

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**October 15, 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 October 15, 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:	Peter R. Dombrowski, Member Will Hinshaw, Member Anna Klimkowicz, Secretary and Member Robert LeFevre, Vice President and Member Mike Scharringhausen, Member Mucia A. Burke, President and Member
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Present By Other Means:	None
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Absent:	Lauanna Recker, Member
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Also present were: Superintendent Daniel E. Cates; 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 to all. 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 Specialist Jakub Burzynski to please come forward to be recognized and then to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Specialist Burzynski is a 2015 Conant High School graduate and is currently serving in the Army Reserve. Specialist Burzynski enlisted in the Army in 2014 and completed basic training in the summer of 2014 between his junior and senior high school years. Following high school graduation in June, he was involved in chemical biological nuclear training, which he completed just last month.

Specialist Burzynski always wanted to join the Army and was eager to get started while in high school. Getting an early start on his military career afforded him the opportunity to complete basic training and earn a promotion to specialist ranking in a little over one year – a rank that generally takes two service years to earn.

In the near future, Specialist Burzynski is planning to attend Iowa State University to study industrial engineering while being a part of the ROTC program. He hopes to become commissioned and go on active duty after he graduates.

On behalf of Conant High School, District 211, the Board of Education, and our entire community, we want to thank you, Specialist Burzynski, for your service and all of your dedication to our country. Please lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

After the introduction and recognition, Specialist Burzynski led the Board of Education and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **National Merit Scholars**

Superintendent Cates introduced Associate Superintendent for Student Services Mark Kovack. Mr. Kovack introduced and President Burke presented medallions to Julia Cai, William Fremd High School; Amy Chen, William Fremd High School; Shriram Chennakesavalu, James B. Conant High School; Srinivas Cherukuri, Schaumburg High School; Haricharan Cheruvu, James B. Conant High School; Daniel Classon, William Fremd High School; Melinda Coleman, William Fremd High School; Chloe David, William Fremd High School; James Feng, William Fremd High School; Shreyas Gandlur, Hoffman Estates High School; Bissem Gill, William Fremd High School; Armaan Goyal, James B. Conant High School; Jiamin Huang, William Fremd High School; Kyle Jannak-Huang, Palatine High School; Ryan Jannak-Huang, Palatine High School; Chiranth Kishore, William Fremd High School; Eshwar Kishore, William Fremd High School; Alexander Knox, William Fremd High School; Shijie Li, William Fremd High School; Bryan Lu, Palatine High School; Jessica Lu, William Fremd High School; Jonathan Meir, James B. Conant High School; Rohan Menon, William Fremd High School; Nikhil Modak, James B. Conant High School; Anqi Peng, William Fremd High School; Ann Rajan, William Fremd High School; Tara Ramanathan, Hoffman Estates High School; Varshini Ramanathan, William Fremd High School; Kevin Stevens, William Fremd High School; Anna Styrzczula, James B. Conant High School; Anusha Thotakura, William Fremd High School; Daniel Tokarz II, William Fremd High School; Emily Warzynski, Schaumburg High School; Daniel Xu, William Fremd High School; Nathan Xu, William Fremd High School; Lisa Yang, James B. Conant High School; and Annie Zheng, William Fremd High School.

### **Break**

The Board of Education took a break from 7:41 p.m. to 7:54 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, who wished to speak before the Board of Education. Illinois State Representative Michelle Mussman addressed the Board thanking them for the quality education the students receive and asking them to be sensitive to members of the community when considering the tax levy. John Parker, Schaumburg resident, addressed the Board regarding the presentation at the September 17, 2015 Board meeting and his request that a Board member present information to the Board regarding a proposed tax levy scenario.

**Presentation: 2015 Tax Levy**

Superintendent Cates introduced Chief Operating Officer Lauren Hummel and Controller and Treasurer Barbara Peterson. Mrs. Hummel and Mrs. Peterson presented information and answered Board members' questions on the 2015 tax levy considerations.

**Consent Agenda**

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

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

Aye: Peter Dombrowski  
Will Hinshaw  
Anna Klimkowicz  
Robert LeFevre  
Mike Scharringhausen  
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 September 17, 2015**

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dombrowski, that the minutes of the regular meeting of September 17, 2015 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  
Mike Scharringhausen  
Mucia Burke

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**\*Approval of Minutes – Special Meeting of October 7, 2015**

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dombrowski, that the minutes of the special meeting of October 7, 2015 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  
Mike Scharringhausen  
Mucia Burke

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**\*Closed Session Audio Tape Recordings**

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dombrowski, that for the following Board of Education meeting(s) 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: February 13, 2014.

