

**TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 211  
Palatine, Illinois**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING**

**May 23, 2019**

**7:30 p.m.**

**(Official)**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, Township High School District 211, Cook County, Illinois was held on May 23, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in the G. A. McElroy Administration Center at 1750 South Roselle Road, Palatine, Illinois.

**ROLL CALL**

Physically Present: Kimberly Cavill, Member  
Mark J. Cramer, Member  
Peter R. Dombrowski, Member  
Anna Klimkowicz, Vice President and Member  
Steven Rosenblum, Member  
Edward M. Yung, Secretary and Member  
Robert J. LeFevre, Jr., President and Member

Absent: None

Also present were: Daniel E. Cates, Superintendent; members of the District administrative staff; interested citizens; and members of the press.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

President LeFevre led the Board of Education and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Recognition – State Award Winners**

Superintendent Cates introduced Director of Athletics and Activities Eric Wenckowski. Mr. Wenckowski introduced Palatine High School Principal Tony Medina, Assistant Principal Michael Alther, and Mathematics Department Chair and Math Team Sponsor Craig Barnes. Mr. Barnes introduced and Mr. Medina presented medallions to Ryan Tsau and John Wang for placing fourth in two-person team at the state math team competition.

Mr. Wenckowski introduced William Fremd High School Principal Kurt Tenopir and Mathematics Teacher and Math Team Sponsor Christopher Grattoni. Mr. Grattoni introduced and Mr. Tenopir presented medallions to Stella Chung, Preethi Jagadeesan, Zhiwei Jiang, Erin Kirsten, Utkarsh Sehgal, Maggie Wu, Shoya Yamazaki, and Angelina Zheng for placing fourth in eight-person team at the state math competition.

Mr. Wenckowski introduced James B. Conant High School Principal Julie Nowak, Assistant Principal Mark Langer, and Mathematics Teacher and Math Team Sponsor Richard Cortez. Mr. Cortez introduced and Mrs. Nowak presented medallions to Nikita Basu, Divij Garg, Jareth Gomes, Andrew Milas, Hanlin Wang, Elizabeth Zhang, and Michelle Zhang for placing second in junior/senior eight-person team, and to Rajat Mittal for placing second in junior/senior eight-person team and first in orals at the state math team competition.

Mr. Wenckowski introduced Hoffman Estates High School Principal Joshua Schumacher and Math Teacher and Assistant Math Team Sponsor Katrina O'Donnell. Mrs. O'Donnell introduced and Mr. Schumacher presented medallions to Pooja Khatri and Niko Otsuka for placing second in freshman/sophomore team at the state math team competition.

Mr. Wenckowski introduced William Fremd High School English Teacher and Journalism Sponsor Grant Dawson. Mr. Dawson introduced and Mr. Tenopir presented medallions to Emily Hao for placing fifth in advertising and Kellie Liu for placing first in feature writing at the state journalism competition.

Mr. Wenckowski introduced Palatine High School Art Department Chair and Journalism Sponsor Russell Horvath. Mr. Horvath introduced and Mr. Medina presented medallions to Kathryn Campion, Caitlin Preuss, and Evan Waller for placing third in video news at the state journalism competition.

Mr. Wenckowski introduced James B. Conant High School English Teacher and Newspaper Sponsor David Gwizdala. Mr. Gwizdala introduced and Mrs. Nowak presented medallions to Isaac Goffin for placing first in sports writing and sixth in news writing, Jaylen Patel for placing fifth in photo storytelling, and Michelle Zhang for placing fifth in editorial writing at the state journalism competition.

Mr. Wenckowski introduced William Fremd High School Athletic Director David Dick and Physical Education Teacher and Badminton Coach Robert Hanson. Mr. Hanson introduced and Mr. Tenopir presented medallions to Hannah Chen and Jenni Li for placing third in doubles; Kellie Liu for placing second in singles; Rachel Ye for placing third in singles; and to Shravya Chanamolu, Hannah Chen, Jenny Li, Kellie Liu, Sanjana Manne, Shreyah Prasad, Maggie Wu, Sharon Wu, and Rachel Ye for the team being named State Champions at the state badminton competition.

