

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
September 23, 2021
6:30 p.m.
Official**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Township High School District 211, Cook County, Illinois was held on September 23, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the G. A. McElroy Administration Center at 1750 South Roselle Road, Palatine, Illinois. Access for the public to view the Board of Education Meeting live-stream was available on the District 211 YouTube channel using the video button on the Board meeting agenda on District 211's website or at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/District211>.

ROLL CALL

On a roll call, the following officers and members were:

Physically Present: Curtis Bradley, Member
Mark J. Cramer, Member
Peter R. Dombrowski, Member
Timothy Mc Gowan, Member
Steven Rosenblum, Vice President and Member
Anna Klimkowicz, President and Member

Absent: Kimberly Cavill, Secretary and Member

Also present were: Superintendent Lisa Small; members of the District administrative staff; interested citizens; and members of the press.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Closed Session

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dombrowski, that the Board enter closed session to discuss minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act [5 ILCS 120/2 (2) (21)]; appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees [5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)]; matter pertaining to an individual student [5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (10)]; and collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives [5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2)].

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

Aye: Curtis Bradley
Peter Dombrowski
Mark Cramer
Timothy Mc Gowan
Steven Rosenblum
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Education left for executive session at 6:31 p.m. and resumed its meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Illinois Art Education Association 2021 Distinguished IAEA Member Awardee

Superintendent Small made the following comments:

“Nicholas Hostert, a Palatine High School art teacher, is the 2021 Illinois Art Education Association Distinguished Member Awardee. Annually, the organization recognizes the top art, design, and media educators for their excellence and service to the field. The award committee found Nick’s performance and service to be exemplary.

In both his art and teaching practices, Nick explores the intersections of visual art and critical art theory. His expertise lies in using contemporary artists and works to drive his curriculum. He has taught visual and media arts for more than 15 years at Palatine High School and has presented his work nationally, and he regularly consults with art organizations and other school districts to elevate the profession.

Congratulations, Nick, on this well-deserved honor.”

President Klimkowicz presented a certificate to Mr. Hostert for being named the Illinois Art Education Association 2021 Distinguished IAEA Member Awardee.

Illinois Art Education Association 2021 Art Education Administrator of the Year

Superintendent Small made the following comments:

“James B. Conant High School art teacher Erin Garrity-Duffey has been named the 2021 Illinois Art Education Association Administrator of the Year. This honor recognizes her for overall excellence and service to the field. Erin, who developed her passion for art as a student in District 211, was nominated by a colleague. The award committee has found her professional performance, service, and leadership to be exemplary in every regard. Erin has taught for a total of 17 years and says the most important things she hopes to teach her students is the process of making and developing an idea so that they realize that while they do not always like the end result, the effort is worth something along the way.

The Illinois Art Education Association is the premier professional development provider for art, design, and media educators in Illinois, serving thousands of teachers statewide.

Congratulations, Erin, and thank you for what you do for Conant High School and also for our District.”

President Klimkowicz presented a certificate to Mrs. Garrity-Duffey for being named the Illinois Art Education Association 2021 Administrator of the Year.

2021-2022 Project Lead the Way National Teacher of the Year

Superintendent Small made the following comments:

“Michael Karasch, a William Fremd High School teacher, has been named the Project Lead the Way National Engineering Teacher of the Year. Earlier this year, he was named a 2021-2022 Project Lead the Way Outstanding Engineering Teacher, which put him in contention for winning this award.

Mike is a 1999 graduate of William Fremd High School and has been with District 211 for 15 years, and he was recognized by the Board last year for earning the 2019-2020 Project Lead the Way Outstanding Engineering Teacher award.

Mike earned this award based on his commitment to providing our students with meaningful learning experiences through our Project Lead the Way program. His strong record of inspiring and empowering lessons to students is well documented within our school, within our district, and within the area.

Mike, congratulations. We join Fremd High School in celebrating you and all that you do for our students.”

President Klimkowicz presented a certificate to Mr. Karasch for being named both a 2021-2022 Project Lead the Way Outstanding Teacher of the Year award winner and the Project Lead the Way National Teacher of the Year award winner.

President Klimkowicz thanked all of the outstanding teachers who were recognized tonight for all that they do for the students and for their support for one another on behalf of the Board of Education.

