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Board of Education Meeting Recap

The Township High School District 211 Board of Education met on Thursday, April 30, 2015, in the Anne Koller Board Meeting Room at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center. The following is a recap of important items that were acted upon at the meeting.

Military Recognition

The Board of Education honored Sergeant **George Rivera**, a 2007 James B. Conant High School graduate, who is currently serving in the Marine Corps. Sergeant Rivera led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognitions

The Board of Education recognized students who earned honors in statewide activity competitions, including Scholastic Bowl from William Fremd High School, Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering from James B. Conant and Schaumburg High Schools, and the Group Interpretation State Champions from Fremd High School. A complete list of students recognized is available [here](#).

The Board recognized eight District 211 students, seven from Fremd High School and one from Palatine High School, who each achieved a score of 36 on the American College Test (ACT), the highest possible composite score: **Daniel Classon, Kellie Halloran, Cameron Harro, Jiamin Huang, Abigail Iuorio, Soumyaa Mazumder, and Jennie Yang** from Fremd High School; and **Bryan Lu** from Palatine High School. On average, less than one percent of all test-takers earns a top score. Since 1998, District 211 has had 78 students record a score of 36 on the ACT exam. The complete list is available [here](#).

Conant High School student **Sruthi Gurudev** was recognized for receiving a Gold Key Award, the highest recognition level in the 2015 National Scholastic Writing Competition for her poetry anthology. She also will be recognized at Carnegie Hall in New York City in June for her work.

Palatine High School Principal **Gary Steiger** was recognized for being selected as the 2015-2016 High School Principal of the Year by the Illinois Principals Association. This award recognizes Mr. Steiger for the positive impact he has

demonstrated towards students and the Palatine High School learning community.

Parent club presidents and their respective Booster Clubs were honored by the Board for their service to District 211 schools during the 2014-2015 school year:

Piali Roy, President Conant High School Booster Club

Michael Anzalone, President Conant High School Band Booster Club

Peter Carlson, President Fremd High School Viking Booster Club

Jane Krout and Jennifer Mondy, Co-Presidents Fremd High School Music Association

Jean Lemp, President Hoffman Estates High School Loyal Parents (HELP)

Alissa DePue, President Palatine High School Pirate Booster Club

Pam Pelarinos and Madelynn Brossard, Co-Presidents Schaumburg High School Very Interested Parents (VIPs)

Tom Lober, President Schaumburg High School Band Booster Club

April 7, 2015 School Board Election Results

With 149 of 149 precincts counted, the Cook County Clerk's office has released the following official results for the April 7, 2015 school board election:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Peter R. Dombrowski	6,089*
Richard Gerber	5,375
Will Hinshaw	5,569*
Roman G. Golash	2,443
Mucia A. Burke	6,890*
Lauanna Recker	6,168*
Robert D. Lithgow	4,775
Edward M. Yung	5,075
Write-in	82

** - 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 7, 2015 school board election for Township High School District 211 declaring Peter R. Dombrowski, Will Hinshaw, Mucia A. Burke, and Lauanna Recker as duly elected Board members.

Oath of Office

North Cook Intermediate Service Center Executive Director **Bruce Brown**

administered the oath of office to **Mucia Burke, Peter Dombrowski, Will Hinshaw,** and **Lauanna Recker.** In the April 7, 2015 school board election, Mrs. Burke was re-elected to the District 211 Board, while Mr. Dombrowski, Mr. Hinshaw, and Ms. Recker were elected as new District 211 Board members.

Establishment of Board of Education Officers

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

- Mucia Burke,** President
- Robert LeFevre, Jr.,** Vice President
- Anna Klimkowicz,** Secretary

Establishment of Board of Education Meetings

The Board of Education approved the following schedule of regular meetings, all to begin at 7:30 p.m. in the G.A. McElroy Administration Center: Thursday, July 16, 2015; Thursday, August 13, 2015; Thursday, September 17, 2015; Thursday, October 15, 2015; Thursday, November 12, 2015; Thursday, December 10, 2015; Thursday, January 21, 2016; Thursday, February 11, 2016; Thursday, March 17, 2016; Thursday, April 14, 2016; Thursday, April 28, 2016; Thursday, May 12, 2016; Thursday, May 26, 2016; and Thursday, June 16, 2016.

