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## **Board of Education Recap**

The Township High School District 211 Board of Education met on Thursday, April 28, 2022, in the Board Room of the G.A. McElroy Administration Center. The following is a recap of items that were acted upon at the meeting.

### **Administrative Appointment**

The Board of Education approved the appointment of LaShaunda Sandifer as the District's Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. She currently is a special education teacher at Glenbard West High School, a position she has held since the 2020-2021 school year.

She began her teaching career in 2013 as a paraprofessional in Thornton Fractional Township District 215 and transitioned into special education one year later. She also has held a special education teaching role at Homewood-Flossmoor Community School District 233.

Ms. Sandifer received her undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice from Wright State University and holds a master's degree in teaching from National Louis University and a master's degree in Educational Leadership from Wright State University. She earned a Diversity and Inclusion Certificate from Cornell University and is scheduled to complete her Director of Special Education Certificate in August 2022.

### **Ratification of Master Contract with Teachers' Union**

The Board approved a two-year contract with the District 211 Teachers' Union.

The contract, which takes effect July 1, 2022, is a two-year agreement. It provides for 3 percent base salary increases for each of the two years and also aligns final pre-retirement earning limitations at a 6 percent threshold consistent with an Illinois legislation change. The contract also calls for increased health care premiums.

### **Recognitions**

The Board of Education recognized students who earned honors in statewide activity and athletic competitions.

Included in the evening's recognitions were IHSA Debate State winners and Special Olympics Unified Basketball Teams. Specifically recognized were:

Palatine High School - IHSA Debate: **Ria Iyer, Pranav Pillai, Ishika Mishra, Ravi Shah** and Sponsor **Brenda Moreno**

Fremd High School - IHSA Debate: **Selina Jiang, Gabriel W. Seidman, Adithya Vaidyanathan, Sophia Zhao, Sanjana E Kashyap, Eric C. Fei, Calvin T. Franke, Rhea Mukherjee, Adarsh Prathap, Prashanth Ramachandra** and Sponsor **Tiffany Reagan**

Schaumburg High School - IHSA Debate: **Clark B. Easley** and Sponsor **Carl Schwartz**

Hoffman Estates High School – Special Olympics Unified Basketball State Champions: **Jaylan Johnson, Matthew Castillo, Jashawn Johnson, Amani Jones** and Coach **Eric Gdowski**

Higgins Education Center – Special Olympics Unified Basketball State Champions: **Diego Barrera, John Costion, Tyler Greenbaum, Yudel Hidalgo-Gato, Marcus Manozza, Zachary Pierce, Jessica Sommerer** and Coach **Eric Gdowski**

District 211 teachers Kerri Largo and Mary Lopez are finalists for the Golden Apples Excellence in Teaching awards. Schaumburg High School social studies teacher **Mary Lopez** was recognized at this Board meeting and Hoffman Estates High School business education department chairperson Kerri Largo will be recognized at the May 12 Board meeting.

The Board also recognized Palatine High School Debate Sponsor **Brenda Moreno** as the Illinois Debate Community Coach of the Year, for her exemplary leadership.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The Board of Education approved the minutes from its regular meeting on [April 7, 2022](#) and its special meeting on [April 14, 2022](#).

### **Illinois High School Association Renewal of Membership**

The Board authorized membership in the Illinois High School Association for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 for each District school and designated each District 211 principal as an IHSA delegate.

A full report is [here](#).

### **Bids for Consideration**

The Board awarded bids for street salt and fire extinguisher service for all schools and the administration center, based on the lowest responsive and responsible bidders.

Full information is [here](#).

### **Surplus School Property**

Per Board Policy DN School Property Disposal, property owned by the District with market value of more than \$300 may be disposed to the best advantage of the District with condition of equipment reviewed by the Board of Education prior to its disposal.

The Board authorized the donation of 50 used laptop computers to the Excel Beyond 211 program and authorized the sale of various pieces of equipment and property.

The full report is available [here](#).

## **Strategic Plan: Mission and Values**

During the Strategic Plan Workshop at the Special Board of Education Meeting on April 14, Board members evaluated District 211's mission and values statements with the guidance of a consultant from Insight Education. This was done based on feedback from focus groups and the Strategic Plan steering committee. Board members provided individual and collective input into reshaping the mission and values at that meeting.

The Board reviewed proposed mission and value statements, and both will be brought back to Board meetings on May 12, 2022 and May 26, 2022 for official review of the changes and subsequent approval.

Details are available [here](#).

## **Request for Proposal - Athletic Training Services**

District 211 provides comprehensive athletic training services at each of our high schools. Athletic trainers provide assistance to all levels of the District's 30 sports including practices, contests, summer camps and special events.

District 211 employs a full-time staff member as a head athletic trainer at four high schools and has a stipend position for head training responsibilities at James B. Conant High School. To support the remaining athletic training needs at each school, the District has contracted with area athletic training service providers on an annual basis.

The District's current contract for athletic trainer services is with Athletico Physical Therapy. The current two-year agreement expires June 30, 2022. A new Request for Proposal was sent to seven vendors. Athletico was the only vendor to reply to the request.

The Board reviewed a recommendation to enter into a three-year contract with Athletico Physical Therapy for the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025 with an option for a two-year extension for the period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027.

Full information is available [here](#).

## **Next Board of Education Meeting**

The next scheduled regular Board of Education meeting will be held Thursday, May 12, 2022, 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 of the G.A. McElroy Administration Center.