

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING**

November 8, 2012

7:30 p.m.

Official

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, Township High School District 211, Cook County, Illinois was held on November 8, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the G.A. McElroy Administration Center at 1750 South Roselle Road, Palatine, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

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

Physically Present: George P. Brandt, Vice President and Member
Richard Gerber, Member
Anna Klimkowicz, Member
Bill Robertson, Member
Edward Yung, Secretary and Member
Robert LeFevre, President and Member

Present By Other Means: None

Absent: Mucia Burke, Member

Also present were: Nancy N. Robb, 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.

National Council of Teachers of English Achievement in Writing Award

Superintendent Robb introduced James B. Conant High School English Teacher Jordan Catapana. Mr. Catapana introduced and President LeFevre presented plaques to Ann Singer and Deana Becker for receiving the National Council of Teachers of English Writing Achievement Award.

Superintendent Robb introduced Palatine High School English Teacher Marci Albrecht. Mrs. Albrecht introduced and President LeFevre presented a plaque to Preslav Mantchev for receiving the National Council of Teachers of English Writing Achievement Award.

Highest Possible Composite Score on the American College Testing Examination

Superintendent Robb introduced William Fremd High School Mathematics Teacher Christopher Grattoni. Mr. Grattoni introduced and President LeFevre presented a plaque to Benjamin Lewis for earning a 36, the highest possible composite score on the September 2012 American College Testing (ACT) examination.

Those Who Excel

Superintendent Robb made the following comments:

Each year, the Illinois State Board of Education sponsors “*Those Who Excel*” awards to honor individuals who have made significant contributions to our state’s schools.

Tonight, I am proud to recognize several District 211 representatives who have been honored statewide for their professional contributions, leadership, and community service. Each “*Those Who Excel*” award recipient will receive a crystal apple, similar to the one I have displayed here.

Hoffman Estates High School Student Services Director **Jennifer Beers** was recognized with a Those Who Excel award in the Administrator category. Jen is known for always going above and beyond in helping students who are going through challenging times. She also pushes her students to reach their goals. A Hoffman Estates High School graduate said in Jen’s nomination packet, “The most significant and personally meaningful impact Mrs. Beers had on me was that she not only believed in me, but she helped me believe in myself.” Jen has a way of reaching her students and pushing them to their full potential.

Thank you, Jen, for all of your hard work and dedication. Congratulations on your award.

President LeFevre presented a crystal apple to Mrs. Beers for receiving a “Those Who Excel” award in the Administrator category from the Illinois State Board of Education.

Schaumburg High School English Teacher **Brian Curtin** was honored in the Classroom Teacher category, and I am proud to say that he was chosen from nine finalists as the 2012-2013 Illinois Teacher of the Year. Brian serves as a positive role model for his students both as a teacher in the classroom, and a coach on the field. His down-to-earth teaching approach has pushed his students to be confident, communicative learners, collaborators, and leaders. Additionally, his involvement in the Saxon Pride positive behavior program has helped change the overall climate of school for the better. In fact, a former student of his said that Brian is an exemplary teacher and one of the most influential people in his life.

As Teacher of the Year, Brian will represent Illinois at the NASA Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama. He also will be the state’s representative in the National Teacher of the Year program, which will be announced in March 2013.

We are very proud to have Brian in our District, and congratulate him on this great honor.

President LeFevre presented a crystal apple to Mr. Curtin for receiving a “Those Who Excel” award in the Classroom Teacher category from the Illinois State Board of Education.

Guidance Counselor **Jennifer Grapenthin** was recognized in the category of Student Support Personnel, and truly understands what it means to make Palatine High School a home away from home for students. Jenny was raised in Palatine, attended Palatine High School, married her husband who also went to Palatine High School, has a daughter getting ready to enter Palatine High School, and continues to watch the community grow and change. Through her involvement in several school programs, she has a way of connecting with students who feel as if they don’t have anyone on their side. She is particularly engaged with the Latino community because of her fluency in Spanish and vast understanding of the culture. A student who personally felt a connection with Jenny said that she is a positive influence on her students and a great asset to education.