President Klimkowicz made the following announcement:

“If you would like to leave because you probably have classwork to prepare for tomorrow, you are more than welcome to do so, and we will then move on to Public Comments. Thank you.”

Public Comments

President Klimkowicz made the following announcement:

“We will have two public comments sessions; the first one is general and the second one will be specifically on the budget. We have nine people who have signed up to speak, so it appears that we can have five minutes for each of our presenters.

We welcome you and are pleased to listen to your comments this evening. It is important that you know this is a public Board meeting and not a dialogue. So, the Board members will not be responding or answering your questions at this time. As a reminder, the Board Meeting is being taped and live-streamed. We ask that you value the procedures and the decorum of our meeting and be respectful of those at the podium so they may be heard.

When I call your name, please come forward to the podium and state your name for the record. Though not required, you may state if you are a resident of the District. Please limit your comments to five minutes. You will receive a notification when you have one minute remaining. Any individual's unused time or place in order may not be deferred to another individual.

If you wish a response from the Superintendent, please leave your name and phone number with Mr. Tenopir and a response will come back to you. With that, we will begin.”

The following individual addressed the Board regarding masking, House Bill 4135, and House Bill 4149: John Hauger.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding being in support of mask wearing: Lucinda Saunders.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding being in support of mask wearing: Maria Gallo.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding not being in support of the Illinois Association of School Boards resolutions involving arming teachers and staff, and mental health resources: Joyce Slavik.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding not being in support of mask and vaccines mandates: Kelly Lapetina.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding gangs in schools and school safety: Jasmine Rieves.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding being in support of police officers in schools and being in support of masks being optional: Risse Yamaguchi.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding gangs, safety in schools, and being in support of police officers in schools: Dominique Bonseigneur.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding the Schaumburg High School's cancellation of the powder puff game: Glen Vollkommer,

Public Hearing on the 2021-2022 Budget

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mc Gowan, that the public hearing on the 2021-2022 Budget of Township High School District 211 is now open. The motion carried unanimously. The public hearing opened at 8:09 p.m.

President Klimkowicz asked if there was anyone present, not on the agenda, who wished to address the Board of Education regarding the 2021-2022 budget. No one addressed the Board.

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dombrowski, that the public hearing on the 2021-2022 Budget of Township High School District 211 is now closed. The motion carried unanimously. The public hearing closed at 8:10 p.m.

President Klimkowicz announced that the next item of business is the business portion of the meeting and that members of the audience are welcome to stay if they wish.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dombrowski, that the consent agenda be approved as presented.

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

Aye: Curtis Bradley
Mark Cramer
Peter Dombrowski
Timothy Mc Gowan
Steven Rosenblum
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

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

***Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of August 19, 2021**

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dombrowski, that the minutes of the regular meeting of August 19, 2021 be approved and placed on file.

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

Aye: Curtis Bradley
Mark Cramer
Peter Dombrowski
Timothy Mc Gowan
Steven Rosenblum
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

***Approval of Bills for Payment**

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dombrowski, that bills in the amount of \$17,706,002.26 be approved for payment.

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

Aye: Curtis Bradley
Mark Cramer
Peter Dombrowski
Timothy Mc Gowan
Steven Rosenblum
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

***Financial Report – As of August 31, 2021**

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dombrowski, that the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, Other Financing Sources (Uses), and Changes in Fund Balances for the period ending August 31, 2021 be approved and placed on file.

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

Aye:	Curtis Bradley Mark Cramer Peter Dombrowski Timothy Mc Gowan Steven Rosenblum Anna Klimkowicz
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Nay:	None
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The motion carried unanimously.

***Investment Report – As of August 31, 2021**

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dombrowski, that the investment report for the period ending August 31, 2021 be approved and placed on file.

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

Aye:	Curtis Bradley Mark Cramer Peter Dombrowski Timothy Mc Gowan Steven Rosenblum Anna Klimkowicz
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Nay:	None
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The motion carried unanimously.

***Student Activities Report – As of August 31, 2021**

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dombrowski, that the student activity, trust fund, and convenience fund reports for the period ending August 31, 2021 be approved and placed on file.

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

Aye:	Curtis Bradley Mark Cramer Peter Dombrowski Timothy Mc Gowan Steven Rosenblum Anna Klimkowicz
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Nay:	None
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The motion carried unanimously.

