TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 211
Palatine, Illinois

BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
December 14, 2017
7:30 p.m.
(Official)

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, Township High School District 211, Cook County, Illinois was held on December 14, 2017 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:	Peter R. Dombrowski, Member Will Hinshaw, Vice President and Member Anna Klimkowicz, Secretary and Member Robert J. LeFevre, Jr., Member Steven Rosenblum, Member Edward M. Yung, Member Mucia A. Burke, President and Member
Present By Other Means:	None
Absent:	None

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

Pledge of Allegiance

President Burke 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 Eric Wenckowski. Mr. Wenckowski introduced Schaumburg High School Assistant Principal Michele Napier, Athletic Director Martin Manning, and Special Education Teacher and Girls Cross Country Coach Kristen Zillmer. Ms. Zillmer introduced and Mrs. Napier presented a medallion to Madison Marasco for placing ninth in the state girls cross country competition.

Mr. Wenckowski introduced Palatine High School Athletic Director Jerry Dobbs and Social Studies Teacher and Girls Swimming Coach Brittany Berleman. Mrs. Berleman introduced and Mr. Dobbs presented a medallion to Jane Smith for placing eighth in 500-yard freestyle in the state girls swimming competition.

Highest Possible Composite Score on the American College Testing (ACT) Exam

Superintendent Cates made the following comments:

"Each student who prepares for college is familiar with the emphasis placed on standardized college entrance exams, including the American College Test, or the ACT as it is commonly called. The highest composite score a student can earn on the ACT is a score of 36. Statistically, less than one-tenth of one percent of students who take the ACT achieve the highest score.

Tonight, we recognize five students in District 211 who have achieved this remarkable accomplishment. Since we began tracking students who have achieved the highest possible score on the ACT about twenty years ago, our students tonight join more than 100 other District 211 students who have accomplished this outstanding achievement.

On behalf of the Board of Education and High School District 211, I would like to congratulate each of you. We have certificates for each student that Board president Mrs. Burke will present in just a moment. Each student selected a particular faculty member to introduce and describe some of the attributes that characterize each student."

Superintendent Cates introduced William Fremd High School Mathematics Teacher Christopher Grattoni. Mr. Grattoni introduced and Mrs. Burke presented a certificate to William Fremd High School student Rose Dinh for earning a 36, the highest possible composite score, on the September 2017 American College Test (ACT) examination.

Superintendent Cates introduced William Fremd High School Social Studies Teacher and Dean of Students Martin Zacharia. Mr. Zacharia introduced and Mrs. Burke presented a certificate to William Fremd High School student Mayur Popuri for earning a 36, the highest possible composite score, on the September 2017 American College Test (ACT) examination.

Superintendent Cates introduced Fremd High School English Teacher Jeremy Herriges. Mr. Herriges introduced and Mrs. Burke presented a certificate to William Fremd High School student Vikas Reddy Popuri for earning a 36, the highest possible composite score, on the September 2017 American College Test (ACT) examination.

Superintendent Cates introduced Schaumburg High School Social Studies Teacher Mary Lopez. Mrs. Lopez introduced and Mrs. Burke presented a certificate to Schaumburg High School student Sara Shahid for earning a 36, the highest possible composite score, on the September 2017 American College Test (ACT) examination.

Superintendent Cates introduced Schaumburg High School Science Teacher Thomas Letzel. Mr. Letzel introduced and Mrs. Burke presented a certificate to Edwin Suresh for earning a 36, the highest possible composite score, on the September 2017 American College Test (ACT) examination.

Technology Education Association of Illinois New Teacher of the Year

Superintendent Cates made the following comments:

"Township High School District 211 has a demonstrated commitment to provide students with the best education possible. Our teachers work tirelessly to ensure their knowledge and practices are current and are consistent with recent advancements in their professional field in order to provide students a high quality education. Tonight, we will recognize two District 211 teachers in particular who have received state awards for their professional accomplishments as educators."