### **Highest Possible Composite Score on the American College Testing (ACT) Exam**

Superintendent Cates made the following comments:

“Ask any student who is considering attending college after high school and they’ll tell you of the importance placed on college entrance exams, one of which is the American College Test, that we all know as the ACT. Each year, nearly two million students take the ACT, with fewer than 4000 of those two million earning a score of 36, the highest possible composite score.

Tonight, we are fortunate to be able to recognize two students from William Fremd High School who have achieved this outstanding accomplishment.

On behalf of the Board of Education and District 211, I would like to congratulate our students. We have a certificate for each of them that Board President Mr. Bob LeFevre will present in a moment.”

Superintendent Cates introduced William Fremd High School Science Teacher Frank Goznikar. Mr. Goznikar introduced and President LeFevre presented a certificate to William Fremd High School student Thomas Filipiuk for earning the highest possible composite score on the April 2019 American College Test (ACT) examination.

Superintendent Cates introduced William Fremd High School World Language Teacher Lissette Parreno-Egas. Mrs. Parreno-Egas introduced and President LeFevre presented a certificate to William Fremd High School student Mary Tang for earning the highest possible composite score on the April 2019 American College Test (ACT) examination.

## **Presidential Scholars**

Superintendent Cates made the following comments:

“The United States Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964 by executive order of the President to recognize and honor some of our nation’s most distinguished graduating high school seniors. Each year, the program honors 160 students with one of the nation’s highest honors for high school students. The Scholars Program recognizes excellence in education and the promise of greatness in young people.

I am pleased to say that District 211 has two students from Fremd High School recognized in this prestigious program. One of our students is a semifinalist, while the other is one of just four Illinois students selected as a Presidential Scholar.

I’d like to ask their sponsors to introduce them. Following the introductions, Board President Mr. LeFevre has a certificate to present to each student.

On behalf of District 211 and the Board of Education, I’d like to offer our sincere congratulations to our students for this exceptional honor.”

Superintendent Cates reintroduced William Fremd High School Mathematics Teacher Christopher Grattoni. Mr. Grattoni introduced and President LeFevre presented a certificate to William Fremd High School student Kristina Chen for being selected as a 2019 Presidential Scholar Semifinalist by the President’s Special Commission.

Superintendent Cates introduced William Fremd High School Social Studies Teacher Martin Zacharia. Mr. Zacharia introduced and President LeFevre presented a certificate to William Fremd High School student Maegan Jong for being selected as a 2019 Presidential Scholar by the President’s Special Commission.

President LeFevre made the following comments on behalf of the Board of Education:

“It is really a pleasure of this Board to have the opportunity to recognize all of our students and their parents for all of their accomplishments, achievements, and successes.”

## **Break**

The Board of Education took a break from 8:11 p.m. to 8:24 p.m. while pictures were taken of recognition award winners.

## **Citizens’ Petitions and Appearances**

President LeFevre asked if there was anyone present, not on the agenda, and who did not sign up to speak, who wished to speak before the Board of Education. No one addressed the Board.

## **Presentation: 2018-2019 Budget and Five-Year Financial Projection Update**

Superintendent Cates introduced Chief Operating Officer Lauren Hummel and Controller and Treasurer Barbara Peterson. Mrs. Hummel and Mrs. Peterson presented an update of the 2018-2019 budget and five-year financial projections; and they answered Board members’ questions.

**Consent Agenda**

Mr. Dombrowski made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Klimkowicz, that the consent agenda, with the removal of Item G - Resolutions Authorizing Intervention in Proceedings Before the State Property Tax Appeal Board, be approved as presented.

On which motion a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Kimberly Cavill  
Mark Cramer  
Peter Dombrowski  
Anna Klimkowicz  
Steven Rosenblum  
Edward Yung  
Robert LeFevre

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

The following consent agenda items (indicated by \*) were enacted by one motion:

**\*Approval of Minutes -- Regular Meeting of May 9, 2019**

Mr. Dombrowski made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Klimkowicz, that the minutes of the regular meeting of May 9, 2019 be approved and placed on file.

