

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
February 15, 2018
7:30 p.m.
Official**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, Township High School District 211, Cook County, Illinois was held on February 15, 2018 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
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Present By Other Means:	None
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Absent:	None
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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 – Illinois Music Educators Association All-State Honorees

Associate Superintendent for Instruction Lisa Small introduced Palatine High School Principal Gary Steiger, Assistant Principal Michael Alther, and Band Director Carlos Esquivel. Mr. Esquivel introduced and Mr. Steiger presented a medallion to Brian Sonderegger for being named to the all-state honors band by the Illinois Music Educators Association.

Dr. Small introduced William Fremd High School Assistant Principal Eric Dolen and Choral Director Christina Collins. Ms. Collins introduced and Mr. Dolen presented medallions to Mary Baughman, Denise Carlson, Pranit Cheikycharla, and Mayuri Srikanth for being named to the all-state honors choir by the Illinois Music Educators Association.

Dr. Small introduced William Fremd High School Orchestra Director Marla Caballero. Mrs. Caballero introduced and Mr. Dolen presented a medallion to Hannah Lin for being named to the all-state honors orchestra by the Illinois Music Educators Association.

Dr. Small introduced William Fremd High School Band Director Matthew Moore. Mr. Moore introduced and Mr. Dolen presented medallions to Hancine Mok, Nicholas Szoblik, and Ryo Terada for being named to the all-state honors band; and to Arinze Okammor for placing third in large ensemble division composition by the Illinois Music Educators Association.

Dr. Small introduced James B. Conant High School Principal Julie Nowak, Assistant Principal Mark Langer, and Choral Director Timothy Koll. Mr. Koll introduced and Mrs. Nowak presented a medallion to Molly Holcomb for placing second in composition for vocal ensemble by the Illinois Music Educators Association.

Dr. Small introduced James B. Conant High School Orchestra Director Devin Godzicki. Ms. Godzicki introduced and Mrs. Nowak presented medallions to Sophia Kim, Makiba Kurita, and James Preucil for being named to the all-state honors orchestra by the Illinois Music Educators Association.

Dr. Small introduced Schaumburg High School Assistant Principal Michele Napier and Band Director Vincent Inendino. Mr. Inendino introduced and Mrs. Napier presented medallions to Vincent Chang, Abigail Fledderman, and Brandon Jaimes for being named to the all-state honors band; to Thomas Schluckbier for placing first in instrumental large ensemble composition; and to Maika Edwards and Matthew Nowlan for being named to the all-state honors orchestra by the Illinois Music Educators Association.

Dr. Small introduced Hoffman Estates High School Principal Joshua Schumacher, Assistant Principal Brian Harlan, and Band Director Jerry Lowrey. Mr. Lowrey introduced and Mr. Schumacher presented a medallion to Grant Lee for being named to the all-state honors band by the Illinois Music Educators Association.

Recognition – 2017-2018 *Daily Herald* Leadership Team

Superintendent Cates made the following comments:

“To recognize high school students who excel in volunteerism and community service, the *Daily Herald* sponsored its 17th annual Leadership Team for 2017-2018. I am proud to announce that High School District 211 had three representatives named to the ten-member team. These outstanding students were featured in a special section of the January 18, 2018 edition of the *Daily Herald*.

On behalf of the Board of Education and the High School District 211 community, we would like to congratulate these students and their families on being selected as *Daily Herald* Leadership Team award winners.”

Superintendent Cates introduced Schaumburg High School Social Studies Teacher Mary Lopez. Mrs. Lopez introduced and President Burke presented a certificate to Schaumburg High School student Krislyn Cardoza for being named to the 2017-2018 *Daily Herald* Leadership Team.

Superintendent Cates introduced William Fremd High School Social Studies Teacher and Department Chair Heather Schroeder. Mrs. Schroeder introduced and President Burke presented a certificate to William Fremd High School student Sophia Mavromatis for being named to the 2017-2018 *Daily Herald* Leadership Team.