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

Aye: Peter Dombrowski  
Will Hinshaw  
Anna Klimkowicz  
Robert LeFevre  
Mike Scharringhausen  
Mucia Burke

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**\*Approval of Bills for Payment**

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dombrowski, that bills in the amount of \$6,899,515.46 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  
Mike Scharringhausen  
Mucia Burke

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

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

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dombrowski, 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 2014 (Docket Nos. 14-28080.001-C-3; 14-29023.001-I-2; 14-29113.001-C-2; 14-28737.001-C-2 and 14-28737.002-C-2; 14-28368.001-C-2; 14-29048.001-C-3, 14-29048.002-C-3 and 14-29048.003-C-3; 14-27961.001-I-2; and 14-29092.001-C-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).

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

Aye:	Peter Dombrowski Will Hinshaw Anna Klimkowicz Robert LeFevre Mike Scharringhausen Mucia Burke
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Nay:	None
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The motion carried unanimously.

**\*Requests for Policy Exemptions**

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dombrowski, that the Board of Education permit the William Fremd High School Service Over Self club and Schaumburg High School Students Helping Others club to conduct door-to-door solicitations of canned goods for charity on October 30 and October 31, 2015, as requested, pursuant to Board Policy File KA: School Community Relations Goals.

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

Aye:	Peter Dombrowski Will Hinshaw Anna Klimkowicz Robert LeFevre Mike Scharringhausen Mucia Burke
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Nay:	None
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The motion carried unanimously.

**\*Acceptance of Donations**

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dombrowski, that the Board of Education formally accepts the donation of walnut wood strips from Richard Matusiak, Ace lawn mower from Rob Rafacz, and a 1999 Dodge Durango from Thomas Sullivan; further, that letters 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:	Peter Dombrowski Will Hinshaw Anna Klimkowicz Robert LeFevre Mike Scharringhausen Mucia Burke
Nay:	None

The motion carried unanimously.

**\*Personnel Recommendations**

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

Full-Time Teacher Employment  
(Effective 2015-2016 School Year)

Fehlberg, David; special education, William Fremd High School

Child Care Leave

Doherty, Jeannine; special education, Academy-North

Support Staff New Hires

Cairns, Maureen; student supervisor, Palatine High School  
Craig, Patrick; teacher assistant, Schaumburg High School  
Faflik, Daniel; student supervisor, Palatine High School  
Nudi, Aaron; custodian, James B. Conant High School  
Pimpton, Jon; student supervisor, Palatine High School  
Sowa, Janice; student supervisor, Hoffman Estates High School  
Ward, Larry; bus driver, G. A. McElroy Center  
Wurtz, Dawn; teacher assistant, Palatine High School

Support Staff Resignations

Arnold, Chris; teacher assistant, Palatine High School  
Harker, Matthew; bus aide, G. A. McElroy Center  
Notarnicola, Lisa; student supervisor, Hoffman Estates High School  
Schock, Laura; athletic director's secretary, Palatine High School

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

Aye: Peter Dombrowski  
Will Hinshaw  
Anna Klimkowicz  
Robert LeFevre  
Mike Scharringhausen  
Mucia Burke

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

### **\*Bids for Consideration**

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dombrowski, that for the bids listed below, the Board of Education award the business to the lowest responsible bidders as listed in the administrative bid recommendation dated October 15, 2015 (attached to official minutes):

1. Media center renovations at Palatine High School - two vendors	\$ 186,044.00
2. Custodial maintenance supplies for all the schools - eight vendors	134,433.80
3. Lead removal at Palatine and Schaumburg High Schools - Colfax Corporation	40,500.00
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TOTAL:	\$ 360,977.80

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

Aye: Peter Dombrowski  
Will Hinshaw  
Anna Klimkowicz  
Robert LeFevre  
Mike Scharringhausen  
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 the report from the Class Size Committee and Mrs. Klimkowicz thanked the members of the Class Size Committee for their work.

## **2015 Summer School Enrollment/Cost Analysis**

The Board of Education received a report on the 2015 summer school enrollment/cost analysis. Dr. Cates thanked Director of Summer School and Community Outreach Jerry Trevino for his work in overseeing summer school and answered Board members' questions.

## **2015 Tax Levy Information**

President Burke asked Board members if they had any additional questions concerning the proposed 2015 tax levy. There were no additional questions.

## **Community Engagement and Strategic Planning: Presentation**

Rod Wright and Dan Burns from Unicom-Arc gave a presentation on their proposal for community engagement and strategic planning. Mr. Wright and Mr. Burns answered Board members' questions on Unicom-Arc's proposal.