Approval of Minutes

The Board of Education approved the minutes from its regular meeting on [April 9, 2015.](#)

Starting Times for 2015-2016 School Year

The Board of Education received information regarding starting times for each school for the 2015-2016 school year. In order to make efficient use of transportation resources, school buses are used first to transport students to early start schools, and then transport students to late start schools. Starting and dismissal times will remain the same for the 2015-2016 as the current school year:

	Start	Dismissal
Palatine High School.....	8:15 a.m.	3:30 p.m.
William Fremd High School.....	7:30 a.m.	2:45 p.m.
James B. Conant High School.....	8:15 a.m.	3:30 p.m.

Schaumburg High School.....	7:30 a.m.	2:45 p.m.
Hoffman Estates High School.....	7:30 a.m.	2:45 p.m.
District 211 Academy-North.....	9:15 a.m.	3:15 p.m.
District 211 Academy-South.....	9:15 a.m.	3:15 p.m.

Proposed In-District Professional Learning Opportunities for Summer 2015

The Board of Education authorized the superintendent to offer the following professional learning opportunities for in-district credit for staff to help improve instruction for students: “Building Apps the Easy Way” and “Transforming Learning and Units of Study within a Digital Environment Part 2,” as proposed.

Additional information is available [here](#).

Proposed Policy Deletion: Board Member Term of Office

As part of the ongoing Board of Education Policy Manual review, deletion of Board policy file: [BBBC Board Member Term of Office](#) was recommended. Board Policy BBBC is in direct conflict with Illinois School Code. The correct language, according to School Code, can be found in Board Policy BCA Board of Education Organizational Meeting. The deleted policy was presented for initial review, and no action was taken.

Administrative Appointments

The Board of Education approved the appointment the following administrative appointments:

Brian Harlan was approved as 12-month assistant principal at Hoffman Estates High School, effective July 1, 2015. Mr. Harlan is currently a 10-month assistant principal at Fremd High School, a position he has held since the 2013-2014 school year. Mr. Harlan was a science teacher at Hoffman Estates High School from 2007 to 2013, where he also served as dean of students during the 2012-2013 school year. Mr. Harlan received his undergraduate degree in geology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2004 and a master’s degree in geology from Northern Illinois University in 2007. He earned a second master’s degree in school leadership from Concordia University in Chicago in 2012 and is currently working on a master’s degree in school business through Northern Illinois University.

Mark Langer was approved as 12-month assistant principal at Conant High School, effective July 1, 2015. Mr. Langer currently is a 10-month assistant principal at Palatine High School. Mr. Langer began his teaching career in 2003

as a science teacher at Palatine High School, and he served as the school's dean of students during the 2011-2012 school year. During the 2012-2013 school year, Mr. Langer was a 10-month assistant principal at Conant High School. Mr. Langer earned his undergraduate degree in food sciences and human nutrition from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1999. He completed his master's degree in secondary education from National Louis University in 2003. In 2011, Mr. Langer completed a second master's degree in educational administration from Northern Illinois University.

Colene Brockman was approved as 10-month assistant principal at Fremd High School, effective August 17, 2015. Ms. Brockman is currently the dean of students and an English teacher at Fremd High School. Ms. Brockman began her teaching career in District 211 in 2013 after teaching and coaching tennis for three years in Katy, Texas. Ms. Brockman received her bachelor's degree in English education from the University of Michigan in 2008, and earned a master's degree in teacher leadership from DePaul University in 2014.

Michael Plaza was approved as 10-month assistant principal at Palatine High School, effective August 17, 2015. Mr. Plaza has been a 10-month assistant principal at Conant High School since the 2010-2011 school year. Mr. Plaza began his teaching career in District 211 in 2003 and has previously served as the dean of students and a special education teacher at Conant High School. Mr. Plaza received his bachelor's degree in special education from Western Illinois University in 2002. He went on to earn a master's degree in teacher leadership with a Type 75 certificate from Roosevelt University in 2007.

Thomas Mocon was approved as 10-month assistant principal at Palatine High School, effective August 17, 2015. Mr. Mocon is currently the dean of students and an ESL teacher at Palatine High School. Mr. Mocon began his teaching career in District 211 in 2007. He earned his bachelor's degree in political science and history education from Michigan State University in 2004, an endorsement in ESL from Oakland University in 2006, and a master's degree in linguistics from Northeastern Illinois University in 2011. Additionally, he earned a second master's degree in educational leadership from Northeastern Illinois University in 2013.

Next Board of Education Meeting

The next scheduled regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2015, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Anne Koller Board Meeting Room at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center.

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