith earned his bachelor's degree in English secondary education from Bradley University in 2004, and he received his master's degree in educational leadership from Concordia University in 2011.

Next Board of Education Meeting

The next scheduled regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, February 17, 2022, with closed session beginning at 6:30 p.m. and open session beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Anne Koller Board Meeting Room at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center.

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