***Personnel Recommendations**

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

Full-Time Teacher Employment:
(Effective 2021-2022 School Year)

Kramarz, Eliza; English as a second language, Palatine High School

Resignation:

Pawlowski, Mary; nurse, Palatine High School

Support New Hires:

Berg, James; teacher assistant, Palatine High School
Cichon, Kendra; teacher assistant, Palatine High School
Emerick, Carrie; teacher assistant, Hoffman Estates High School
Fee, Christina; teacher assistant, William Fremd High School
Griswold, Dawn; support staff, James B. Conant High School
Hansen, Paul; student supervisor, Hoffman Estates High School
Heyse, William; bus driver, G. A. McElroy Administration Center
Lentino, Tyrsa; food service, James B. Conant High School
Loomer, Sherri; food service, Schaumburg High School
Lopez, Tyler; custodian, Hoffman Estates High School
Miller, Benjamin; custodian, Palatine High School
Riccardo, Michael; technology services, William Fremd High School
Rohlfing, Tammi; food service, William Fremd High School
Rossi, Thomas; teacher assistant, William Fremd High School
Schild, Marietta; bus driver, G. A. McElroy Administration Center
Schwarz, Alexandra; teacher assistant, Palatine High School
Weaver, Jason; support staff, James B. Conant High School

Support Staff Resignations:

Abbink, Stewart; bus driver, G. A. McElroy Administration Center
Chrobak, Kenneth; student supervisor, William Fremd High School
Chrobak, Roberta; support staff, Palatine High School
Guarino, Jenna; teacher assistant, William Fremd High School
Kase, Brandon; custodian, G. A. McElroy Administration Center
Kosmicki, Jaclyn; support staff, James B. Conant High School
Morris, William; bus driver, G. A. McElroy Administration Center
Schuldt, Kathi; support staff, Hoffman Estates High School
Skoufes, Anne; bus aide, G. A. McElroy Administration Center
Strzalka, Julie; support staff, James B. Conant High School
Young, Timothy; student supervisor, Schaumburg High School

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

Aye: Curtis Bradley
Mark Cramer
Peter Dombrowski
Timothy Mc Gowan
Steven Rosenblum
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

***Acceptance of Donations**

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dombrowski, that the Board of Education formally accept the donations of \$3,200 from the Rotary Club of Schaumburg/Hoffman Estates Charitable Foundation; \$3,835 from Dennis and Tina Bucalo and donors from St. Paul United Church of Christ; a 2000 Mercury Cougar from Nicole Guarino; \$3,000 from John Cersani; and \$1,000 from Prospect Electric Company; further, that letters 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: Curtis Bradley
Mark Cramer
Peter Dombrowski
Timothy Mc Gowan
Steven Rosenblum
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

***New Student Activity, Trust, and Convenience Accounts for 2021-2022**

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dombrowski, that the Board of Education approve the new activity accounts as recommended.

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

Aye: Curtis Bradley
Mark Cramer
Peter Dombrowski
Timothy Mc Gowan
Steven Rosenblum
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Freedom of Information Act Requests

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

Report on New Professional Staff

The Board of Education received and reviewed a report on professional staff new to the District for the 2021-2022 school year.

Sixth Day Enrollment

The Board of Education received and reviewed a summary of the sixth day enrollments for the 2021-2022 school year showing a total enrollment of 11,766 in the District's five high schools. Total enrollment – including District 211 North Campus, Higgins Education Center, and off-campus special education – was 12,028.

Class Size Committee Report

The Board of Education received and reviewed a report from the Class Size Committee.

Salary Compensation Report

The Board of Education received and reviewed a report on salary compensation.

2021 Summer School Enrollment and Cost Analysis

The Board of Education received and reviewed a report on District 211's summer school enrollment and cost analysis.

Downtown Palatine Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Extension

Superintendent Small made the following statement:

“The Downtown Palatine Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district was created in 1999, which has provided for the redevelopment of the area and is set to expire in the year 2022. The expectation of the TIF is for incremental growth in the Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) to provide funding for the identified projects within the TIF redevelopment and improvement plans.

