

## Board of Education Meeting Recap

The Township High School District 211 Board of Education met on Thursday, November 10, 2016, in the Anne Koller Board Meeting Room at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center. The following is a recap of important items that were acted upon at the meeting.

### Recognition

The Board of Education recognized Palatine High School student-athlete **Asuka Kawai** for being named a 2016 National High School Tennis All-American by the National High School Tennis All-American Foundation, recognizing her for attaining the highest standards of prep tennis excellence. Asuka also placed third in the state singles tennis competition this season.

The Board also recognized High School District 211's "*Those Who Excel*" Award recipients. The Illinois State Board of Education annually sponsors the "*Those Who Excel*" awards to honor individuals who have made significant contributions to the state's public and non-public schools. High School District 211 award-winners are (listed alphabetically):

- James B. Conant Building & Grounds Manager **Keith Bundgard** (administrator category)
- Palatine High School Applied Technology Department Chair **Mark Hibner** (classroom teacher category)
- Partners for our Communities Executive Director **Kathy Millin** (community volunteer category)
- William Fremd High School English Teacher **Christie O'Donnell** (early career educator category)
- Hoffman Estates High School Assistant Principal's Secretary **Jennifer Smith** (educational service personnel category)
- Schaumburg High School Technology Coordinator **Scott Weidig** (student support personnel category)
- **GEMS (Girls in Engineering, Math & Science)** (team category) – Team members (listed alphabetically): Conant High School Applied Technology Teacher **Shayna Adelman**, Schaumburg High School Science Teacher **Sue Bober**, Fremd High School Science Teacher **Bernadette Fusco**, Hoffman Estates High School Science Teacher **Tanya Katovich**, Fremd High School Science Teacher **Lauren Kost-Smith**, Conant High School Career Advisor **Christina Marasigan**, Conant High School Science Department Chair **Sharon McCoy**, Volunteer **Mary Memhardt**, Palatine High School Science Teacher **Nicole O'Keefe**, Schaumburg High School Science Teacher **Lauren Reynolds**, Hoffman Estates High School Science Teacher **Jennifer Siciliano**, Associate Superintendent for

Instruction **Lisa Small**, Hoffman Estates High School Assistant Principal  
**Courtney Symonds**, Hoffman Estates High School Mathematics  
Department Chair **Mary Thomas**, and Conant High School Science  
Teacher **Tracy Thornley**

### **Presentation: Alternative Education Programming**

Township High School District 211's mission is to serve the educational needs of the community inspiring students to successfully contribute to the world. Applying the mission to a diverse set of over 12,000 unique individual students requires creative solutions and an array of programs and services. For most students, the traditional high school setting provides appropriate opportunities for student success. However, unique student needs and circumstances sometimes merit consideration of an educational program outside the traditional high school environment.

District 211 offers multiple alternative education programs, both within the District and through partnerships with outside agencies. Alternative programs are available to serve regular education students and students eligible for special education services. Each alternative education program serves a distinct student population, provides varying arrays of support services, and includes structures designed to help each student succeed. On an annual basis, when including both special education students and regular education students, approximately 375 District 211 students participate in some form of alternative education programming at some point during the school year.

An overview of the typical alternative education programs provided to District 211 students was presented to the Board of Education by a team of District 211 administrators. The team of presenters included Associate Superintendent for Student Services **Mark Kovack**, Director of Administrative Services **Matthew Hildebrand**, Director of Special Education **Renée Erickson**, Program Administrator at District 211 Higgins Education Center **Amy Friel**, and Program Administrator at District 211 North Campus **Francesca Anderson**.

Additional information is available [here](#), and a copy of the presentation is available [here](#).

### **Approval of Minutes**

The Board of Education approved the minutes from its regular meeting on [October 20, 2016](#).

### **Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting Award**

Annually, the Association of School Business Officials International recognizes school districts that demonstrate high standards and best practices for financial reporting and accountability with the organization's Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting Award. High School District 211 earned recognition as a recipient of this award for the fiscal period ending June 30, 2015, marking the 10th consecutive year the District has been honored.

Additional information is available [here](#).

### **Fall Curriculum Committee Report 2016-2017**

The fall round of the 2016-2017 Curriculum Committee meetings has been completed with 13 department meetings taking place. Committees welcomed new department chairs to leadership positions:

New department chairs:

- **Tim Koll**, Music Department Chair at Conant High School
- **Karl Craddock**, Science Department Chair at Fremd High School
- **Aaron Phillips**, Social Studies Department Chair at Schaumburg High School
- **Mauricio Orozco**, Special Education Department Chair at Schaumburg High School
- **Hali Yoshimura**, World Language Department Chair at Fremd High School
- **Brian Hebert**, Special Education Department Chair at Academy-North

Three times per year, the Curriculum Committee for each department meets to review and discuss curriculum updates and changes. Each department's curriculum committee has 11 members, including five school department chairs, five principals, and the associate superintendent for instruction. New course proposals, as well as any modifications in particular courses' Critical Learning Standards (CLS), District-wide assessments, or textbook/software are reviewed by the Curriculum Committee and superintendent prior to a recommendation to the Board of Education for approval.