On which motion a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Kimberly Cavill  
Mark Cramer  
Peter Dombrowski  
Anna Klimkowicz  
Steven Rosenblum  
Edward Yung  
Robert LeFevre

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**\*Approval of Bills for Payment**

Mr. Dombrowski made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Klimkowicz, that bills in the amount of \$20,277,947.42 be approved for payment.

On which motion a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Kimberly Cavill  
Mark Cramer  
Peter Dombrowski  
Anna Klimkowicz  
Steven Rosenblum  
Edward Yung  
Robert LeFevre

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**\*Financial Report – As of April 30, 2019**

Mr. Dombrowski made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Klimkowicz, that the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, Other Financing Sources (Uses), and Changes in Fund Balances for the period ending April 30, 2019 be approved and placed on file.

On which motion a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Kimberly Cavill  
Mark Cramer  
Peter Dombrowski  
Anna Klimkowicz  
Steven Rosenblum  
Edward Yung  
Robert LeFevre

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**\*Investment Report – As of April 30, 2019**

Mr. Dombrowski made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Klimkowicz, that the investment report for the period ending April 30, 2019 be approved and placed on file.

On which motion a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Kimberly Cavill  
Mark Cramer  
Peter Dombrowski  
Anna Klimkowicz  
Steven Rosenblum  
Edward Yung  
Robert LeFevre

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**\*Student Activities Report – As of April 30, 2019**

Mr. Dombrowski made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Klimkowicz, that the student activity, trust fund, and convenience fund report for the period ending April 30, 2019 be approved and placed on file.

On which motion a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Kimberly Cavill  
Mark Cramer  
Peter Dombrowski  
Anna Klimkowicz  
Steven Rosenblum  
Edward Yung  
Robert LeFevre

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**\*Variance Report – As of April 30, 2019**

Mr. Dombrowski made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Klimkowicz, that the variance report for the period ending April 30, 2019 be approved and placed on file.

On which motion a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Kimberly Cavill  
Mark Cramer  
Peter Dombrowski  
Anna Klimkowicz  
Steven Rosenblum  
Edward Yung  
Robert LeFevre

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**\*Resolution: Employment of Summer School Teachers**

Mr. Dombrowski made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Klimkowicz, that the resolution to employ teachers for the 2019 summer school session be adopted (attached to official minutes).

On which motion a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Kimberly Cavill  
Mark Cramer  
Peter Dombrowski  
Anna Klimkowicz  
Steven Rosenblum  
Edward Yung  
Robert LeFevre

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**\*Acceptance of Donation**

Mr. Dombrowski made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Klimkowicz, that the Board of Education formally accepts the donation of \$1,000 from Barbara Morris; further, that a letter of appreciation be sent, on the Board's behalf, by the Superintendent.

On which motion a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Kimberly Cavill  
Mark Cramer  
Peter Dombrowski  
Anna Klimkowicz  
Steven Rosenblum  
Edward Yung  
Robert LeFevre

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**\*Personnel Recommendations**

Mr. Dombrowski made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Klimkowicz, that the personnel recommendations be accepted as presented.

Full-Time Teacher Employment:  
(Effective 2019-2020 School Year)

Block, Kaitlin; social worker intern, Palatine High School  
Chereso, II, Mark; mathematics, William Fremd High School  
Evans, Patrick; counselor, Hoffman Estates High School  
Garvey, Kevin; social studies, James B. Conant High School  
King, Margaret; social worker, Hoffman Estates High School  
Moore, Brandon; special education, Higgins Education Center

Part-Time Teacher Employment First Semester:  
(Effective 2019-2020 School Year)

Jones, Benjamin; English as a second language, James B. Conant High School  
Long, Michael; English, William Fremd High School  
Rentner, Marissa; music, Palatine High School

Resignation:

Tajpuria, Vaishali; social studies, James B. Conant High School

Support Staff New Hires:

Green, Preston; custodian, Schaumburg High School  
Murdock, Thomas; bus driver, G. A. McElroy Administration Center  
Peterson, Jeff; network specialist, James B. Conant High School

Support Staff Resignations:

Loverher, Vincent; teacher assistant, Palatine High School  
Truesdell, Susan; bus aide, G. A. McElroy Administration Center