Superintendent Cates introduced James B. Conant High School Applied Technology Teacher Shayna Adelman and made the following comments:

"Every year, the Technology Education Association of Illinois recognizes one outstanding teacher as its new teacher of the year. According to the association, this award acknowledges a teacher with less than five years of experience who provides students with the most current curriculum available while staying professionally active to continue professional growth. Conant High School teacher Shayna Adelman is this year's recipient. Shayna has been a part of the applied technology department at Conant High School since 2014 and she works closely with students in both the Robotics Club and the Girls in Engineering, Mathematics, and Science program, known as GEMS. This award serves as a testament to her dedication to her students and the promotion of women in the fields of science and engineering.

On behalf of the Board of Education, congratulations Shayna. Please come forward to accept your certificate for this well-deserved award."

President Burke presented a certificate to Mrs. Adelman for being named the Technology Education Association of Illinois New Teacher of the Year.

Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

Superintendent Cates introduced Hoffman Estates High School Science Teacher Tanya Katovich and made the following comments:

"The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science is the highest award for any educator in the science and mathematics field. Each year, five nominees are selected from every state to be evaluated by a national review committee. Tanya is one of this year's nominees representing Illinois. Tanya is a graduate of Fremd High School, where she studied under a previous Presidential awardee, former Fremd High School science teacher Bob Grimm. Tanya returned to District 211 as a chemistry teacher, first at Schaumburg High School before moving to her current position at Hoffman Estates High School. For more than twenty years, Tanya has worked to ensure she utilizes the latest teaching models and has focused on teaching her students through applied hands-on practices.

On behalf of the Board of Education, congratulations Tanya. Please accept this certificate for being recognized for this outstanding honor."

President Burke presented a certificate to Mrs. Katovich for receiving the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

President Burke extended congratulations, on behalf of the Board of Education, to all the students and staff who were recognized tonight for their accomplishments.

Break

The Board of Education took a break from 7:49 p.m. to 7:57 p.m. while pictures were taken of award winners.

Citizens' Appearances and Presentations

President Burke asked if there was anyone present who is not on the agenda or who did not sign in on the speaker sign-in sheets who would like to address the Board of Education on a topic other than the 2017 tax levy.

President Burke made the following remarks:

"I have a list of people who have signed in to speak tonight on a topic other than the 2017 tax levy. As a large number of people wish to speak, we will allow a period of three minutes for each speaker to address the Board. We 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 Board members will not be answering questions or responding to your comments. As a reminder, this Board meeting is being videotaped. We ask that you value the procedures and decorum of our meeting and be respectful of those at the podium so they may be heard. Foremost, we are in service to students and we expect that your comments should remain respectful. When I call your name, please come forward to the podium and state your name for the record. Please limit your comments to three minutes. We will provide you with a reminder when you have one minute remaining."

Steven Alban addressed the Board regarding lack of communication from the Board to the people in District 211, the Board's position and actions regarding the transgender student's lawsuit, the changing rules of the federal administration, and the goals of the District 211's administration and what their strategy is for the next five years.

Gearah Goldstein addressed the Board thanking them for allowing for public comments from citizens and for letting the community come together, and for having everyone say the pledge of allegiance at Board meetings; her praise for the Board in celebrating who students are; and regarding separation of students in locker rooms and bathrooms, the difference between opinions and experiences, and the Board's response to students' voices and her encouragement to protect them.

Art Ellingsen addressed the Board regarding people being male or female according to their DNA; having a Girls in Mathematics, Engineering and Science (GEMS) club for girls at the schools; and having transgender students shower in the girls locker room.

Ralph Bonatz requested that he be yielded more time to speak due to the five-minute speech he prepared. Susan Ejzak, a citizen who was scheduled to speak, yielded her time to address the Board to Mr. Bonatz.