Superintendent Cates introduced William Fremd High School English Teacher Christina O'Donnell. Ms. O'Donnell introduced and President Burke presented a certificate to William Fremd High School student Abhinav Balu for being named to the 2017-2018 *Daily Herald* Leadership Team.

2017 Congressional App Challenge

Superintendent Cates made the following comments:

“The Congressional App Challenge, now in its third year, is a public effort to encourage students to learn how to write software code through annual district-wide competitions hosted by members of Congress for their district. Participating students code original software applications for the chance to be selected for recognition by their member of Congress, win prizes, and have their work displayed in the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C.

I am proud to say that we have a team of four students from Palatine High School who won the 2017 Congressional App competition sponsored in Illinois’ Eighth Congressional District. Board President Mrs. Burke will present each of them with a certificate for their honor in just a moment. We can also celebrate the contributions of these four students for having recently organized and led the Code 211 hack-a-thon event. The event included 125 students from across the District who filled a high school media center for both Friday and Saturday nights and created a software product from scratch.”

Superintendent Cates introduced Palatine High School Mathematics Teacher John Nalley. Mr. Nalley introduced and President Burke presented certificates to Palatine High School students Evan Eckels, Rahul Gudivada, Avi Saxena, and Bhargav Yadavalli for winning the 2017 Congressional App Challenge for the Eighth Illinois District for creating the Grubyr App.

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 36. Statistically, less than one-tenth of one percent of students who take the ACT achieve the highest score.

Tonight, we recognize a student from William Fremd High School who has achieved this remarkable accomplishment. Since we began tracking students who have achieved the highest possible score on the ACT 20 years ago, we have now have 110 students with this outstanding achievement.

On behalf of the Board of Education and High School District 211, I would like to congratulate our student. We have a certificate for her that Board President Mrs. Burke will present in a moment.”

Superintendent Cates introduced William Fremd High School English Teacher Christina O’Donnell. Ms. O’Donnell introduced and President Burke presented a certificate to William Fremd High School student Hannah Lin for earning a 36, the highest possible composite score, on the October 2017 American College Test (ACT) examination.

Support in a Life-Saving Situation

Superintendent Cates made the following comments”

“It is always an honor to have local heroes among us and this evening, we are joined by three in particular. The quick-thinking reactions of each of these individuals made a difference in someone’s life. The Board of Education is pleased to recognize each of them for their heroics, and Board President Mrs. Burke has a certificate for each of them.

Superintendent Cates introduced William Fremd High School English Teacher Becky Schomer. Mrs. Schomer introduced and President Burke presented a certificate to William Fremd High School student Tyler Matuszczak for playing a key role in saving a community member's life.

Superintendent Cates introduced Hoffman Estates High School Principal Joshua Schumacher. Mr. Schumacher introduced and President Burke presented certificates to Hoffman Estates High School student Kira Weiland and Hoffman Estates High School Physical Education Teacher Assistant and Swim Coach Christopher Fetterman for assisting a student in need who was struggling in the pool during swim class and pulling her to safety, and for their quick action in a life-saving situation.

Business Partnerships for Students

Superintendent Cates introduced Associate Superintendent for Student Services Mark Kovack. Mr. Kovack introduced District 211 Transitions Services Coordinator Patrick Abraham. Mr. Abraham introduced and President Burke presented certificates to representatives from these local businesses who partner with District 211 to establish worksites for students with special needs that provide true-to-life work experiences to help prepare these students for their lives after high school: Buehler YMCA; Friendship Village of Schaumburg; GFS Marketplace of Palatine; IKEA; Innovative Components; Partners for Our Communities; Rosewood Care Center; The Grand at Twin Lakes; T. J. Maxx of Palatine; and Willow Creek Care Center.

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

Break

The Board of Education took a break from 8:26 p.m. to 8:39 p.m. while pictures were taken of recognition award winners.

Citizens' Petitions and Appearances

President Burke asked if there was anyone present, not on the agenda and who did not sign up to speak, who wished to address the Board of Education. Joe Sonnefeldt addressed the Board regarding his state senate candidacy for the 27th district, school funding, property taxes, and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts.