Jenny, thank you for all that you do, and congratulations on this outstanding award.

President LeFevre presented a crystal apple to Mrs. Grapenthin for receiving a “Those Who Excel” award in the Student Support Personnel category from the Illinois State Board of Education.

Andy Park was honored in the category of Educational Service Personnel category for his District Office role as System and Programming Manager. Andy’s organization, planning, and work behind the scenes makes access to information easy for staff, parents, and students at each of our schools. He has played a critical role in providing smooth transitions between changes in technology and applications, including our new Infinite Campus student information system. To say that he works tirelessly to ensure our staff, students, and parents are able to access data and information is truly an understatement -- if there is a problem at 2:00 in the morning, Andy is up working on it until it is solved.

Andy, thank you for your commitment and dedication. Congratulations on this well-deserved award.

President LeFevre presented a crystal apple to Mr. Park for receiving a “Those Who Excel” award in the Educational Service Personnel category from the Illinois State Board of Education.

Fremd High School’s VAMP program was recognized in the Team category, and includes team members **Augie Fontenetta, Chad Jonas, Kristy Loughin-Vance, and Antonette Minniti**. VAMP is an acronym for the Viking Advisory and Mentoring Program. This initiative connects freshmen students with a teacher advisor, an upper-class student mentor, and a counselor who meet with their students four times a week. Various topics are addressed such as study skills, peer pressure, bullying, and drugs and alcohol, just to name a few. And, the outcome is that students feel supported and comfortable throughout their first year of high school, which ultimately leads to greater student success. Sophomore Colleen Francis said without VAMP, she doesn’t know where she would be today, and that it’s helped her become a leader at school.

I’d like to thank each of you for your outstanding efforts, and congratulate you on this award.

President LeFevre presented a crystal apple to Mr. Fontanetta, Mr. Jonas, Mrs. Loughin-Vance, and Ms. Minniti for receiving a “Those Who Excel” award in the Team category from the Illinois State Board of Education.

Fifteen Years of Service to the Board of Education – Anna Klimkowicz

President LeFevre made the following comments:

In 1982, the Board of Education adopted a service award program to recognize employees for their years of service to High School District 211. Recognition is given to people who have served for five years and each five years thereafter.

Tonight, I am pleased to help honor Board of Education Member Anna Klimkowicz for fifteen years of dedicated service. Our fifteen-year service award is a pen and pencil set.

Mrs. Klimkowicz was elected to the Board of Education in 1997, and re-elected in 2001, 2005, and 2009. She has twice served as Board Secretary. She has been recognized by the Illinois Association of School Boards as a “Master School Board Member,” and in 2002 she received a “Those Who Excel” award from the Illinois State Board of Education.

During her 15 years as a Board Member, Mrs. Klimkowitz has represented the Board in various roles including being the Booster Club liaison and an Illinois Association of School Boards delegate. She has served on the Bid Opening, Facilities, Financial, and Policy committees. She is currently serving on the Technology Committee and she is the District representative to NSSEO, a capacity in which she also served from 1997-2009.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to recognize Mrs. Klimkowitz and to thank her for 15 years of commitment and dedication to our school District.

President LeFevre presented a pen and pencil set to Mrs. Klimkowitz for her fifteen years of service to the Township High School District 211 Board of Education.

On behalf of the Board of Education, President LeFevre congratulated the students and staff members who were recognized this evening.

Break

The Board of Education took a break from 7:55 p.m. to 8:01 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, who wished to speak before the Board of Education. Joe Heater and Vickie Wilson, Palatine residents, addressed the Board regarding sale of School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds; and Roman Golash, Palatine resident, addressed the Board regarding educating students on the importance of Veterans' Day.

Assistive Technology Presentation

Director of Special Education Julie Nowak, Assistive Technology Coordinator Nicole Macy-Robertson, and Assistive Technology Specialist Alison West presented information and answered Board Members' questions on the development of assistive technology in District 211 and how it has impacted the lives of students.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Klimkowitz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that the consent agenda be approved.

