

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING**

**April 30, 2015
7:30 p.m.
(Official)**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, Township High School District 211, Cook County, Illinois was held on April 30, 2015 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: Mucia A. Burke, Vice President and Member
 Anna Klimkowicz, Secretary and Member
 Robert LeFevre, Member
 Mike Scharringhausen, Member
 Bill Robertson, President and Member

Present By Other Means: None

Absent: George P. Brandt, Member
 Richard Gerber, Member

Also present were: Daniel E. Cates, Superintendent; members of the District administrative staff; interested citizens; and members of the press.

Military Recognition

Superintendent Cates made the following comments:

Good evening and welcome. We have a tradition at Board of Education meetings to recognize District 211 graduates who serve in our military. At this time, I would like to ask Sergeant George Rivera to please come forward. After honoring Sergeant Rivera, we will ask him to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sergeant Rivera is a 2007 Conant High School graduate and is currently serving in the Marine Corps. He began his military career with Recruit Training in San Diego in 2007, followed by Marine Combat Training at Camp Pendleton, California. In 2008, Sergeant Rivera attended Naval Justice School in Newport, Rhode Island. From 2008-2012, he served as a legal, non-commissioned officer in the Marine Corps Air Control Group stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Air Base in Illinois. In 2013, he served as a quality assurance non-commissioned officer at the Chicago Military Processing Center. Earlier this year, he was assigned duties as a Marine Representative at the Recruiting Sub-Station in Naperville, Illinois.

Sergeant Rivera has been awarded a National Defense Medal, a Global War on Terrorism Medal, a Marine Corps Reserves Good Conduct Medal, a Navy Unit Commendation Medal, and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals.

Sergeant Rivera, on behalf of Conant High School, District 211, and the Board of Education, I join everyone here tonight in thanking you for your commitment and service to our community and our country. Please lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge of Allegiance

After the introduction and recognition, Sergeant Rivera led the Board of Education and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition – State Award Winners

Superintendent Cates introduced Director of Athletics and Activities Augustino Fontanetta. Mr. Fontanetta introduced William Fremd High School Group Interpretation Coach Judy Klingner. William Fremd High School Principal Kurt Tenopir, Assistant Principal Eric Dolen, and Assistant Group Interpretation Coaches Michael Cross, Lauren Dennhardt, and Michael Karasch were also introduced. Mr. Tenopir presented a plaque to Mrs. Klingner for the team being state champions at the Group Interpretation competition. Mrs. Klingner introduced and Mr. Tenopir presented medallions to Connor Bradshaw, Haley Dirkes-Jacks, Paige Dirkes-Jacks, Christopher Filarski, Katherine Haggett, William Helgren, and Braden Kobeski for being named to the all-state cast and being state champions; and to Caitlin Adolphsen, Hannah Adolphsen, Aastha Agarwal, Katherine Anderson, Mary Baughman, Lauren Berryhill, Nicole Calvaresi, Gurpreet Dhaliwal, Julia Dirkes-Jacks, Allison Gile, Chiranth Kishore, Eshwar Kishore, Christine Latourette, Luke Madden, Benjamin Mathew, Emily McHugh, Allison Nakarawa, William Pagenkopf, Walter Panfil, Natalie Perkins, Kyle Price, Angela Rublaitus, Aidan Stadler, Jaxon Stout, and An Yamamoto for being named state champion at the Group Interpretation state competition.

Mr. Fontanetta introduced William Fremd High School Scholastic Bowl Coach Kevin Palmer. Assistant Scholastic Bowl Coaches Christopher Grattoni and Laura Marsh were also introduced. Mr. Tenopir presented a plaque to Mr. Palmer for the team receiving third in state at the Scholastic Bowl state competition. Mr. Palmer introduced and Mr. Tenopir presented medallions to Timothy Chin, Gretchen Coleman, Melinda Coleman, Bissmun Gill, Kashif Javid, Kartik Kansal, Advay Mahajan, Rebecca Mathew, Soumyaa Mazumder, Daniel Tokarz, Gregor Wettermann, and Jennie Yang for placing third in state at the Scholastic Bowl state competition.

Mt. Fontanetta introduced James B. Conant High School Principal Julie Nowak, Assistant Principal Courtney Buss, and Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering Sponsor Ami Marshall. Ms. Marshall introduced and Mrs. Nowak presented a plaque to Mohanrinivas Chennakesavalu for placing second in chemistry at the Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering state competition.

Mr. Fontanetta introduced Schaumburg High School Principal Tim Little and Assistant Principal Shayne Bullen. Mrs. Bullen introduced and Mr. Little presented a medallion to Akhila Rao for placing sixth in chemistry at the Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering state competition.

Recognition – Highest Possible Composite Score on the American College Testing Examination

Superintendent Cates made the following comments:

The ACT is taken by nearly 60 percent of America's college-bound students. The highest possible composite score is 36, which is achieved by approximately one percent of students taking the exam. Last year, in the State of Illinois' Class of 2014, just 184 students earned a composite score of 36.

I am proud to say that tonight we have eight District 211 students here to be recognized for this outstanding achievement. On behalf of the Board of Education and High School District 211, I'd like to congratulate each of you.

Superintendent Cates introduced Palatine High School Applied Technology Teacher Alex Larson. Mr. Larson introduced and President Robertson presented a plaque to Palatine High School student Bryan Lu for earning a 36, the highest possible composite score, on the March 2015 American College Test (ACT) examination.