Presentation: Software Design Pathway

Superintendent Cates introduced Associate Superintendent for Instruction Lisa Small. Dr. Small introduced Palatine High School Mathematics Teacher John Nalley and William Fremd High School Mathematics Teacher Charles Nichols. Dr. Small, Mr. Nalley, and Mr. Nichols presented an overview of and answered Board members' questions on the software design pathway that is found in the Interactive and Information Technology and the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics career clusters; the coursework that is offered within this pathway; and the coding challenges and opportunities that are available for District 211 students outside of the classroom for students who are interested in computer science.

Consent Agenda

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

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

***Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of January 18, 2018**

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that the minutes of the regular meeting of January 18, 2018 be approved and placed on file.

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.

***Approval of Minutes – Special Meeting of February 1, 2018**

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that the minutes of the special meeting of February 1, 2018 be approved and placed on file.

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.

***Approval of Bills for Payment**

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that bills in the amount of \$22,732,619.70 be approved for payment.

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.

***Financial Report – As of December 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 December 31, 2017 be approved and placed on file.

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.

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

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

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

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

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

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

*** In-District Professional Learning Opportunities Spring 2018**

Mrs. Klimkowitz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that the Superintendent be authorized to offer the following professional learning opportunities for in-district credit: *We Can't Teach What We Don't Know* (Book Study); *Engaging the Rewired Brain: A Book Study* (Book Study); *Discipline with Dignity* (Book Study); *What Great Teachers Do Differently: Seventeen Things That Matter Most* (Book Study); *CHAMPS: A Proactive and Positive Approach to Classroom Management*; *Ready, SAT, Go!!!*; *Social Emotional Learning Activities for the Classroom*; *The Happiness Advantage* (Book Study); *Understanding the Multi-Generational School*; and *Despite the Best Intentions: How Racial Inequality Thrives in Good Schools* (Book Study), as proposed.

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.

***Personnel Recommendations**

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

Child Care Leave:

O’Neal, Emily; world language, Palatine High School

Support Staff New Hires:

Carroll, Thomas; teacher assistant, Higgins Education Center
Cleveland, Benjamin; custodian, Palatine High School
Crask, Debra; support staff, Palatine High School
Heche, Cody; teacher assistant, Palatine High School
Hickerson, Catherine; support staff, James B. Conant High School
Huber, Robert; bus driver, G. A. McElroy Administration Center
Hund, Kathryn; support staff, Schaumburg High School
Jevtic, Nevenka; testing assistant, Schaumburg High School
Jordan, Bridget; bus driver, G. A. McElroy Administration Center
Kenega, James; student supervisor, Palatine High School
LaRene, Donna; bus driver, G. A. McElroy Administration Center
Maddox, Jacob; custodian, Schaumburg High School
Malinski, Roger; teacher assistant, Schaumburg High School
Mantanes, Speros; bus driver, G. A. McElroy Administration Center
Nunez, Alicia; support staff, James B. Conant High School
Ortwerth, Patricia; bus driver, G. A. McElroy Administration Center
Ortwerth, Richard; bus driver, G. A. McElroy Administration Center
Rilloraza, Rowena; food service, Hoffman Estates High School
Stapleton, Samantha; custodian, Palatine High School
Tapia, Jose; teacher assistant, Palatine High School
Velazquez, Julio Cesar; teacher assistant, Palatine High School
Woods, Jr., Alexander; custodian, Palatine High School
Zwirowski, John; student supervisor, Schaumburg High School

Support Staff Resignations:

Engelbreit, Maureen; food service, James B. Conant High School
 Matarazzo, Enrico; custodian, William Fremd High School
 Mirski, Amber; teacher assistant, Schaumburg High School

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.

*Bids for Consideration

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that for the bids listed below, the Board of Education award the business to the lowest responsible bidders as listed in the attached administrative bid recommendation dated February 15, 2018 (attached to official minutes):

1. Life safety work at William Fremd High School – three vendors	\$ 1,448,278.00

TOTAL:	\$ 1,448,278.00

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.

