

## **Board of Education Meeting Recap**

The Township High School District 211 Board of Education met on Thursday, August 19, 2021, in the Ann Koller Board of Education Meeting Room at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center. The following is a recap of items acted upon at the meeting.

### **Recognitions**

The Board of Education recognized 21 administrators new to their positions this academic year, including new hires and those who received promotions.

The new administrators are: Jeanette Ardell, 12-month Assistant Principal, James B. Conant High School; Luis Arroyo, Athletic Director, Palatine High School; Allyson Baisden, 10-month Assistant Principal, William Fremd High School; Brittany Berleman, 10-month Assistant Principal, Palatine High School; Whitney Gbur, 10-month Assistant Principal, Schaumburg High School; Travis Hastings, Dean of Students, James B. Conant High School; Danielle Hauser, Director of Student Services; Erin Holmes, Director of Communications; Amanda Hughes, 12-month Assistant Principal, William Fremd High School; Gordon James, 12-month Assistant Principal, James B. Conant High School; James Lange, Dean of Students, Palatine High School; Mark Langer, Principal, William Fremd High School; Alex Larson, Dean of Students, Palatine High School; Kendra Letzel, Dean of Students, Schaumburg High School; Hamid Mehreioskouei, 12-month Assistant Principal, William Fremd High School; Brenda Moreno, Dean of Students, Palatine High School; Mary Pettit, Dean of Students, Hoffman Estates High School; Kurt Tenopir, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services; and John Volgi, 12-month Assistant Principal, Palatine High School.

### **Presentation: Progress Toward Meeting District Academic Goals**

The Academic Goals for 2016-2021 are closely aligned to the measurements presented by the Illinois State Board of Education under the Every Student Succeeds Act, with a focus on college and career preparation for all students.

Mr. Josh Schumacher, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Dr. Danielle Hauser, Director of Student Services; Mr. Tony Medina, Principal, Palatine High School; Mr. Mark Langer, Principal, William Fremd High School; Mrs. Julie Nowak, Principal, James B. Conant High School; Mr. Brian Harlan, Principal, Schaumburg High School; and Mr. Michael Alther, Principal, Hoffman Estates High School presented the high schools' progress toward meeting the District academic goals.

The group also thoroughly outlined academic goals to drive the District forward, with a focus on equity and outstanding educational opportunities for all students.

The presentation is available [here](#).

### **Presentation: Tentative Budget**

District Chief Operating Officer Lauren Hummel and District Controller and Treasurer Barb Peterson presented the 2021-2022 Tentative Budget. The tentative budget presented was balanced in accordance with ISBE requirements.

The discussion included a review of the District's financial standing following the 2020-2021 academic year and an overview of planned revenue and spending for the 2021-2022 year, including capital projects.

The Board of Education later in the meeting approved the tentative budget as presented. It now will be available on public display for at least 30 days.

The Board will hold a public hearing at the September 21 Board of Education meeting prior to voting on the budget. The full budget presentation is available [here](#).

## **Approval of Minutes**

The Board of Education approved [the minutes](#) from its July 15, 2021 regular meeting.

## **District Academic Goals 2021-2026**

The Board of Education reviewed six new goals intended to guide programs, priorities and practices of District 211 staff as the District continues to provide extraordinary opportunities, innovative teaching and exceptional learning.

These goals serve as performance measures as well as an indicator of what matters most to our students, staff and community. District 211 educators know that student achievement is significant but so, too, is preparing for life after high school.

The six goals cover student involvement; academic growth; college and career readiness; on-track progress toward graduation; physical, social and mental wellness; and increased equity.

Read the full report [here](#).

## **District 211 2016 Strategic Plan**

Board of Education adopted the 2016 Strategic Plan: The 211 of Tomorrow in August 2016, using input gained from community engagement sessions and the guidance of a professional firm, Unicom Arc.

Significant progress has been made since then in the prioritized areas of Life Readiness, Professional Responsiveness, Community Partnerships and Organizational Effectiveness. Recognizing the continued potential for upward growth, the Board approved moving forward with a request for proposal to launch a new strategic planning process that will continue to guide the District through coming years.

Read the full conclusion of the 2016 Strategic Plan [here](#).

## **Health and Dental Insurance Premium Rates**

The Board of Education reviewed and approved new rates for employee health and dental coverage. District 211 continues to offer five primary medical plans through Blue Cross and Blue Shield and a wellness plan allowing employees and spouses (for those with family coverage) to receive a comprehensive health screening that provides a credit toward their insurance premium. Those wellness credits will increase in 2021.

Overall, health insurance rate increases of 5 percent over the prior year were developed and approved in coordination with the District's insurance broker and account for a variety of factors, including projected health care trends and employee wellness participation. Dental rates will remain unchanged for the coming year.

To read the full document, click [here](#).

## **Proposed Policy Revisions**

The Board approved two policy revisions regarding School Board Elections and Board Officers.

Both policies were reviewed by legal counsel and the Administrative Board Policy Group comprising the Board President, Board Member Mark Cramer, the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, the Director of Administrative Services and the Chief Operating Officer.

Changes to the Election Policy bring it in line with current legislation. Revisions update the designation of the local election officer to align with current District personnel and remove verbiage related to the Education Officers Electoral Board.

Read the full revision document [here](#).

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Read the full revision document [here](#).

## **Bid – School Bus Propane Gas**

The Board of Education agreed to enter into an agreement with AmeriGas Propane, L.P. for the period of August 2021 to June 30, 2026 at a fee of 34 cents per metered gallon. This was the lowest bid of four received bids; the new contract rate is estimated to save the District approximately \$20,000 for the 2021-2022 school year. Those savings will continue to increase annually as more propane buses are purchased. The District currently owns 51 alternatively fueled propane buses in its 160-bus fleet.

Read the full details [here](#).

## **Board Member Expenses**

The Board of Education must pre-approve expenses for any Board Member seeking coverage for conference or workshop attendance. Requests are made via a form submitted by the requesting Board Member to the Superintendent.

The Board approved expenses for President Anna Klimkowicz and Vice President Steven Rosenblum to attend the annual ED-RED kick-off luncheon meeting on September 24, and for Board Member Timothy McGowan to attend the Triple I Conference November 19-21.

Read the full document [here](#).

### **Next Board Meeting Announcement**

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be Thursday, September 23, 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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