

## Board of Education Meeting Recap

The Township High School District 211 Board of Education met on Thursday, April 25, 2019, in the Anne Koller Board Meeting Room at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center. The following is a recap of items that were acted upon at the meeting.

### Recognitions

The Board of Education recognized District 211 student award-winners in state activity competitions. Included in the recognitions were Group Interpretation students from William Fremd High School; Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) students from Palatine and James B. Conant High Schools; and students from Hoffman Estates High School who finished third in the state at the Midwest Color Guard Circuit Championship. The complete list of students recognized at the meeting is available [here](#).

### April 2, 2019 School Board Election Official Results

With 148 of 148 precincts counted, the Cook County Clerk's office released the following official results for the April 2, 2019 school board election:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Steven Rosenblum	10,387 *
Peter Dombrowski	11,361 *
Will Hinshaw	8,789
Mark J. Cramer	9,375 *
Matthew Saternus	6,110
Kimberly Cavill	11,357 *

\* - *Elected for a 4-year term*

According to School Code, within 28 days after the election, the school board must meet, seat members elected, and reorganize by electing officers and setting a time and place for regular meetings.

The Board of Education accepted the [official canvass results](#) of the Cook County Clerk's Office for the April 2, 2019 school board election for Township High School District 211 declaring **Steven Rosenblum, Peter Dombrowski, Mark J. Cramer, and Kimberly Cavill** as duly elected Board members.

### Oath of Office

North Cook Intermediate Service Center Assistant Director Diane Betts administered the oath of office to Mr. Rosenblum, Mr. Dombrowski, Mr. Cramer, and Ms. Cavill. In the April 2, 2019 school board election, Mr. Dombrowski and Mr. Rosenblum were re-elected to the District 211 Board, while Ms. Cavill and Mr. Cramer were elected as new Board of Education members.

### **Establishment of Board of Education Officers**

The Board elected its officers, per Illinois School Code, to two-year terms. They are as follows:

**Robert LeFevre, Jr.**, President  
**Anna Klimkowicz**, Vice President  
**Edward Yung**, Secretary

### **Adoption of Policies of Preceding Board of Education**

In order to assure smooth operation of District schools, the newly formed Board of Education adopted and will be guided by existing policies as adopted by the previous Board, until changed or amended by this Board.

### **Board of Education Agreements**

The Board of Education operates as a single entity responsible for its governance and processes, while refusing to surrender to special interest or partisan political groups. In May 2016, the Board of Education, in conjunction with the Superintendent and a representative from the Illinois Association of School Boards, compiled a list of agreements and expectations by which to work together in order to conduct the work of the Township High School District 211 community.

The [agreements](#) were presented to the Board for review prior to considering for adoption at the May 9, 2019 meeting.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The Board of Education approved the minutes from its regular meeting on [April 4, 2019](#).

### **Diesel Emission Reduction Act School Bus Rebate Program Award Recipient**

In March 2019, High School District 211 was announced as a recipient of funding totaling \$200,000 toward the purchase of alternative-fuel school buses through the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) 2018 Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) School Bus Rebate Program. These award funds will be used by the District to offset the cost of new propane school buses purchased in the 2019-2020 fiscal year as replacement for diesel buses.

Grant funds will be awarded following the delivery of propane buses and disposal of the replaced diesel buses that are at the end of their life cycle. All funds will be included in the 2019-2020 budget for the Transportation Fund.

Additional information is available [here](#).

### **Community Connections Newsletter – Strategic Plan Update**

The 12th edition of [Community Connections](#), a quarterly newsletter designed to provide additional information about High School District 211 to the communities served, was distributed in mid-April. As communicated in the 2016 Strategic Plan, the District places a priority on providing updates to the community about programs and events taking place within the District. The 12th edition of *Community Connections* included the following articles: Safety improvements continue in D211; D211 Transportation adds new GPS to all buses; District 211 Career Expo shows growth in second year; Summer 2019 facility improvement projects; Building quality homes for more than 40 years; and District 211 completes renovations of all media centers.

*Community Connections* is emailed to District 211 parents, students, and staff, as well as community members who have provided their contact information. All 12 editions of the newsletter are available on the [District website](#).

