

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
211 TOGETHER
SPECIAL MEETING
November 13, 2021
9:00 a.m.
Official**

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Township High School District 211, Cook County, Illinois – entitled the “211 Together Special Board of Education Meeting” – was held on November 13, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the media center at Hoffman Estates High School at 1100 W. Higgins Road, Hoffman Estates, 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/channel/UCpzOJrFVEJL1NNgLC2nmozA>.

ROLL CALL

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

Physically Present: Mark Cramer, Member
Kimberly Cavill, Secretary and Member
Peter R. Dombrowski, Member
Timothy Mc Gowan, Member
Steven Rosenblum, Vice President and Member
Anna Klimkowicz, President and Member

Absent: Curtis Bradley, 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.

Student Support Services Panel

Superintendent Small made the following statement:

“It is my pleasure to introduce a group of people who work from different perspectives to achieve the same goal of providing for the needs of our students and their families.

Jacquese Gilbert is the director of summer school and community outreach. In one of her roles, she connects with many of our outside service providers for our families through the Partners for Our Community.

Dr. Mary Pat Kronen is the assistant director of special education, a psychologist and is on the Board of Directors for The Bridge Youth and Family Services.

Matt Hildebrand is the director of administrative services and works with our intervention offices, school resource officers and is the homeless liaison for the District.

Mike Alther is the facilitator this morning and is the Principal of Hoffman Estates High School.

We also have an additional guest, Officer Christina Gibbs, who is the school resource officer at Schaumburg High School and also present is Officer Rich Rebmann, school resource officer, Hoffman Estates High School.

Our students attend school for their education, but to fully access these educational opportunities to their fullest, they may need support services for themselves or their family along the way. Today, for a few minutes we will give a brief introduction to our student support services. I truly appreciate all of you being here today. We have a limited time of 15 minutes for this panel discussion, so we will get started.”

The panelists presented on various student support services.

Responses to Pre-submitted and Written Questions

The Board of Education members, panelists and Superintendent Lisa Small answered pre-submitted and written questions on student support services and general questions regarding mask wearing, not using phones in school, legal fees for a current lawsuit, Spanish-speaking parents’ transitions to high school and parent groups, tools already available for career exploration and parents on the District Wellness Committee.

Public Comments

President Klimkowicz made the following announcement:

“As always, the Board welcomes you and we are pleased to listen to your comments this morning. 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 three minutes. Any individual’s unused time or place in order may not be deferred to another individual.

If questions are a part of the comment, I will oversee if an immediate response can occur from the Superintendent or the Board. If you do not get a chance to address the Board, you may email Board members directly. The email addresses are listed on the District 211 website under Board of Education and Board Members.

There will be a maximum of 30 minutes allotted for public comment.”

The following individual signed up at the meeting to address the Board and thanked the school district for their work and expressed support of students wearing masks: Eric Allan.

Various members of the audience informally asked questions and made comments. Various Board members and the Superintendent responded.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, President Klimkowicz thereupon declared the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, District 211

President, District 211