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

Aye:	George Brandt Richard Gerber Anna Klimkowitz Bill Robertson 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 October 18, 2012**

Mrs. Klimkowitz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that the minutes of the regular meeting of October 18, 2012 be approved and placed on file.

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

Aye:	George Brandt Richard Gerber Anna Klimkowitz Bill Robertson Edward Yung Robert LeFevre
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Nay:	None
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The motion carried unanimously.

***Closed Session Audio Tape Recordings**

Mrs. Klimkowitz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that for the following Board of Education meetings at least 18 months prior to tonight's meeting, the Board has approved written minutes of the closed session that comply with the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Furthermore, where verbatim recordings were created of those closed sessions, the Board Secretary is hereby authorized to direct the destruction of such verbatim recordings in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act: May 26, 2011.

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

Aye:	George Brandt Richard Gerber Anna Klimkowitz Bill Robertson Edward Yung Robert LeFevre
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Nay:	None
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The motion carried unanimously.

***Approval of Bills for Payment**

Mrs. Klimkowitz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that bills in the amount of \$15,738,038.27 be approved for payment.

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

Aye:	George Brandt Richard Gerber Anna Klimkowitz Bill Robertson Edward Yung Robert LeFevre
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Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

***Financial Report – As of September 30, 2012**

Mrs. Klimkowitz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, Other Financing Sources (Uses) and Changes in Fund Balances for the period ending September 30, 2012 be approved and placed on file.

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

Aye: George Brandt
Richard Gerber
Anna Klimkowitz
Bill Robertson
Edward Yung
Robert LeFevre

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

***Investment Report – As of September 30, 2012**

Mrs. Klimkowitz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that the investment report for the period ending September 30, 2012 be approved and placed on file.

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

Aye: George Brandt
Richard Gerber
Anna Klimkowitz
Bill Robertson
Edward Yung
Robert LeFevre

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

***Student Activities Report – As of September 30, 2012**

Mrs. Klimkowitz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that the student activity, trust fund, and convenience fund report for the period ending September 30, 2012 be approved and placed on file.

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

Aye: George Brandt
Richard Gerber
Anna Klimkowitz
Bill Robertson
Edward Yung
Robert LeFevre

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

***2012-2013 Revenue and Expenditure Budget Plan**

Mrs. Klimkowitz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that the 2012-2013 Revenue and Expenditure Budget Plan be accepted as presented.

Aye: George Brandt
Richard Gerber
Anna Klimkowitz
Bill Robertson
Edward Yung
Robert LeFevre

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

***Acceptance of Donation – Automobiles**

Mrs. Klimkowitz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that the Board of Education formally accepts the donation of a 1993 Mazda 6 from David Ebner and a 2002 Chrysler Town and Country van from Learning Loft; further, that letters of appreciation be sent; on the Board’s behalf, by the Superintendent.

Aye: George Brandt
Richard Gerber
Anna Klimkowitz
Bill Robertson
Edward Yung
Robert LeFevre

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

***Personnel Recommendations**

Mrs. Klimkowitz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that personnel recommendations be accepted as presented.

Part-Time Teacher Employment First Semester:
(Effective 2012-2013 School Year)

Colletti, Valerie; English as a second language, Palatine High School

Support Staff New Hires:

Bruce, Terrence; custodian, Palatine High School
Davis, Jeffery; teacher assistant, Palatine High School

Knutson, Constance; student supervisor, Schaumburg High School
 Schulmeister, Jennifer; teacher assistant, William Fremd High School

Resignation:

Temple, Maureen; teacher assistant, Schaumburg High School

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

Aye: George Brandt
 Richard Gerber
 Anna Klimkowicz
 Bill Robertson
 Edward Yung
 Robert LeFevre

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

***Bid for Consideration**

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that for the bid listed below, the Board of Education award the business to the lowest responsible bidders as listed in the administrative bid recommendation dated November 8, 2012. (Attached to official minutes):

1. Custodial maintenance supplies for the custodial maintenance department – sixteen vendors	\$227,247.21
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TOTAL:	\$227, 247.21

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

Aye: George Brandt
 Richard Gerber
 Anna Klimkowicz
 Bill Robertson
 Edward Yung
 Robert LeFevre

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Freedom of Information Act Requests

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

Curriculum Committee Report

Mrs. Klimkowitz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that the curriculum committee report and recommendations be approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

2013-2014 Budget Calendar

The Board of Education reviewed the 2013-2014 budget calendar.