### **Employee Wellness Program Recognition**

For the fourth consecutive year, Interactive Health Solutions, the District's wellness program provider, named High School District 211 one of the Healthiest Companies in America. Of more than 1,500 companies eligible for the award across the country, District 211 was named one of the 151 companies to receive the 2018 award. Recipients were chosen based upon specific achievements, including having participation in excess of 70% of eligible employees and achieving a low-risk health score for total population screening results. Additionally, the *Healthiest Companies in America* recipients achieved an average of the following accomplishments:

- 39% of participants in a high-risk range migrated to a healthier state

- *43% of participants in a moderate-risk range moved to a healthy state*
- *85% of participants who were at risk for hypertension made changes and improved their health risk*
- *Lower overall emotional health risk compared to District 211's demographic peer groups*

District 211 repeat participants achieved the following accomplishments:

- *Blood Pressure: 90% of participants who were out of normal range improved*
- *LDL Cholesterol: 72% of participants who were out of normal range improved*
- *Blood Glucose: 64% of participants who were out of normal range improved*
- *Triglycerides: 69% of participants who were out of normal range improved*
- *Tobacco Use: 25% of tobacco users indicated they stopped using tobacco products*

Additional information is available [here](#).

### **Summer Curriculum Projects**

Each summer, teachers gather from all schools to work as District- or school-based teams to develop curriculum, enhance instructional choices and assessments, and develop new coursework. The summer is a valuable time as it allows teachers longer periods of time to gather across schools without missing classes. Summer curriculum projects are proposed by groups of teachers, reviewed by all pertinent department chairs, and then recommended by the associate superintendent for instruction. Grant funding is used to support implementation of summer curriculum projects.

The Board of Education approved the recommended summer curriculum projects at a cost not to exceed the following per grant: Title I, \$65,500; Title II, \$79,200; and IDEA, \$23,625.

Further details on the specific summer curriculum projects that were approved by the Board are available [here](#).

### **District 211 Professional Development Opportunities**

The Board of Education approved offering the following professional learning opportunity for staff for in-district credit: *Atomic Habits – An Easy and Proven Way to Build Good Habits and Break Bad Ones* (book study) as proposed.

Additional information is available [here](#).

### **One-to-One Program and Electronic Device Purchase**

Since the 2013-2014 school year, High School District 211 has provided each student an individual electronic device as part of the District's one-to-one program. The program has been recognized by Apple as an example of one-to-one program implementation for other school districts to emulate.

The program is structured so that each student is assigned a device as a freshman. The student keeps that same device for the full four-year high school experience, at which time, the graduating senior has the option to purchase his or her assigned iPad at current market value.

District 211's thorough review of the iPad has resulted in a cost-efficient model for one-to-one programming. In preparation for the 2019-2020 school year, the District confirmed that the currently available iPad model continues to meet the educational needs of the District's students. The District also remains invested in teacher training to strengthen the integration of the iPad into classroom instruction and has partnered with Apple to deliver professional development opportunities.

District 211's iPad Protection Plan continues to be available for students and their families through the District's self-insurance program. The optional Protection Plan carries an annual \$25 premium, plus variable deductible charges. The Plan supports families by limiting repair and replacement costs due to accidental damage or loss, with over 85% of the student body participating in the Plan during the 2018-2019 school year, as consistent with previous years. Based on claim rates and program cost analysis, the District recommends maintaining the annual premium cost of \$25 for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Board of Education authorized the District to purchase 4,010 iPads from Apple at a total cost of \$1,118,790 to support the one-to-one learning program during the 2019-2020 school year.

Additional information is on the one-to-one program electronic device purchase is available [here](#).

### **Board of Education Training with Illinois Association of School Boards Representative**

Responsible for governing the school district, the Board of Education works on behalf of the entire community as one entity, with clarity of purpose and a clear direction. The Board operates as one single entity responsible for itself, its

processes and contributions, while refusing to surrender to special interest or partisan political groups.

In 2015 and 2016, the Board and Superintendent met with a representative from the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) for the purpose of self-evaluation and to discuss governance practices. From these discussions, the Board and Superintendent compiled a list of agreements and expectations by which to work together in order to conduct the work of the Township High School District 211 community.

The Board approved meeting with an IASB field services representative at its regular meeting on Thursday, May 23, 2019 during closed session and agreed to pay the \$400 fee for the service.

### **Next Board of Education Meeting**

The next scheduled regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2019, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Anne Koller Board Meeting Room at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center.