The Board of Education approved the Curriculum Committee report and recommendations as presented. A complete copy of the Fall 2016-2017 Curriculum Committee Report is available [here](#).

### **2016 School Report Cards**

School Report Cards provide information about academic performance and characteristics of students, faculty, instructional resources, and finances at the school, district, and state level. Prepared by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), Report Cards contain data received from and about schools at various

points throughout the school year. According to Illinois School Code, School Report Cards are to be forwarded to schools from the ISBE annually by October 31 and made available by schools to the public within 30 days. No information in the School Report Card can be modified.

The Board directed the superintendent to make appropriate availability of 2016 School Report Cards by placing a direct link to them on the District 211 and school websites. In addition to the complete online Report Cards, at-a-glance versions (two-page printable PDFs) of School Report Cards also are available.

Additional information on 2016 School Report Cards is available [here](#), while District 211 and School Report Cards are available [here](#).

### **Negotiations Chapter Five: Tentative Agreement and Collective Bargaining Agreements**

At the May 12, 2016 Board of Education meeting, the Board requested information regarding negotiations practices to be presented at future Board of Education meetings. Information surrounding the legal framework of collective bargaining was presented at the July 21, 2016 Board meeting, information on preparing to bargain and establishing parameters was presented at the August 18, 2016 meeting, information on bargaining techniques and strategies was presented at the September 22, 2016 meeting, and information on communication throughout the bargaining process was presented at the October 20, 2016 meeting. The fifth and final chapter on [Tentative Agreement and Collective Bargaining Agreements](#) was presented to the Board at the November meeting.

### **2016 Proposed Tax Levy and Truth in Taxation Resolution**

The Board of Education reviewed the proposed levy amount. It was recommended that the 2016 Operating Fund levy be increased in accordance with the established tax limitation amount of 0.7%, with an additional amount of 0.2% attributable to new property growth for a combined increase of 0.9% over the 2015 Operating Fund levy. In addition to the proposed Operating Fund levy increase, another Debt Service levy abatement of \$3.2 million was recommended, eliminating the Debt Service levy obligation for taxpayers. The Debt Service levy abatement for 2016 will be included for approval by the Board of Education as part of the levy adoption process at the December 8, 2016 meeting.

As a result of these combined factors, the recommended tax levy for 2016 is \$217,170,000 for the aggregate extension of the Operating Funds. The 2016 Debt Service levy will be fully eliminated through the recommended abatement

amount of \$3,186,855 which will instead be paid for through the use of District reserve funds. The total levy recommendation, including both the Operating Fund levy and the Debt Service levy is \$217,170,000; a 0.3% increase over the 2015 total levy amount. The Debt Service levy will be filed automatically by the Cook County Clerk and will not require Board of Education approval; however, the Board will be presented with a recommendation to abate the full Debt Service levy amount at the December Board of Education meeting.

The Board approved the resolution which sets forth the amount of \$217,170,000, excluding the Debt Service levy, as the proposed 2016 levy, and directed that a notice of public hearing on the proposed levy be held at its December 8, 2016 meeting.

More information on the proposed 2016 levy, including a copy of the resolution, is available [here](#).

### **Illinois Association of School Boards Resolutions**

The Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) Delegate Assembly is the policy-making body of IASB. The Delegate Assembly is comprised of one voting delegate from each member district. Board Member **Lauanna Recker** represents District 211 on the Delegate Assembly and Board Secretary **Anna Klimkowicz** serves as a member of the 2016 Resolutions Committee. At the joint annual conference of the Illinois Association of School Boards/Illinois Association of School Administrators/Illinois Association of School Business Officials, the Resolutions Committee of IASB will review, discuss, and vote on proposed resolutions submitted by member districts. The results from the proposed resolutions will guide IASB's position statements and staff in ongoing legislative efforts.

This year, there are six proposed new resolutions:

- 1.) Special Needs Students
- 2.) Student Readiness
- 3.) Clock Hours vs. Minutes
- 4.) Statement of Affairs
- 5.) Family Members as Officers on a Board of Education
- 6.) Special Education Support Staff

The resolutions were presented for Board discussion.

Additional information is available [here](#).

### **Proposed 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 **Mucia Burke**, Board Vice President **Robert LeFevre**, Associate Superintendent **Lisa Small**, Director of Administrative Services **Matthew Hildebrand**, and Assistant to the Superintendent **Kathe Lingl**.

The Board initially reviewed proposed revisions to Board policy files: [GBEA Employee Physical Examinations](#), [DLD Use of District Credit Cards](#), and [JHCD Medication Administration in Schools](#). No action was taken at the meeting.

### **Next Board of Education Meeting**

The next scheduled regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, December 8, 2016, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Anne Koller Board Meeting Room at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center.