The property values with the Downtown Palatine TIF decreased from 2009 to 2011 and the TIF lost an estimated \$19 million in projected revenue to fund the designated TIF projects. The TIF area has not recovered the lost EAV levels sufficiently to complete several improvement projects – including stormwater and flooding improvements, parking improvements for streetscape, pedestrian safety, and lighting.

The Village of Palatine is proposing the TIF extension to collect revenues to complete the remaining projects. The revenue is expected to be gained within the first two years of a potential extension, but the TIF needs to remain open until all projects are complete. Therefore, the Village is proposing that the surplus payments be made back to the taxing districts as presented in the Board meeting write-up tonight.

The financial impact to the District is estimated over the first two years of being \$4 million in revenue. It is recommended that if the Board is supportive of this potential TIF extension, that an Intergovernmental Agreement be approved – that is approved by the Village of Palatine first – and then be presented to this Board at the October meeting.

The Village of Palatine has been meeting with Lauren Hummel, Barb Peterson, and me regarding this TIF extension. Tonight, Paul Mehring, the Village of Palatine director of finance and operations, and Mike Jacobs, the Village of Palatine deputy village manager, are here to answer any questions for the Board in regard to the Village.”

The Board of Education received, reviewed, and discussed information on the proposed Downtown Palatine TIF District extension and a possible intergovernmental agreement between District 211, the Village of Palatine, and Community Consolidated School District 15; and Mr. Jacobs (Village of Palatine deputy village manager) and Chief Operating Officer Lauren Hummel answered Board members’ questions.

After discussion, President Klimkowicz asked if there was consensus on whether or not the Board should act on an intergovernmental agreement between District 211 and the Village of Palatine and support the Downtown Palatine TIF District extension. Commenting to act on an intergovernmental agreement between District 211 and the Village of Palatine and support the Downtown Palatine TIF District extension were Mr. Bradley, Mr. Cramer, Mr. Rosenblum, Mr. Mc Gowan, and Mrs. Klimkowicz. Commenting to not support an intergovernmental agreement between District 211 and the Village of Palatine and not support the Downtown Palatine TIF District extension was Mr. Dombrowski.

President Klimkowicz stated that there was consensus to support an intergovernmental agreement between District 211 and the Village of Palatine and to support the Downtown Palatine TIF District extension.

Superintendent Small stated that after potential approval from the Village of Palatine of an intergovernmental agreement between District 211 and the Village of Palatine involving the potential TIF extension, this item would be brought to the Board for action at the October 21, 2021 Board meeting.

Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of the 2021-2022 Budget

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bradley, that the Board of Education adopt the resolution as presented to establish the fiscal year of the School District to begin July 1, 2021 and end June 30, 2022, and that the budget as presented for the fiscal year 2021-2022 be adopted (attached to official minutes).

The following Board members made statements about the adoption of the 2021-2022 budget: Mr. Dombrowski, Mr. Cramer, Mr. Rosenblum, Mrs. Klimkowicz, and Mr. Bradley.

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

Aye:	Curtis Bradley Steven Rosenblum Timothy Mc Gowan Anna. Klimkowicz
Nay:	Peter Dombrowski

Present: Mark Cramer

The motion carried.

Proposed Policy Revision: BBB School Board Elections

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dombrowski, that proposed policy file: BBB School Board Elections be adopted as proposed and included in the Board Policy Manual; further that the Superintendent be directed to make appropriate distribution.

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

Aye: Timothy Mc Gowan
Steven Rosenblum
Mark Cramer
Curtis Bradley
Peter Dombrowski
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Policy Revision: BCBA Board Officers

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dombrowski, that proposed policy file: BCBA Board Officers be adopted as proposed and included in the Board Policy Manual; further that the Superintendent be directed to make appropriate distribution.

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

Aye: Curtis Bradley
Peter Dombrowski
Steven Rosenblum
Mark Cramer
Timothy Mc Gowan
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

2021 Tax Levy Introduction

Superintendent Small gave an overview of and the Board of Education received and reviewed introductory information on the 2021 tax levy and the dates on the 2021 Tax Levy Calendar that include the October 21, 2021 Board of Education Meeting at which the 2021 levy information will be reviewed; the November 11, 2021 Board of Education Meeting at which a proposed tax levy amount will be determined by the Board; and the December 9, 2021 Board of Education Meeting at which a proposed tax levy will be presented to the Board for adoption.

