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Board of Education Meeting Recap

The Township High School District 211 Board of Education met on Thursday, April 29, 2021, in the auditorium at Hoffman Estates High School. The following is a recap of items that were acted upon at the meeting.

Recognitions

The Board of Education recognized students who earned honors in statewide activity and athletic competitions. Included in the evening's recognitions were Debate students from James B. Conant, William Fremd, Palatine, and Schaumburg High Schools and Group Interpretation students from Fremd High School. The Board also honored student-athletes from Fremd High School's badminton team that placed third at the state championship. A complete list of those students recognized is available [here](#).

Three staff members from Conant High School, **Kalli Dalton**, **Jason Franco**, and **Stephen Kurfess**, were recognized for their quick reactions in helping those involved in an automobile accident near the school to safety.

Approval of Minutes

The Board of Education approved the minutes from its regular meeting on [April 8, 2021](#).

April 6, 2021 School Board Election Official Results

With 148 of 148 precincts counted, the Cook County Clerk's office released the following official results for the April 6, 2021 school board election:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Curtis Bradley	9,046 *
Denise K. Wilson	3,992
Robi Vollkommer	5,101
Kristen M. Steel	5,733
Jessica J. Hinkle	7,767
Roxanne Wittkamp	2,061
Amy K. Nelson	3,453
Anna Klimkowicz	8,915 *
Timothy Mc Gowan	8,220 *

** - Elected for a 4-year term*

According to School Code, within 28 days after the election, the school board must meet, seat members elected, and reorganize by electing officers and setting a time and place for regular meetings.

The Board of Education accepted the [official canvass](#) results of the Cook County Clerk's Office for the April 6, 2021 school board election for Township High School District 211 declaring **Curtis Bradley, Anna Klimkowicz, and Timothy Mc Gowan** as duly elected Board members.

Oath of Office

Regional Superintendent of Schools and Executive Director of North Cook Intermediate Service Center Kevin Jauch administered the [Oath of Office](#) to Mr. Bradley, Mrs. Klimkowicz, and Mr. Mc Gowan. In the April 6, 2021 school board election, Mrs. Klimkowicz was re-elected to the District 211 Board, while Mr. Bradley and Mr. Mc Gowan were elected as new Board of Education members.

Establishment of Board of Education Officers

The Board elected its officers, per Illinois School Code, to two-year terms. They are as follows:

Anna Klimkowicz, President
Steven Rosenblum, Vice President
Kimberly Cavill, Secretary

Adoption of Policies of Preceding Board of Education

In order to assure smooth operation of District schools, the newly formed Board of Education adopted and will be guided by existing policies as adopted by the previous Board, until changed or amended by this Board.

Establish Time, Place, and Date of Regular Board of Education Meetings

All boards of education are required to hold regular meetings (Illinois School Code, Chapter 5, Section 120/2.02). A [Board of Education meeting schedule](#) for fiscal year 2022 was previously approved at the December 10, 2020 meeting. The Board established at least one regular meeting each month, with two meetings in April 2022 and May 2022.

Board Liaisons

Board of Education members serve as [liaisons on a number of administrative committees](#) in order to facilitate understanding, provide representation, and serve fellow Board members through the exchange of information. Group descriptions, as well as interest sheets, were given to each Board member, with assignments to these groups as liaisons to be made at the May 13, 2021 meeting by the Board president, as stated in Board Policy BCE Board Appointments.

Board of Education Protocols

The Board of Education operates as a single entity responsible for its governance and processes, while refusing to surrender to special interest or partisan political groups. In May 2016, the Board of Education, in conjunction with the Superintendent and a representative from the Illinois Association of School Boards, compiled a list of agreements and expectations by which to work together in order to conduct the work of the Township High School District 211 community.

The agreements were approved again by the Board of Education in 2017. In June 2019, the Board approved the agreements as protocols, with a couple of minor revisions. The [protocols](#) were presented to the Board for review prior to considering for adoption at the May 13, 2021 meeting.

2020-2021 School Year Update

Superintendent **Lisa Small** presented the Board of Education with an update on the 2020-2021 school year. A copy of the report is available [here](#).

District 211 Equity Team Update

The Board of Education reviewed the original responsibilities of the District 211 Equity Team and received an update on Equity Team meetings. The Equity Team continues to meet as a full team and in four committees each month. Team members continue to research and analyze current District practices and procedures and have fully moved into Phase 4: Development of the District 211 Equity Plan. Each committee has developed belief statements regarding topics of focus and are working to develop potential recommendation to the Board for increasing equity across the District 211 community.

Bea Young & Associates has completed its student and parent focus groups at each District 211 high school. In addition to focus groups, the organization also conducted interviews with the superintendent, assistant superintendent, and school principals, and is analyzing feedback obtained during the interviews and focus groups in order to provide a final report to the District 211 Equity Team, at the end of April. The Equity Team will use this information to finalize recommendations and present an Equity Plan to the Board for consideration at its June 17, 2021 meeting.

Additional information on the Equity Team update is available [here](#).

Board of Education Training with Illinois Association of School Boards Representative

In 2015, 2016, and 2019, the Board of Education and Superintendent met with a representative from the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB), a state-wide association, for the purpose of self-evaluation, practices and procedures, and professional ethics of the Board. From these discussions, a list of protocols and expectations by which to work together in order to conduct the work of the community was compiled.

The Board approved meeting with an IASB field services representative at its regular meeting on May 27, 2021 during closed session and agreed to pay the \$400 fee for the service.

Pledge of Allegiance at Board Meetings

As presented at the April 8, 2021 meeting, the Board of Education discussed reciting the Pledge of Allegiance twice at Board meetings, once at the beginning of the meeting at 6:30 p.m. prior to closed session and once after return to open session at 7:30 p.m.

Potential Topics for Future Discussion

The Board of Education asked the Superintendent to include multiple items on future Board meeting agendas.

Next Board of Education Meeting

The next scheduled regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, May 13, 2021, 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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