Ralph Bonatz expressed his appreciation to the Board for the opportunity to speak to them and he addressed the Board regarding the recent lawsuit by a transgender student against District 211 and actions the Board may take, privacy rights for students involving the transgender student's access to the girls' locker room and restrooms, the consideration of all girls' modesty and mental health, Superintendent Cates' message on December 1, 2017 involving staff members' and students' opinions about accommodations for many students, the lawsuit against District 211 by District 211 families; and the impact of having biological boys who identify as a girl participate on girls' sports teams.

President Burke announced that Ralph Bonatz had exceeded his time to address the Board and she commented, "I would appreciate that if when you ask for leniency and the Board gives the leniency, that we respect leniencies."

Vickie Wilson addressed the Board regarding the recent transgender student's state lawsuit against District 211 involving the elimination of differences between boys with gender dysphoria and biological girls, the transgender student and a financial settlement, all students' rights, a video she will email the Board about an adult transgender person and her thoughts about D211 Parents for Privacy, Superintendent Cates' statement about the community not being divided, the meaning of compromise involving the limited access to the girls' locker room given to students who wish they were born girls, and statements from District 211 students about accommodations given to transgender students that she read aloud.

Sarah Harrington addressed the Board regarding transgender students and the use of locker rooms, shower areas, and restrooms in the gender for which they identify; having special changing areas, shower areas, and washrooms for transgender students; and having District 211 protect privacy for all students.

Frank Skorski addressed the Board regarding the Board's decision regarding the transgender students' access to the girls' locker room in the Office for Civil Rights case in 2015 involving federal funds for District 211.

President Burke announced that Frank Skorski had exceeded his time to address the Board.

First Recess

The Board took a brief recess from 8:23 p.m. to 8:25 p.m. while a citizen was removed from the meeting for using foul language, for being disrespectful, and for continuing to be disrespectful while being escorted from the meeting by an officer from the Palatine Police Department.

President Burke stated, "The Board has no issues with anyone's views or positions, but where I take issue is if anyone is rude, disrespectful, or inappropriate during the meeting."

Second Recess

President Burke took a second brief recess from 8:25 p.m. to 8:26 p.m. so the crowd could resume quiet. She announced that anyone in the audience who wishes to have a conversation with another audience member is invited to go to the atrium outside the meeting room where they can resume their conversation.

Resumption of Citizens' Petitions and Appearances

Jennifer Grosshendler addressed the Board regarding inclusion in School Districts 112 and 113 for transgender students; transgender student policies in the Evanston, Berwyn, and Harlem school districts and at the Chicago Public Schools; District 211 and students' fundamental civil rights; and the state and country's celebration of District 211.

Jeanette Ward thanked the Board for allowing her to speak and she addressed them regarding her role as a board member of School District U-46 and the views she will discuss tonight being her own; the Board's actions involving the transgender student who requested access to the girls' locker room; District 211's locker room policy for transgender students; the privacy, wellbeing, and safety of all students; the Board's decision involving the Student A transgender case in 2015; and the distinction between men and women.

Anthony Galloway addressed the Board regarding his sadness about the comments at tonight's meeting, the Board being inclusive to students who are marginalized, transgender students' rights, the protection of students who cannot protect themselves, and his thanks to the Board for listening to him tonight.

Lisa Ridinger addressed the Board regarding allowing students with gender dysphoria to compete in sports with students of the opposite gender, her handout to the board of an image of a male student competing at a girls' track event, and the biologic differences between boys' and girls' physical abilities.

Marty Pikor addressed the Board regarding the transgender students' lawsuit against District 211 and the student's request for use of the girls' locker room, the potential for the transgender student exposing himself to girls in the locker room, and men being men and women being women.

President Burke asked Jen Zold if she wished to address the Board instead of yielding her time to speak to them and Ms. Zold said she would still like to yield her time to speak.

Mandy Logan addressed the Board regarding District 211's bathroom and locker room policy for transgender students using the ones that match their gender identity, Palatine High School students' views about this issue, the need to speak for the marginalized students, her not ever seeing any students in the state of undress or exposing themselves in the locker room, and the need for change to happen.