On which motion a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Kimberly Cavill  
Mark Cramer  
Peter Dombrowski  
Anna Klimkowicz  
Steven Rosenblum  
Edward Yung  
Robert LeFevre

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**\*Bids for Consideration**

Mr. Dombrowski made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Klimkowicz, that for the bids listed below, the Board of Education award the business to the lowest responsible bidders, as listed in the attached administrative bid recommendation dated May 23, 2019 (attached to official minutes):

1. Athletic supplies for winter and spring sports for all of the schools – 15 vendors	\$ 257,965.76
2. Floor maintenance equipment for all of the schools – three vendors	\$ 83,124.05
3. Athletic training supplies for all of the schools – two vendors	\$ 45,705.21
4. Paint and paint supplies for all of the schools – three vendors	\$ 40,946.30
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TOTAL:	\$ 427,741.32

On which motion a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Kimberly Cavill  
Mark Cramer  
Peter Dombrowski  
Anna Klimkowicz  
Steven Rosenblum  
Edward Yung  
Robert LeFevre

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolutions Authorizing Intervention in Proceedings Before the State Property Tax Appeal Board**

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dombrowski, that the Board of Education approve the resolutions authorizing intervention in proceedings before the state property tax appeal board which seek assessed valuation reductions in excess of \$100,000 for property tax year 2017 (Docket Nos. 17-20953.001-C-2 and 17-44308.001-C-2); and further authorize Franczek, as the Board of Education's legal representative, to file Request to Intervene in Appeal Proceeding forms with the property tax appeal board on the properties for which the District receives notification of appeal (attached to official minutes).

After discussion, a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Kimberly Cavill  
Mark Cramer  
Anna Klimkowicz  
Steven Rosenblum  
Edward Yung  
Robert LeFevre

Nay: Peter Dombrowski

The motion carried 6-1.



**Freedom of Information Act Requests**

The Board of Education received and reviewed a report on Freedom of Information Act requests and responses.

**Wellness and Driver Education End-of-Year Review**

The Board of Education received, reviewed, and discussed a report on an end-of-year review of the wellness curriculum and driver education program.

**Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Land Located at East Wise Road and South Summit Drive in the Village of Schaumburg to Nitti Development, LLC**

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dombrowski, that the Board of Education approve the resolution authorizing the sale of land located at East Wise Road and South Summit Drive in the Village of Schaumburg to Nitti Development, LLC in the amount of \$17,750,000 (attached to official minutes).

After discussion, a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Steven Rosenblum  
Edward Yung  
Kimberly Cavill  
Anna Klimkowicz  
Mark Cramer  
Robert LeFevre

Nay: Peter Dombrowski

The motion carried 6-1.

**Resolution Calling a Public Hearing for Interfund Transfers for Capital Improvement Projects**

Mr. Dombrowski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that the Board of Education directs publication of a notice of public hearing to take place at its June 20, 2019 meeting to consider the permanent interfund transfer of \$2 million from the Educational Fund to its Operations and Maintenance Fund.

On which motion a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Edward Yung  
Anna Klimkowicz  
Peter Dombrowski  
Mark Cramer  
Steven Rosenblum  
Kimberly Cavill  
Robert LeFevre

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

### **Request for Proposal for Employee Wellness Program Provider**

Mrs. Klimkowitz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that the Board of Education approve HealthCheck360 as its wellness program provider based upon the fee structure as provided for a three-year term expiring May 2022.

On which motion a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye:	Peter Dombrowski Edward Yung Kimberly Cavill Steven Rosenblum Anna Klimkowitz Mark Cramer Robert LeFevre
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Nay:	None
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The motion carried unanimously.

### **Initial Discussion of Superintendent Search Process**

The Board received, reviewed, and discussed the initial information from two superintendent search firms so that the Board can potentially take action and establish a sequence of events to guide the search and selection process for a superintendent at its June 20, 2019 meeting due to the pending retirement of the current superintendent, effective June 2020.

### **Board Member Expenses**

Mrs. Klimkowitz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum, that the Board of Education approve the Pre-Approval Form for Future Expense Reimbursement for Edward Yung to attend the Triple I Conference, November 22-24, 2019; and Steven Rosenblum to attend the Triple I Conference on November 22–24, 2019 and the half-day pre-conference workshop Governing with Transparency: Keeping Your Board Open and Honest as submitted.