Community Engagement Discussion

The Board of Education discussed a potential community engagement committee. After discussion, President Klimkowicz asked the Board if there is consensus for her and the Superintendent to develop a plan for a community engagement to share before the next Board meeting; no one objected.

Board Member Expenses

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mc Gowan, that the Board of Education approve the Pre-Approval Form for Future Expense Reimbursement for Anna Klimkowicz to attend the North Cook Division Fall Meeting, September 22, 2021 and the North Cook Division Spring Dinner Meeting in March 2022 as submitted.

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

Aye:	Steven Rosenblum Timothy Mc Gowan Curtis Bradley Anna Klimkowicz
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Present:	Mark Cramer Peter Dombrowski
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The motion carried.

Potential Topics for Future Discussion

Mr. Cramer made comments regarding perceived conflict of interest involving campaign donations and potential policy language changes. President Klimkowicz stated all members of the Board are involved during negotiations with the unions. After discussion, there was no consensus for a continued discussion on the topic.

Northwest Suburban Special Education Organization (NSSEO)

Mrs. Klimkowicz reported on recent NSSEO activities.

Education Research Development (ED-RED) Legislative Report

Mr. Rosenblum reported on recent ED-RED activities.

Facilities and Building Safety Report

Mr. Bradley reported on recent Facilities and Building Safety activities and the recent facilities projects across District 211, and he thanked Mrs. Hummel, Superintendent Small, and Director of Facilities and Purchasing John Pahlman for accompanying him on his visit the facility at William Fremd High School and for giving him a high-level overview of what the District will be doing to maintain the life and safety of the school for the students.

Illinois Association of School Boards

Mrs. Klimkowicz reported on the Illinois Association of School Boards' North Cook Division legislative dinner meeting on September 22, 2021.

Announcements

President Klimkowicz thanked the District 211 technical staff for promptly correcting technical issues involving flyers for the First-Generation College Night that was held on September 16, 2021 and she thanked the community members for their emails to the Board members letting them know about the issue.

President Klimkowicz made the following announcements:

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| A. October | 5 | -- | District 211 College Night -- Palatine High School -- 6:30 p.m. -- Mr. Rosenblum Attending |
| B. | 6 | -- | National Honor Society Induction -- James B. Conant High School -- 7:30 p.m. -- Mr. Dombrowski Attending |
| C. | 11 | -- | Columbus Day -- All District Buildings Closed |
| D. | 21 | -- | Next Board of Education Meeting -- 6:30 p.m. |
| E. November | 1 | -- | National Honor Society Induction -- Schaumburg High School -- 7:00 p.m. -- Mr. Rosenblum Attending |
| F. | 2 | -- | Fall Sports Awards Night -- Hoffman Estates High School -- 7:00 p.m. -- Mr. Rosenblum Attending |

Mrs. Klimkowicz and Mr. Rosenblum reported on their visits to the schools' Open House events on September 2, 2021.

Closed Session

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mc Gowan, that the Board enter closed session to discuss minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act [5 ILCS 120/2 (2) (21)]; appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees [5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)]; matter pertaining to an individual student [5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (10)]; and collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives [5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2)].

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

Aye:	Curtis Bradley Mark Cramer Peter Dombrowski Timothy Mc Gowan Steven Rosenblum Anna Klimkowicz
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Nay:	None
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The motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Education left for executive session at 9:25 p.m. and resumed its meeting at 10:30 p.m.

Acceptance of Retirement Requests

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dombrowski, that the Board of Education accepts the retirement requests of William Chap, effective May 2024 according to the Master Contract of the District 211 United Support Staff; Peter Dudek, effective May 2023 according to the Master Contract of the District 211 United Support Staff; Grace Nocula, effective December 2022 according to the Master Contract of the District 211 United Support Staff; Cynthia Rogers, effective June 2023 consistent with the Master Contract of the District 211 United Support Staff; and Jack Schamrowski, effective May 2023 according to the Master contract of the District 211 United Support Staff.

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

Aye: Steven Rosenblum
Curtis Bradley
Timothy Mc Gowan
Peter Dombrowski
Mark Cramer
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, President Klimkowicz thereupon declared the meeting adjourned at 10:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, District 211

President, District 211