Public Hearing on the Proposed 2017 Tax Levy

Mr. Hinshaw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that the public hearing on the proposed 2017 tax levy of Township High School District 211 is now open. The motion carried unanimously.

The public hearing opened at 8:43 p.m.

President Burke asked if there was anyone present who wished to address the Board of Education regarding the proposed 2017 tax levy.

Susan Ejza addressed the Board regarding taxation in the community and her move from District 211 due to the taxation.

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that the public hearing on the proposed 2017 tax levy of Township High School District 211 is now closed. The motion carried unanimously.

The public hearing closed at 8:45 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that the consent agenda, with the removal of the minutes of the joint boards of education meeting of December 4, 2017, be approved as presented.

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

Aye:	Will Hinshaw Anna Klimkowicz Robert LeFevre Steven Rosenblum Edward Yung Mucia Burke
Nay:	None
Abstain:	Peter Dombrowski

The motion carried.

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

***Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of November 9, 2017**

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 9, 2017 be approved and placed on file.

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

Aye:	Will Hinshaw Anna Klimkowicz Robert LeFevre Steven Rosenblum Edward Yung Mucia Burke
Nay:	None
Abstain:	Peter Dombrowski

The motion carried.

***Approval of Bills for Payment**

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that bills in the amount of $21,319,211.00 be approved for payment.

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

Aye:	Will Hinshaw Anna Klimkowicz Robert LeFevre Steven Rosenblum Edward Yung Mucia Burke
Nay:	None
Abstain:	Peter Dombrowski

The motion carried.

***Financial Report – As of October 31, 2017**

Mrs. Klimkowicz 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 October 31, 2017 be approved and placed on file.

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

Aye:	Will Hinshaw Anna Klimkowicz Robert LeFevre Steven Rosenblum Edward Yung Mucia Burke
Nay:	None
Abstain:	Peter Dombrowski

The motion carried.

***Investment Report – As of October 31, 2017**

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr.Yung, that the investment report for the period ending October 31, 2017 be approved and placed on file.

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

Aye:	Will Hinshaw Anna Klimkowicz Robert LeFevre Steven Rosenblum Edward Yung Mucia Burke
Nay:	None
Abstain:	Peter Dombrowski

The motion carried.

***Student Activities Report – As of October 31, 2017**

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that the student activity, trust fund, and convenience fund report for the period ending October 31, 2017 be approved and placed on file.

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

Aye:	Will Hinshaw Anna Klimkowicz Robert LeFevre Steven Rosenblum Edward Yung Mucia Burke
Nay:	None
Abstain:	Peter Dombrowski

The motion carried.

***Variance Report – As of October 31, 2017**

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that the variance report for the period ending October 31, 2017 be approved and placed on file.

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

Aye:	Will Hinshaw Anna Klimkowicz Robert LeFevre Steven Rosenblum Edward Yung Mucia Burke
Nay:	None

Abstain: Peter Dombrowski

The motion carried.

***Resolutions Authorizing Intervention in Proceedings Before the State Property Tax Appeal Board**

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr.Yung, that the Board of Education approve the resolutions authorizing intervention in proceedings before the state property tax appeal board which seek assessed valuation reductions in excess of $100,000 for property tax year 2016 (Docket Nos. 16-25792.001-C-3 and 16-25792.002-C-3; 16-23145.001-C-2 and 16-23145.002-C-2; 16-24261.001-C-2, 16-24261.004-C-2, and 16-24261.005-C-2; 16-25161.001-C-2; 16-25530.001-C-3; 16-24589.001-R-3 through 16-24589.185-R-3; 16-25029.001-C-2; 16-24961.001-C-2 and 16-24961.002-C-2; and 16-21073.001-I-2); and, further authorize Franczek Radelet and Hodges, Loizzi, Eisenhammer, Rodick & Kohn, as the Board of Education's legal representatives, to file Request to Intervene in Appeal Proceeding forms with the property tax appeal board on the properties for which the District receives notification of appeal (attached to official minutes).