On which motion a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye:	Mark Cramer Kimberly Cavill Anna Klimkowitz Peter Dombrowski Edward Yung Steven Rosenblum Robert LeFevre
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Nay:	None
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The motion carried unanimously.

### **Potential Topics for Future Discussion**

Mrs. Klimkowitz requested that the review of a draft of a proposal for an Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) resolution on trauma-informed care that could be submitted to the IASB for its consideration of submission for the IASB general assembly be placed on the agenda for the June 20, 2019 Board of Education meeting. There were no objections.

**Northwest Suburban Special Education Organization**

Mrs. Klimkowicz reported on recent N.S.S.E.O. activities.

**Education Research Development/Legislative Report**

Superintendent Cates reported on legislative activities regarding the property tax relief grant and additional funding for education and Mr. Dombrowski reported on discussions involving the pension cap.

**Partners for Our Community – Evening Community Services**

Associate Superintendent for Student Services Mark Kovack reported on the recent activities of the Partners for Our Community – Evening Community Services.

**Announcements**

President LeFevre made the following announcements:

A. May	24	--	Last Day of Classes -- 2018-2019 School Term
B.	27	--	Memorial Day -- All District Buildings Closed
C. June	4	--	First Day of First Semester Summer School
D.	5	--	Budget and Finance Committee Meeting -- 5:30 p.m.
E.	20	--	Next Board of Education Meeting -- 7:30 p.m.
F.	25	--	Last Day of First Semester Summer School
G.	26	--	First Day of Second Semester Summer School
H. July	4	--	Independence Day -- All District Buildings Closed
I	5	--	Casimir Pulaski Day Observed – All District Buildings Closed
I.	18	--	Last Day of Second Semester Summer School
J.	18	--	Board of Education Meeting -- 7:30 p.m.

**Closed Session**

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that the Board of Education enter closed session to discuss minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act [5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21)]; appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees [5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)]; and self-evaluation, practices, and procedures or professional ethics, when meeting with a representative of a statewide association of which the public body is a member [5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (16)].

On which motion a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Kimberly Cavill  
Mark Cramer  
Anna Klimkowicz  
Steven Rosenblum  
Edward Yung  
Robert LeFevre

Nay: Peter Dombrowski

The motion carried 6-1.

The Board of Education entered executive session at 9:48 p.m. and resumed its meeting at 11:06 p.m.

**Acceptance of Retirement Requests**

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum, that the Board of Education accepts the retirement requests of Lisa Becker, effective May 2023 according to the Master Contract of the District 211 Teachers’ Union; Susan Bober, effective May 2024 according to the Master Contract of the District 211 Teachers’ Union; Paul Bultinck, effective May 2022 according to the Master Contract of the District 211 United Support Staff; Roger Carpenter, effective May 2023 according to the Master Contract of the District 211 Teachers’ Union; Kay Chisholm, effective May 2021 according to the Master Contract of the District 211 Teachers’ Union; Richard Lyter, effective May 2021 according to the Master Contract of the District 211 Teachers’ Union; Valerie Okrasinski, effective May 2022 according to the Master Contract of the District 211 Teachers’ Union; Curtis Pinley, effective May 2022 according to the Master Contract of the District 211 Teachers’ Union; and Douglas Schippel, effective June 2022 consistent with the Master Contract of the District 211 Teachers’ Union.

On which motion a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Mark Cramer  
Steven Rosenblum  
Kimberly Cavill  
Peter Dombrowski  
Edward Yung  
Anna Klimkowicz  
Robert LeFevre

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**Board Members’ Discussion of the Evening’s Board of Education Meeting**

President LeFevre asked if Board members wished to share their impressions about the evening’s Board of Education meeting. Mr. Dombrowski discussed Sears Centre facility concerns at Schaumburg High School’s graduation involving students waiting outside before the event, the availability of tickets for the event, and wheelchair accessibility.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, President LeFevre thereupon declared the meeting adjourned at 11:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary, District 211

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President, District 211