## **District 211 Professional Development Opportunities**

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Scharringhausen, that the Superintendent be authorized to offer the following professional learning opportunities for in-district credit - "Innovative Learning," "Mindset (Book Study)," "Reflecting on Mirrored Assessments," "Social and Emotional Learning in the Classroom," and "Teach Like a Champion 2.0 (Book Study)" as proposed. The motion carried unanimously.

## **District and School Improvements Plans 2015-2016**

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Scharringhausen, that the Board of Education acknowledges receipt and grants approval of the 2015-2016 District Improvement Plan and each School Improvement Plan. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

## **School Calendars for 2017-2018, Summer 2017 and Summer 2018**

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Scharringhausen, that the Board of Education approves the school calendar for the 2017-2018 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Scharringhausen, that the Board of Education approves the calendars for the summer of 2017 and the summer of 2018. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Request for Foreign Exchange Trips**

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Scharringhausen, that the Board of Education approve participation in 10 foreign exchange trips as proposed for the summer of 2016. District 211 reserves the right to cancel any airline travel that the District deems unsafe or to not be in the best interest of District 211. The motion carried unanimously.



### **Proposed Policy Revision: Personnel Records**

The Board of Education received and reviewed a proposed policy revision to Board Policy file: GBL Personnel Records.

### **Proposed Policy Revision: Tobacco Use by Students**

The Board of Education received and reviewed a proposed policy revision to Board Policy file: JFCG Tobacco Use by Students.

### **Northwest Suburban Special Education Organization**

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

Mrs. Klimkowicz requested that the Illinois Association of School Board resolutions item be placed on the agenda for the November 12, 2015 Board of Education meeting. There were no objections.

### **Education Research Development/Legislative Report**

Mr. Scharringhausen reported on recent ED-RED activities and Dr. Cates reported on recent legislative activities.

### **Parent Connections and Communications Panel**

Mr. Hinshaw reported on the recent Parent Connections and Communications Panel meeting.

### **Partners for Our Community – Evening Community Services**

Mrs. Klimkowicz reported on the recent Partners for Our Community – Evening Community Services meeting and Mr. Kovack reported on recent Partners for Our Community – Evening Services activities.

### **Budget and Finance Committee Meeting**

Dr. Cates reported that the next Budget and Finance Committee meeting will be on November 4, 2015.

### **Announcements**

President Burke made the following announcements:

- A. October 20 -- District 211 Art College & Career Expo -- William Fremd High School -- 6:30 p.m. -- Mrs. Burke attending
- B. 21 -- District 211 College Night – Palatine High School -- 6:30 p.m. -- Mrs. Burke attending
- C. 27 -- James B. Conant High School National Honor Society Induction -- 7:30 p.m. -- Ms. Recker attending

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| D. November | 3  | -- | Hoffman Estates High School Fall Sports Awards --<br>7:00 p.m. -- Mrs. Burke and Mr. Dombrowski attending                      |
| E.          | 5  | -- | District 211 Foundation Realtors Against Homelessness --<br>Chandler's -- 5:00 p.m. -- Mrs. Burke and Mr. Hinshaw<br>attending |
| F.          | 11 | -- | James B. Conant High School Fall Sports Awards --<br>7:00 p.m. -- Mrs. Klimkowicz attending                                    |
| G.          | 11 | -- | Schaumburg High School Fall Sports Awards -- 6:00 p.m.<br>-- Mrs. Burke attending  |
| H.          | 12 | -- | Next Regular Board of Education Meeting -- 7:30 p.m.   |
| I.          | 17 | -- | Palatine High School Fall Sports Awards -- 7:00 p.m. --<br>Mrs. Klimkowicz attending   |
| J.          | 17 | -- | William Fremd High School Fall Sports Awards --<br>7:00 p.m. -- Mrs. Burke attending   |
| K.          | 18 | -- | Hoffman Estates High School National Honor Society<br>Induction -- 7:00 p.m. -- Mr. Dombrowski attending                       |

### **Closed Session**

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hinshaw, that the Board of Education enter closed session to discuss minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act; the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees; and probable or imminent litigation against, affecting or on behalf of the public body.

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

Aye:	Peter Dombrowski Will Hinshaw Anna Klimkowicz Robert LeFevre Mike Scharringhausen Mucia Burke
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Nay:	None
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The motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Education entered executive session at 9:47 p.m. and resumed its meeting at 10:25 p.m.

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

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dombrowski, that the Board of Education accepts the retirement request of Joann Thomas, effective October 23, 2015 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: Robert LeFevre  
Anna Klimkowicz  
Will Hinshaw  
Peter Dombrowski  
Mike Scharringhausen  
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 remarks about this evening’s Board of Education meeting. No one offered comments about the meeting.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, President Burke thereupon declared the meeting adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary, District 211

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President, District 211