Aye: Will Hinshaw
Anna Klimkowicz
Robert LeFevre
Steven Rosenblum
Edward Yung
Mucia Burke

Nay: None

Abstain: Peter Dombrowski

The motion carried.

***Acceptance of Donation From Chicago Event Management**

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that the Board of Education formally accept the donation of $265 from Chicago Event Management; further, that a letter 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: Will Hinshaw
Anna Klimkowicz
Robert LeFevre
Steven Rosenblum
Edward Yung
Mucia Burke

Nay: None

Abstain: Peter Dombrowski

The motion carried.

***Personnel Recommendations**

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

Full-Time Teacher Employment (Partial Year):
(Effective Second Semester)

Janus, Jonathon; physical education, James B. Conant High School
Thomas, Britney; art, Hoffman Estates High School

Part-Time Teacher Employment Second Semester:
(Effective 2017-2018 School Year)

Balicki, Sharon; science, William Fremd High School
Barwacz, Alexa; special education, William Fremd High School
Bradberry, Derek; driver education, Higgins Education Center
Brandenburg, Jason; physical education, William Fremd High School
Casamassimo, Danielle; counselor, Schaumburg High School
Catsaros, Anna; speech and language pathologist, Higgins Education Center
Chereso, II, Mark; mathematics, William Fremd High School
Dolezal, MaryAnn; world language, William Fremd High School
Drake, Hannah; music, Hoffman Estates High School
Fasolo, Maria; speech and language pathologist, Schaumburg High School
Friend, Caleb; English, William Fremd High School
Glenn, Brendan; mathematics, Hoffman Estates High School
Grauer, Kimberly; social studies, Palatine High School
Hockensmith, Jami; music, William Fremd High School
Ignatowicz, Anna; English as a second language, William Fremd High School
Jannusch, Susan; special education, Hoffman Estates High School
Johnson, Jennifer; family and consumer sciences, Palatine High School
King, Margaret; social worker, Hoffman Estates High School
Knaga, Dorota; science, Hoffman Estates High School
Kolakowski, Zenon; mathematics, James B. Conant High School
Langridge, Tobin; music, Hoffman Estates High School
Macy-Robertson, Nicole; speech and language pathologist, Hoffman Estates, James B. Conant, and Schaumburg High Schools, and Higgins Education Center
Mann, Maureen; counselor, Hoffman Estates High School
Mattioli, Rebecca; counselor, Hoffman Estates High School
McLoughlin, Mary; English as a second language, Palatine High School
Moore, Brandon; special education, Higgins Education Center
Passeri, Katelynn; business education/family and consumer sciences, James B. Conant and Schaumburg High Schools
Pecka, Kelly; business education/family and consumer sciences, Hoffman Estates High School
Rentner, Marissa; music, Palatine High School
Reynolds, Lauren; science, Schaumburg and James B. Conant High Schools
Schlender; Elizabeth; social studies, James B. Conant High School
Schofield, Sarah; art, North Campus
Sobey, Austin; counselor, James B. Conant High School
Sorby, Eric; physical education, Schaumburg High School
Tipps, Bryan; music, Schaumburg High School
Van Gorp, Laurie; world language, Palatine High School
Winter, Matthew; science, William Fremd High School
Wozniak, Amber; world language, James B. Conant High School

Resignation:

Reyes, John; science, James B. Conant High School

Support Staff New Hires:

Christensen, Suzanne; bus driver, G. A. McElroy Administration Center
Davis, Donna; bus aide, G. A. McElroy Administration Center
Floyd, Hailey; teacher assistant, Hoffman Estates High School
Randa, Javier; mechanic, Palatine High School
Krenc, Jessica; teacher assistant, James B. Conant High School
Marquez, Isela; teacher assistant, William Fremd High School
Morataya, Roxanne; food service, G. A. McElroy Administration Center
Shelton, Randall; bus driver, G. A. McElroy Administration Center
Solorio, Anthony; custodian, Schaumburg High School
Speziale, Thomas; teacher assistant, William Fremd High School

