

Board of Education Meeting Recap

The Township High School District 211 Board of Education met on Thursday, August 16, 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.

Introduction of Newly Appointed, Promoted, or Transferred Administrators

Newly appointed, promoted, or transferred administrators were introduced to the Board of Education:

Peter Gavin, dean of students, Palatine High School
Jacquese Gilbert, 12-month assistant principal, Hoffman Estates High School
David Grelyak, facilities and energy manager
Scott Hagel, dean of students, Palatine High School
Erin Hettinger, dean of students, Hoffman Estates High School
Kathryn Johnson, dean of students, William Fremd High School
Allen McAllister, building & grounds manager, Palatine High School
Tony Medina, 12-month assistant principal, Palatine High School
David Moravek, dean of students, James B. Conant High School
Jessica Orstead, program administrator, Higgins Education Center
Mary Kate Smith, 10-month assistant principal, Palatine High School
Alexander Woods, building & grounds manager, James. B. Conant High School

Recognition

Conant High School Mathematics Department Chair **Derek Fivelson** and his wife, Molly, were recognized by the Board of Education for their quick actions in lending support in a life-saving situation, following an automobile accident they witnessed recently.

Presentation: Tentative Budget for 2018-2019

Chief Operating Officer **Lauren Hummel** and Controller and Treasurer **Barbara Peterson** presented an overview of the [2018-2019 Tentative Budget](#) to the Board of Education.

Approval of Minutes

The Board of Education approved the minutes from its regular meeting on [July 19, 2018](#).

Parent Open House Date

The Board of Education received information on the Parent Open House date and times for District 211 schools. Open Houses will be held on Thursday, August 30, 2018, at the following times:

District 211 North Campus: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Higgins Education Center: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
James B. Conant High School: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
William Fremd High School: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Hoffman Estates High School: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Palatine High School: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Schaumburg High School: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

2018-2019 Tentative Budget

The Board of Education approved the 2018-2019 Tentative Budget as presented. The Tentative Budget is available on the District 211 website for public inspection for a minimum of 30 days. Further, a public hearing will be held at the September 20, 2018 Board of Education meeting, and adoption of the budget must be completed by September 30, 2018.

The Tentative Budget includes all funds and represents the finance and operations plan that supports District 211's instructional program. The Tentative Budget was developed in accordance with the Illinois Program Accounting Manual and presents revenue and expenditures by category and fund.

The following budget parameters were established and incorporated into the 2018-2019 budget development process: maintain a balanced budget in accordance with the School Code (105 ILCS 5/17-1); allocate expenses associated with achieving District academic goals; maintain a minimum 33.3% fund balance within the Educational Fund and the combined operating funds; operate within the parameters of a 2.6% levy increase from the 2016 levy amount; allocate staffing based on student enrollment and quality instructional programs; and allocate benefit and insurance costs based on projections developed in coordination with the District's consultant (HUB, International).

For 2018-2019, operating budgets are balanced and fund balances remain stable. Primary operating funds of the District include the Educational, Operations/Maintenance, Transportation, Municipal Retirement, and Working Cash Funds. These operating funds account for approximately 94% of the total budget expenditures and over 99% of the budgeted revenues. The District accounts for three restrictive funds that include Debt Service, Capital Projects,

and Life Safety Funds. Expenditures for these restrictive funds include payment of principal and interest on capital leases, ongoing construction and site improvement projects, and State-approved life safety work. Interest earnings and transfers from other funds are the primary source of revenue for the Debt Service Fund, Life Safety Fund, and Capital Projects Fund.

Overall, the cumulative 2018-2019 budget projects that expenditures will exceed revenue for a planned deficit of \$8.8 million. The planned deficit is due to numerous, significant capital and life safety projects currently underway, with these facility improvements all being paid from existing reserves. Planned capital improvement projects include continuation of improvements on media centers, outdoor field renovations, track and turf replacements, and bathroom remodeling. The final approved projects from the 2010 Life Safety survey were completed this summer at Fremd High School with funds transferred from the Working Cash Fund, with additional monies transferred to begin another survey.

Additionally, as approved by the Board in June 2018, the District is budgeting an additional payment to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) in the amount of \$10.2 million to reduce the outstanding pension liability. Existing reserves will be utilized to pay down the unfunded liability amount which will save the District future employer costs, and provide the opportunity for further savings through investment earnings made by IMRF.

For 2018-2019, total direct revenue is projected to be \$254.3 million, a decrease of 0.3% from the 2017-2018 actual revenues, primarily due to the budgeted decrease in State funding relative to the 2017-2018 fiscal year actuals as the State made numerous payments for prior year and current fiscal years. Lower receipts in Fees & Other also are budgeted, as it is not anticipated that the District will sell any student-built homes this year (\$850,000 in revenue in FY18). An increase is budgeted for local property taxes resulting from more tax revenue offset by a projected increase in revenue lost to tax refunds.

Total direct expenditures for all funds are projected to be \$263.1 million, a decrease of \$1.8 million or 0.7% from the 2017-2018 actual expenditures, and includes planned capital improvements and renovations. The overall decrease is due primarily to a lower dollar amount of capital improvement projects budgeted for summer 2018, as well as lower Debt Service as the District no longer has bonded debt outstanding. Increases in purchased services and tuition costs are expected.

Additional information is available [here](#) and a copy of the 2018-2019 Tentative Budget is available [here](#).

Next Board of Education Meeting

The next scheduled regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, September 20, 2018, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Anne Koller Board Meeting Room at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center.