Superintendent Cates introduced William Fremd High School Mathematics Teacher Ankeet Mantra. Mr. Mantra introduced and President Robertson presented a plaque to Daniel Classon for earning a 36, the highest possible composite score, on the March 2015 American College Test (ACT) examination.

Superintendent Cates introduced William Fremd High School Mathematics Teacher Kenneth Goettsche. Mr. Goettsche introduced and President Robertson presented a plaque to Kellie Halloran for earning a 36, the highest possible composite score, on the December 2014 American College Test (ACT) examination.

Superintendent Cates introduced William Fremd High School English Teacher Gina Enk. Mrs. Enk introduced and President Robertson presented a plaque to Cameron Harro for earning a 36, the highest possible composite score, on the December 2014 American College Test (ACT) examination.

Superintendent Cates reintroduced William Fremd High School English Teacher Laura Marsh. Mrs. Marsh introduced and President Robertson presented a plaque to Jiamin Huang for earning a 36, the highest possible composite score, on the December 2014 American College Test (ACT) examination.

Superintendent Cates introduced William Fremd High School Special Education Teacher Elyse McGinn. Ms. McGinn introduced and President Robertson presented a plaque to Abigail Iuorio for earning a 36, the highest possible composite score, on the March 2015 American College Test (ACT) examination,

Superintendent Cates introduced William Fremd High School Science Teacher Karl Craddock. Mr. Craddock introduced and President Robertson presented a plaque to Soumyaa Mazumder for earning a 36, the highest possible composite score on the April 2014 American College Test (ACT) examination.

Superintendent Cates introduced William Fremd High School Mathematics Teacher Christopher Grattoni. Mr. Grattoni introduced and President Robertson presented a plaque to Jennie Yang for earning a 36, the highest possible composite score, on the on the April 2014 American College Test (ACT) examination.

Scholastic Writing Award

Mr. Fontanetta introduced James B. Conant High School English Teacher Christine Gaza. Ms. Gaza introduced and Mrs. Nowak presented a plaque to Sruthi Gurudev for earning a Gold Key Award, the highest recognition level, in the 2015 Scholastic Writing competition.

Illinois Principal of the Year

Superintendent Cates made the following comments:

The Illinois Principals Association supports and promotes professional development and leadership for Illinois principals. I am very pleased to say that the Illinois Principals Association has named Gary Steiger the 2015-2016 High School Principal of the Year.

This award recognizes high school principals who have demonstrated a positive impact on their students and learning communities through strong advocacy for their students, creating a positive learning environment and school climate, and collaborating effectively with staff members to create a school-wide mission of improving student achievement. As principal of Palatine High School, Gary never stops working to deliver all of these for his students and staff members.

Gary began his District 211 career in 1985 as a science teacher at William Fremd High School, where he also served as an assistant football and baseball coach. In 1994, he became an assistant principal at Palatine High school, serving in that capacity for six years. After a year as an assistant principal at Conant High School, he was named principal at Palatine High School in 2002. As principal at Palatine High School, he has seen the school's student population change significantly. Under Gary's leadership and responsiveness, he has led many initiatives alongside his staff members designed to meet these changing needs while sustaining excellent achievement. Gary has created a true community of teachers, staff, and parents that works together to meet the diverse needs of the students at Palatine High School.

On behalf of the Board of Education, congratulations, Gary, on this well-deserved honor, and thank you for all that you do for Palatine High School and District 211.

President Robertson presented a plaque to Mr. Steiger for being named the 2015-2016 High School Principal of the Year by the Illinois Principals Association.

Booster Club Presidents

Superintendent Cates introduced Board of Education Vice President Mucia Burke. Mrs. Burke introduced and President Robertson presented plaques to Piali Roy, President of James B. Conant High School Booster Club; Michael Anzalone, President of the James B. Conant High School Band Booster Club; Peter Carlson, President of William Fremd High School Viking Booster Club; Jane Krout and Jennifer Monday, Co-Presidents of the William Fremd High School Music Association; Jean Lemp, President of the Hoffman Estates High School Loyal Parents (HELP); and Madelynn Brossard and Pam Pelarinos, Co-Presidents of the Schaumburg High School Very Interested Parents (VIPs) for service to District 211 schools during the 2014-2015 school year.

April 7, 2015 School Board Election Results

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Scharringhausen, that the official canvass results of the Cook County Clerk's Office for the April 7, 2015 School Board election of Township High School District 211 declaring Peter R. Dombrowski, Will Hinshaw, Mucia A. Burke, and Lauanna

Recker as duly elected members of the Board of Education of Township High School District 211 be accepted as presented; and further, that the official canvass results be entered into the minutes (attached to official minutes).

Candidate	Votes
Peter R. Dombrowski	6,089*
Richard Gerber	5,375
Will Hinshaw	5,569*
Roman G. Golash	2,443
Mucia A. Burke	6,890*
Lauanna Recker	6,168*
Robert D. Lithgow	4,775
Edward M. Yung	5,075

*Elected for a four-year term.

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

Aye: Robert LeFevre
Anna Klimkowicz
Mike Scharringhausen
Mucia Burke
Bill Robertson

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment Sine Die

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, it was moved by Mrs. Klimkowicz, and seconded by Mr. Scharringhausen, that the meeting adjourn sine die. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, District 211

President, District 211