Support Staff Resignations:

Orlowski, Amy; teacher assistant, William Fremd High School
Palivos, Nikos; data production technician, G. A. McElroy Administration Center
Service, Jeffrey; custodian, Palatine High School
Strauss, Andrew; teacher assistant, Schaumburg High School

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

Aye:	Will Hinshaw Anna Klimkowicz Robert LeFevre Steven Rosenblum Edward Yung Mucia Burke
Nay:	None
Abstain:	Peter Dombrowski

The motion carried.

***Bids for Consideration**

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that the Board of Education award the business to the lowest responsible bidders as listed in the administrative bid recommendation dated December 14, 2017 (attached to official minutes):

1. Tennis court renovations for all schools – Allstar Asphalt, Inc.	$ 947,650.00
2. Drainage improvements for Schaumburg High School – Martam Construction, Inc.	$ 187,733.00
3. Fall sports supplies for all the schools – Twenty-three vendors	$ 120,457.14
TOTAL:	$ 1,255,840.14

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

Aye:	Will Hinshaw Anna Klimkowicz Robert LeFevre Steven Rosenblum Edward Yung Mucia Burke
Nay:	None
Abstain:	Peter Dombrowski

The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes – Joint Boards of Education Meeting of December 4, 2017

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that the minutes of the joint boards of education meeting of December 4, 2017 be approved.

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

Aye:	Anna Klimkowicz Steven Rosenblum Edward Yung Mucia Burke
Nay:	None
Abstain:	Peter Dombrowski Will Hinshaw Robert LeFevre

The motion carried.

Freedom of Information Act Requests

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

2017 Advanced Placement Honor Roll

The Board of Education received and reviewed a report on Township High School District 211's 2017 Advanced Placement honor roll recognition by the College Board.

Operating Fund Balance for the Period Ending June 30, 2017

The Board of Education received and reviewed a report on the operating fund balance for the period ending June 30, 2017.

Property Tax Refund Update

The Board of Education received and reviewed an update on District 211's property tax collections and refund activity, the Cook County property assessment and appeal process, and District 211's revenue preservation initiatives.

Community Connections Newsletter

The Board of Education received and reviewed an update on the Community Connections Newsletter and District 211's strategic plan.

Adoption of the 2017 Tax Levy

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that the Board of Education approve the amount of $222,775,000 as the 2017 tax levy of Township High School District 211 (attached to official minutes).

Board member Peter Dombrowski made the following comments:

"I understand that I am not going to sway anyone's vote tonight. I ask that you consider the $5 million realized in our Halloween variance report in addition to the $5 million we're adding with this action tonight. We set a strategic plan with a planned 1.7 percent annual increase. With our current market trends of the feds raising interest rates, unemployment rates declining, and consumer confidence increasing, we could find ourselves at the five percent levy cap in the near future. This administration has stated that their recommendations will always align with the maximum amount allowed by law. I implore this Board to consider the community members that are underemployed and the community members with children that are on free and reduced lunches as we enter 2018. Please follow our dollars closely and consider the District's needs versus the funds we are receiving. $5.2 million more dollars in revenue in budget requires the District to spend $1.73 million less for our reserves to reach our thirty-three percent goals. Thank you."

