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Board of Education Meeting Recap

The Township High School District 211 Board of Education met on Thursday, July 19, 2018, 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.

Progress Toward Meeting District Academic Goals in 2017-2018

Academic Goals for 2016-2021 are closely aligned to the measurements presented by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), with a focus on college and career preparation for all students. The two main indicators that support the ESSA goals are *Core Academic Indicators* and *Student Success and School Quality Indicators*. The Core Academic Indicators align with the following District 211 goals: attainment of standards, increased accelerated course enrollment, movement of students beyond developmental-level coursework, English language learners demonstrating growth, and students graduating on time. The Student Success and School Indicators align with the following District 211 goals: meeting the pre-requisite to enter college credit-bearing courses, earning at least 15 early college credits, participating in a career pathway, and being involved in school. The Illinois ESSA Plan also aligns with District 211's diligent work to ensure equity for all students to access rigorous curriculum.

The Board of Education received a [report](#) and a [presentation](#) was made by District administrators focusing on the individual success of each high school and the stories behind those successes.

Approval of Minutes

The Board of Education approved the minutes from its regular meeting on [June 14, 2018](#).

Graduation Dates for the Class of 2019

In order to allow parents and families time to plan, graduation dates for the Class of 2019 were presented to the Board.

Class of 2019
Hoffman Estates High School *Thursday, May 16, 2019*
6:00 p.m., at Willow Creek Auditorium

Combined Ceremonies *Thursday, May 16, 2019*
7:00 p.m., at Hoffman Estates High School
(Alternative High School, District 211 Academy-South, District 211 North
Campus)

Palatine High School..... *Sunday, May 19, 2019*
2:00 p.m., at Palatine High School

William Fremd High School..... *Monday, May 20, 2019*
7:30 p.m., at Sears Centre

Schaumburg High School *Tuesday, May 21, 2019*
7:30 p.m., at Sears Centre

James B. Conant High School *Wednesday, May 22, 2019*
7:30 p.m., at Sears Centre

Community Connections Newsletter – Strategic Plan Update

The ninth edition of [Community Connections](#), a quarterly newsletter designed to provide additional information about High School District 211 to the communities served, was distributed in early July. 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 ninth edition of Community Connections featured the following articles: Student Readiness Plan; Wellness; District 211’s new driver education model; District 211 continues improving safety and security measures at all schools; Harper College Promise Scholarship reminder; and Update – District 211 Interpreter Pool – Translators Needed.

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

School Calendar for 2020-2021 and Summer School Calendar for 2021

The Board of Education approved a school calendar for the 2020-2021 school year. Consistent with school code, the calendar provides for 181 days of instruction and four days of teacher institute, totaling a 185-day school year.

A copy of the approved 2020-2021 school calendar is available [here](#).

The Board also approved a summer school calendar for the summer of 2021. The approved summer calendar provides for 26 days of instruction.

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GPS for Transportation Department

Operating one of the State's largest school-owned transportation fleets with approximately 160 school buses and 40 vans, the High School District 211 Transportation Department provides a means of safe transportation to and from school, athletic and activity events, and vocational programs during both the regular school year and summer school. Approximately 10,200 students are transported on regular school days, with up to 130 buses being deployed on any given day.

District 211 uses Tyler Technology Versatrans RP software as its daily transportation solution to aid in efficient routing for pupil transportation. The total mileage driven on the 155 daily regular education routes for the 2017-2018 school year was 673,000 miles, while special education routes totaled 570,000 miles. In addition to transporting students to and from school, the District also transported students 31,000 miles for vocational programs and 240,000 miles for activity and athletic charters last school year. District 211 buses cumulatively transported students 1,514,000 miles during the 2017-2018 school year.

District 211 evaluated five pupil transportation GPS solutions for tracking exact location of transportation vehicles. Implementation of the Tyler Technology GPS solution was recommended as the system fully integrates with the District's current transportation and routing software for the most accurate reports and tracking, provides comprehensive report data on vehicle diagnostics and utilization, and has capability of providing a mobile application that integrates with the District's software for the most accurate GPS location tracking for parents and students.

Through the use of the GPS tracking software and e-Link student transportation information portal, the District will have the ability to make online student transportation information available through a secure and password protected site to parents via the Internet and mobile application. Parents will have increased access to bus stop locations, bus arrival times and bus route information specific to their child.

The Board of Education approved the purchase of GPS solutions from Tyler Technologies as presented, for a total cost of \$118,212.50 for the 2018-2019 school year. Additionally, the Board approved the purchase of necessary

services for the total cost of \$54,864 for the 2019-2020 school year, and approved future yearly expenses to provide GPS system at a total cost increase not to exceed 3-5% annually.

Implementation of GPS equipment is targeted for completion by November 2018, with e-Link software planned for full implementation by the end of first semester of the 2018-2019 school year. All transportation department staff will have training in December 2018 so that the system can be fully implemented at the start of second semester. Following initial installation of the GPS hardware and software, transportation staff will begin piloting mobile application and online tracking capabilities, and a target group of parents will be selected to pilot the mobile application following spring break. It is anticipated that all District 211 parents and students will have full access of the mobile application no later than the start of the 2019-2020 school year.

Additional information is available [here](#).

2018-2019 Education Research Development/Legislative Renewal

Education Research Development (ED-RED) was formed in 1971 as a suburban high school advocacy organization. Over the years, ED-RED has evolved and developed into a strong and united voice that advocates for the particular needs of suburban school districts, including high school districts, elementary districts, special education cooperatives, and intermediate service centers.

ED-RED's goals are to research, develop, and initiate legislation that is advantageous to member districts; to actively advocate for or against legislation affecting member districts; to engage school districts in the legislative process; to communicate proactively with member districts; and to develop and nurture collaborative relationships with state agencies, advocacy groups, state legislators and legislative staffs, and other organizations to accomplish mutual objectives.

The Board of Education approved renewal of its membership in ED-RED for 2018-2019 at a fee of \$5,000. ED-RED has established a dues structure for elementary and high school districts. Elementary districts are assessed on a student population, while high school districts are assessed a fixed amount, regardless of student enrollment.

National School Boards Association National Connection Fees

The Board of Education approved the National Connection fees of the National School Boards Association (NSBA) for a period of one year, beginning October 1, 2018, at a cost of \$5,335. There is no increase in fees from the previous year. District 211 has been a member of NSBA since 1971.

NSBA's National Connection is a partnership of state school boards associations and NSBA, and it offers benefits that will keep school administrators and school board members informed of national education issues. A list of additional benefits for NSBA members is available [here](#).

Next Board of Education Meeting

The next scheduled regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, August 16, 2018, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Anne Koller Board Meeting Room at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center.

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