2011-2012 Annual Report

Mrs. Klimkowitz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that the Board of Education accept the 2011-2012 Annual Report and directs the Superintendent to make appropriate distribution. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration and Action on a Resolution Providing for the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$16,000,000 School Fire Prevention and Life Safety Bonds

Mrs. Klimkowitz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robertson, that the Board of Education approves the resolution to authorize the issue of not to exceed \$16 million of General Obligation Limited School Bonds and for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on these bonds; and further, the resolution designates the Board President and Superintendent as representatives on behalf of the Board of Education to sell the bonds and accept the lowest responsible bidder at a competitive sale conducted by the District's independent financial advisor, PMA Securities. (Attached to the official minutes)

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

Aye:	Anna Klimkowitz George Brandt Edward Yung Bill Robertson Richard Gerber Robert LeFevre
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Nay:	None
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The motion carried unanimously.

Proposed 2012 Tax Levy

Mr. Yung made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Klimkowitz, that the Board of Education approve the resolution which sets forth the amount of \$204,590,600 excluding the Debt Service levy, as the proposed 2012 levy for Township High School District 211 and directs publication of a notice of public hearing on the proposed levy at its December 13th meeting. (Attached to the official minutes)

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

Aye:	Richard Gerber Bill Robertson George Brandt Anna Klimkowitz Edward Yung Robert LeFevre
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Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Policy Revision: Participation in Athletics or Extracurricular Activities

The Board of Education received and reviewed a proposed policy revision to Board policy file: IGDB Participation in Athletics or Extracurricular Activities.

Proposed Policy Revision: Student Suspension

The Board of Education received and reviewed a proposed policy revision to Board policy file: JGD Student Suspension.

Northwest Suburban Special Education Organization

The Board of Education received a comprehensive analysis of the implications associated with the District's continued membership in and possible withdrawal from NSSEO.

Education Research Development/Legislative Report

Mr. Gerber reported on the recent activities of Ed-Red.

Announcements

President LeFevre made the following announcements:

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| A. | November | 9 | -- | Teacher Institute Day – No Classes |
| B. | | 12 | -- | Veterans' Day – All District Buildings Closed |
| C. | | 13 | -- | Palatine High School Fall Sports Awards – 7:00 p.m. –
Mr. Yung Attending |
| D. | | 13 | -- | William Fremd High School Fall Sports Awards –
7:00 p.m. – Mr. LeFevre Attending |
| E. | | 16-18 | -- | Illinois Association of School Boards/Illinois Association
of School Administrators/Illinois Association of School
Business Officials Annual Conference – Chicago – Mr.
Gerber, Mrs. Klimkowicz, Mr. LeFevre, and Mr. Yung
Attending |
| F. | | 22 | -- | Thanksgiving Day – All District Buildings Closed |
| G. | | 23 | -- | Thanksgiving Holiday – All District Buildings Closed |
| H. | | 28 | -- | Schaumburg High School National Honor Society
Induction – 7:00 p.m. – Mr. Gerber Attending |
| I. | | 28 | -- | Hoffman Estates High School National Honor Society
Induction – 7:30 p.m. – Mrs. Klimkowicz Attending |
| J. | December | 13 | -- | Next Board of Education Meeting – 7:30 p.m. |

Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees

Mr. Robertson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that the Board of Education accept the retirement requests of Dee Fuderer, Schaumburg High School (June 2016); Daniel Paez, G. A. McElroy Administration Center (June 2013); and Steven Sivak, Palatine High School (June 2016).

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

Aye: Bill Robertson
Anna Klimkowicz
Richard Gerber
Edward Yung
George Brandt
Robert LeFevre

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, President LeFevre thereupon declared the meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, District 211

President, District 211