Superintendent Cates made the following comments:

"Tonight we bring you a recommendation to adopt the 2017 levy that will serve as a primary funding source for the 2018-2019 school year. For the first time in District 211 history, we have no debt, and I want to highlight how this is a direct benefit to the taxpayers of this community, particularly surrounding the levy. People are familiar with the tax cap, but they are not always familiar with the reality that the tax cap pertains only to the operating levy, which is one of two levy components in almost all school district levies: the operating levy and the debt service levy. While the operating levy is limited to an increase that cannot exceed the tax cap, the addition of a debt service levy can cause a total levy increase to exceed the tax cap. For the past ten years, the Board of Education has provided relief to taxpayers by reducing the total levy amount, and we did this by using reserve funds to reduce or to pay the entire amount of the second levy category, the debt service levy. The total amount of property tax relief resulting from this ten-year strategy totals more than $33 million. Within the Strategic Plan, this Board set a priority to pay our debt in full and to operate from a debt-free position. We are pleased to note that about two weeks ago, we achieved this noteworthy point in this District's history. As a direct benefit of becoming debt free, our recommended levy consists only of the operating levy and frees the community from a second debt service levy. After a successive string of ten years in a row of reducing property taxes through a debt service tax levy abatement, this year this Board has taken their relief to local taxpayers one step further by entirely removing the debt service levy. Thank you."

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

Aye:	Robert LeFevre Anna Klimkowicz Edward Yung Steven Rosenblum Will Hinshaw Mucia Burke
Nay:	Peter Dombrowski

The motion carried 6-1.

2016-2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) of Board of Education Funds

Chief Operating Officer Lauren Hummel introduced Michael Malatt; senior manager for the firm Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP, Certified Public Accountants; who made a brief presentation on the 2016-2017 Audit of Board of Education funds.

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the June 30, 2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), which includes the financial statements, as prepared by Township High School District 211 and audited by Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP, Certified Public Accountants.

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

Aye:	Steven Rosenblum Peter Dombrowski Will Hinshaw Anna Klimkowicz Edward Yung Robert LeFevre Mucia Burke
Nay:	None

The motion carried unanimously.

2016-2017 Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) of Board of Education Funds

The Board of Education received and reviewed District 211's Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) of Board of Education Funds publication for the financial period ending June 30, 2017.

Superintendent Cates made the following comments:

"This is our first year of using this communication tool. It connects both the educational components along with the financial components, so we are pleased. I do want to recognize the work of the business office to do this first product and to make it a user-friendly way of communicating our efforts on the educational front and the financial backup in terms of how we were able to fund these occurring events. Thank you to the business office and to the Board for including this item within our strategic plan."

Resolution Authorizing Additional Employer Contributions to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that the Board of Education approve the resolution authorizing an additional employer contribution to the Illinois Municipal Retirement fund in the amount of $2,500,000 to be made before December 31, 2017.

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

Aye	Peter Dombrowski Will Hinshaw Anna Klimkowicz Edward Yung Steven Rosenblum Robert LeFevre Mucia Burke
Nay:	None

The motion carried unanimously.

Student User Fees Introduction

The Board of Education received, reviewed, and discussed information on the student user fees. The matter of student fees will be included on the agenda of the next Board of Education meeting scheduled for January 18, 2018. The Board discussed various considerations and information that may be helpful for the discussion.

Bid for Consideration – Buses

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that the Board of Education award the business for buses for the transportation department to the lowest responsible bidder, Central States Bus Sales, in the amount of $2,104,173 (attached to official minutes).

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

Aye:	Edward Yung Steven Rosenblum Will Hinshaw Robert LeFevre Peter Dombrowski Anna Klimkowicz Mucia Burke
Nay:	None

The motion carried unanimously.

Board Member Expenses

Mr. Hinshaw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that the Board of Education approve the Pre-Approval Form for Future Expense Reimbursement for Robert LeFevre to attend the Annual Ed-Red Legislative Dinner Meeting on January 29, 2018; and Anna Klimkowicz to attend the National School Boards Association conference in San Antonio, Texas from April 6, 2018 to April 9, 2018.

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

Aye:	Steven Rosenblum Will Hinshaw Edward Yung Peter Dombrowski Robert LeFevre Anna Klimkowicz Mucia Burke
Nay:	None

The motion carried unanimously.

Potential Topics for Future Discussion

The Board of Education discussed the possibility of discussing House Bill 261 - Homeless Student Bill at their next meeting as a potential future topic. There were no objections.