Freedom of Information Act Requests

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

Class Size Committee Report

The Board of Education received a report from the Class Size Committee.

2018-2019 Budget Sequence and Development

The Board of Education received a report on the 2018-2019 budget sequence and development.

House Bill 261: Local Transportation Funds to Assist Homeless Students

The Board of Education received, reviewed, and discussed a report on House Bill 261 that would allow school districts to use general transportation funds to provide financial help to prevent the loss of housing or assistance with re-housing to families.

Board of Education Communications

The Board of Education discussed the topic of how Board communication and correspondence is dealt with between community members, Board members, and the superintendent, and the Board policy involving public participation at Board meetings that references communication to and from the Board members.

Use of Legal Counsel

The Board of Education discussed the topic of the use of legal counsel and Board policies BCG School District Legal Counsel, CBA Qualifications and Duties of the Superintendent, and CC Administration Organizational Plan that reference legal counsel.

Student User Fee Waiver Policy Information

The Board of Education received, reviewed, and discussed information on the student user fee waiver policy as it pertains to applicable Illinois schools laws, including eligibility for waiver of school fees and eligibility for waiver of fees for driver education, and Board policy JN, Student Fees, that identifies students eligible for free or reduced-price meals under the National School Meal Programs to be eligible for waiver of school fees.

Request for Information: Banking Services

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that the Board of Education approve Barrington Bank & Trust Company, N.A., owned by Wintrust Financial Services, as the District bank for Board and Student Activities checking, deposit, and treasury management services and authorize the Superintendent or designee to open accounts and initiate contracts for services and collateral as necessary.

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

Aye:	Steven Rosenblum Robert LeFevre Anna Klimkowicz Edward Yung Peter Dombrowski Will Hinshaw Mucia Burke
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Nay:	None
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The motion carried unanimously.

Potential Topics for Future Discussion

No topics were proposed by the Board of Education for future potential discussion.

Northwest Suburban Special Education Organization

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

Partners for Our Community – Evening Community Services

Mr. Kovack reported on the recent Partners for Our Community – Evening Community Services activities.

Parent Connection Committee

Mr. Dombrowski reported on the recent Parent Connection Committee meeting.

Announcements

President Burke made the following announcements:

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| A. February | 16 | -- | State Girls Gymnastics Meet -- Palatine High School --
2:00 p.m. |
| B. | 17 | -- | State Girls Gymnastics Meet -- Palatine High School --
2:00 p.m. -- Mr. Dombrowski Attending |
| C. | 19 | -- | Presidents' Day – All District Buildings Closed |
| D. March | 5 | -- | William Fremd High School Winter Sports Awards -- 7:00
p.m. -- Mr. Dombrowski attending |
| E. | 5 | -- | James B. Conant High School Winter Sports Awards --
7:00 p.m. -- Mrs. Klimkowicz Attending |
| F. | 5 | -- | Hoffman Estates High School Winter Sports Awards --
7:00 p.m. -- Mr. Rosenblum Attending |
| G. | 7 | -- | Schaumburg High School Winter Sports Awards -- 6:00
p.m. -- Mr. Dombrowski Attending |
| H. | 15 | -- | 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 will enter closed session to discuss minutes lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act [5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21)]; matter relating to an individual student [5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (10)]; probable or imminent litigation against, affecting or on behalf of the public body [5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11)]; and collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives [5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2)].

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
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Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Education entered executive session at 10:01 p.m. and resumed its meeting at 11:03 p.m.

Acceptance of Workers' Compensation Settlements

Mr. Yung made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hinshaw, that the Board of Education authorize settlements in the pending workers' compensation matters as presented.

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

Aye: Edward Yung
Will Hinshaw
Peter Dombrowski
Robert LeFevre
Anna Klimkowicz
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 impressions about the evening's Board of Education meeting. No one offered remarks about the meeting.

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,

Secretary, District 211

President, District 211