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Board of Education Meeting Recap

The Township High School District 211 Board of Education met on Thursday, April 8, 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 28 [Illinois Music Educators Association](#) (ILMEA) all-state honorees from James B. Conant, William Fremd, Hoffman Estates, Palatine, and Schaumburg High Schools. These students earned honors in band, chorus, and orchestra.

Public Hearing on the Proposed Reduction-in-Force of Teaching Positions

In accordance with ILCS 5/24-12, the Board of Education conducted a public hearing to receive input on the administration's proposal for a reduction-in-force of teaching positions. After the public hearing, the following action on this agenda item was taken by the Board:

- [Resolution Authorizing the Reduction-in-Force and Release of Non-Tenured Teachers](#)
- [Release of First-Year Teacher Assistants, First-Year Certified Nursing Assistants, and First Year Non-ISBE Licensed Nurse](#)

Approval of Minutes

The Board of Education approved the minutes from its regular meeting on [March 18, 2021](#).

Acceptance of Donations

The Board of Education accepted donations of a Yamaha tuba and Yamaha sousaphone from the Estate of Richard A. Peterson, \$24,435 from the family of David Seiffert, \$4,674.38 from the inFaith Community Foundation, \$5,000 from John Cerasani, \$1,000 from Matthew and Kyle Mishler, and \$1,000 from P & S Investment Partners LLC.

Additional information is available [here](#).

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](#).

Starting Times for 2021-2022 School Year

The Board of Education received information regarding starting times for each school for the 2021-2022 school year. In order to make efficient use of transportation resources, school buses are used first to transport students to early start schools, and then transport students to late start schools. Starting and dismissal times will remain the same for the 2021-2022 school year as the current school year:

	Start	Dismissal
Palatine High School	8:15 a.m.	3:30 p.m.
William Fremd High School	7:30 a.m.	2:45 p.m.
James B. Conant High School	8:15 a.m.	3:30 p.m.
Schaumburg High School	7:30 a.m.	2:45 p.m.
Hoffman Estates High School	7:30 a.m.	2:45 p.m.
District 211 North Campus	9:10 a.m.	3:15 p.m.
Higgins Education Center	9:10 a.m.	3:15 p.m.

One-to-One Program and Electronic Device Purchase

For the past seven years, High School District 211 has provided each student an individual electronic device as part of the District's one-to-one program. The program has been recognized by Apple as an example of one-to-one program implementation for other school districts to emulate.

The program is structured so that each student is assigned a device as a freshman. The student keeps that same device for the full four-year high school experience, at which time, the graduating senior has the option to purchase his or her assigned iPad at current market value. Faculty-assigned iPads are refreshed every two years to ensure that teachers' devices align with the device standards and feature sets used by students. Teacher assistants and other designated school personnel are assigned iPads using two-year old devices previously utilized by faculty members.

Each freshman in the Class of 2025 will be assigned a new iPad at the start of the 2021-2022 school year. Additionally, the 2021-2022 school year marks the

end-of-life point for iPads assigned to faculty members and each of them will be assigned a new device.

The Board of Education authorized the District to purchase 4,300 iPads from Apple at a total cost of \$1,264,200 to support the one-to-one learning program during the 2021-2022 school year.

Additional information on the one-to-one program electronic device purchase is available [here](#).

Early Morning Work Sessions 2021-2022

Early Morning Work Sessions provide a designated time when faculty who teach the same course have an opportunity to meet to examine multiple data points relating to student success. At the high school level, it is not typical for teachers of the same course to have the same preparation period to meet to have the discussions that include all teachers. Prior to the start of the school year, each department chair and principal determine which courses will be the priority for professional learning team discussions during Early Morning Work Sessions.

The professional learning teams (PLTs), formed for the school year, focus on one particular course. Information is gathered from multiple sources, including local, District, and national assessments. This information determines areas of focus for increasing student success. The team investigates particular instructional choices made by faculty and the associated student learning outcomes. Best practices regarding instruction can be determined and then implemented at the source. During institute days, key instructional practices are shared across all schools.

The 75-minute sessions allow PLTs to increase the number of students who are meeting District 211 expectations on Critical Learning Standards (CLS) for each course. Teams will evaluate multiple pieces of assessment data; continue the discussion of student performance relative to each CLS; and make instructional changes based on evidentiary discussions with colleagues. This is a continuation of the format used for the past seven years.

The Board of Education authorized the superintendent to approve 12 morning work sessions, each of which would be 75 minutes in length, on the following Tuesdays: August 24, 2021; September 7, 2021; September 21, 2021; October 26, 2021; November 9, 2021; December 7, 2021; January 18, 2022; February 1, 2022; February 15, 2022; March 1, 2022; March 15, 2022; and April 19, 2022.

Sale of Surplus School Property

Per Board of Education policy DN School Property, property owned by District 211 with market value of more than \$300 may be disposed of to the best advantage of the District with condition of equipment reviewed by the Board prior to its disposal.

The Board authorized the sale of the following items by way of public sealed bid, public auction site, or company trade-in: used, surplus Bobcat commercial walk-behind lawn mower model number 93001; Coats model 5060A tire changing machine; 1995 HTP Model 200 MIG welder; 1990 Lincoln Electric Power 225 MIG welder; 2001 Rotary Model SP018 vehicle frame lift and Delta Rockwell Model 43-340 heavy duty shaper. Additional information is available [here](#).

Next Board of Education Meeting

The next scheduled regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, April 29, 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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