Northwest Suburban Special Education Organization

Mrs. Klimkowicz reported on recent N.S.S.E.O. activities.

Education Research Development/Legislative Report

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

Partners for Our Community – Evening Community Services

President Burke reported on the recent Partners for Our Community – Evening Services activities.

Illinois Association of School Boards Report

Mr. Rosenblum reported on recent IASB activities and he thanked Mrs. Klimkowiciz for representing the North Cook Division of the IASB on the 2017 IASB Resolutions Committee and for representing District 211 with the highest level of integrity and professionalism at the local and state levels.

Announcements

President Burke made the following announcements:

A. December	22	--	Winter Vacation Begins at the End of Classes
B.	25	--	Holiday Observed -- All District Buildings Closed
C.	26	--	Holiday Observed -- All District Buildings Closed
D.	29	--	Holiday Observed -- All District Buildings Closed
E. January	1	--	Holiday Observed -- All District Buildings Closed
F.	2	--	Casimir Pulaski Holiday Observed -- All District Buildings Closed
G.	8	--	Teacher Institute Day -- No Classes
H.	9	--	Opening Day of Second Semester 2017-2018
I.	15	--	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day -- All District Buildings Closed
J.	18	--	Next Board of Education Meeting -- 7:30 p.m.

Closed Session

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that the Board of Education enter closed session to discuss minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act [5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21)]; the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees [5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)]; matter relating to an individual student [5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (10)]; setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body [5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (6)]; collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives [5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2)]; and probable or imminent litigation against, affecting, or on behalf of the public body [5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11)].

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

Aye:	Peter Dombrowski Will Hinshaw Anna Klimkowicz Robert LeFevre Steven Rosenblum Edward Yung Mucia Burke
Nay:	None

The motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Education entered executive session at 9:23 p.m. and resumed its meeting at 10:59 p.m.

Resolution Authorizing Sale of Land Located at East Wise Road and South Summit Drive in the Village of Schaumburg

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that the Board of Education adopt the resolution as presented authorizing the sale of the District's 60+ acre property on the terms and conditions attached to and incorporated into the resolution (attached to official minutes).

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

Aye:	Robert LeFevre Edward Yung Will Hinshaw Steven Rosenblum Peter Dombrowski Anna Klimkowicz Mucia Burke
Nay:	None

The motion carried unanimously.

Acceptance of Retirement Requests

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum, that the Board of Education accepts the retirement requests of Lucia Fausto, effective June 2019 according to the Master Contract of the District 211 United Support Staff; Craig Hippensteel, effective June 2020 according to the Master Contract of the District 211 United Support Staff; Yvette Jones, effective May 2021 according to the Master Contract of the District 211 Teachers' Union; and Kathryn Wold, effective May 2018 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 Peter Dombrowski Edward Yung Will Hinshaw Anna Klimkowicz Robert LeFevre Mucia Burke
Nay:	None

The motion carried unanimously.

Termination of Employment of Nancy Fallen

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum, that the Board of Education terminate the employment of Bus Driver Nancy Fallen effective December 14, 2017; further, that the Board Secretary notify Nancy Fallen of the termination by certified mail.

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

Aye:	Peter Dombrowski Anna Klimkowicz Robert LeFevre Edward Yung Will Hinshaw Steven Rosenblum Mucia Burke
Nay:	None

The motion carried unanimously.

Board Members' Discussion of the Evening's Board of Education Meeting

Mrs. Burke asked if Board members wished to share their experiences of the evening's Board of Education Meeting. No one offered comments about the meeting.

Mrs. Klimkowicz asked about conversations with sender school districts as students transition to District 211 and about District 15 and District 54 no longer participating in NSSEO and providing their own services. Superintendent Cates said there have been many updates to special education since that time.

Mrs. Burke wished the Board members a happy holiday season and New Year.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, President Burke thereupon declared the meeting adjourned at 11:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary, District 211

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President, District 211