

Board of Education Meeting Recap

The Township High School District 211 Board of Education met on Thursday, May 8, 2014, 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.

Recognitions

The Board of Education recognized state award-winners in Contest Play from William Fremd High School; Science Olympiad from Palatine High School; and Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) from Palatine, James B. Conant, and Schaumburg High Schools. The complete listing of students recognized is available [here](#).

The Board recognized six District 211 students who were named Golden Apple Scholars by the Golden Apple Foundation and are interested in entering the teaching profession. In return for the extensive professional, personal, and financial support Golden Apple Scholars receive, they must attend an Illinois college or university that participates in the program, and agree to teach for five years in an Illinois school of need upon graduation. These students truly represent the “best and brightest young men and women in Illinois.” These students are listed below:

Alexis Cannistra, Conant High School
Oscar Mercado, Palatine High School
Cecilia Pacheco, Palatine High School
Claudia Pulido-Ruiz, Hoffman Estates High School
Marvin Vargas, Palatine High School

Sania Zaffar, Schaumburg High School

Approval of Minutes

The Board of Education approved the minutes from its regular meeting on [April 24, 2014](#).

Three-Year Ombudsman Program Contract

For many years, High School District 211 has utilized Ombudsman Educational Services as an alternative educational program. The Ombudsman program is a viable alternative for students who have struggled in the regular high school setting, mostly for those with attendance problems and those who are at-risk of dropping out of school, and in some cases as a result of disciplinary violations.

The Board of Education approved a three-year contractual agreement with Ombudsman Educational Services at a cost of \$211,200, or \$5,280 per student for up to 40 students enrolled at one time, for 2014-2015; \$217,520 for 2015-2016, a three percent tuition increase; and \$224,040 for 2016-2017, a three percent tuition increase.

Curriculum Committee Report

The spring round of the 2013-2014 Curriculum Committee meetings has been completed, with nine departmental meetings taking place. The Board of Education approved the Curriculum Committee Report and recommendations as presented. A complete copy of the Report is available [here](#).

Starting Times for 2014-2015 School Year

The Board of Education received information regarding starting times for each school for the 2014-2015 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 2014-2015 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 New Policy

Public Act 98-190 requires all boards of education to have a policy on teen dating violence and how the District will respond. The proposed new policy has been reviewed by legal counsel and the Administrative Board Policy Group comprised of Board Vice President **Mucia Burke**, Board Member **Robert LeFevre**, Assistant Superintendent **Theresa Busch**, Assistant Superintendent **Samantha Dolen**, and Assistant to the Superintendent **Kathe Lingl**.

After initially reviewing the proposed new policy at its April 10 and April 24 meetings, the Board approved new policy

GBCBC/JFH: Teen Dating Violence as presented.

Summer Curriculum Projects

Summer curriculum projects to enhance teaching and student learning emphasize assessment and instruction. Assessment is no longer considered the culmination of instruction, but is an integral part of teaching and learning. Analysis of formative assessment results provides teachers with important information about where students are in terms of their learning, where students should be in terms of their learning, and what should be done to close the gap between the two. Analysis and interpretation of data allows teachers to make informed decisions that positively impact student learning. Instruction is at the center of the work teachers accomplish each day. Summer curriculum projects with an instructional emphasis include teams of teachers representing all schools working collaboratively to accomplish applying rigor to instructional activities or preparing to implement/expand the use of the one-to-one technology. Teacher teams will be developing instructional units, lessons, and activities for use in classrooms.

The Board of Education approved the recommended summer curriculum projects at a cost not to exceed the following per grant: Title 1, \$61,900; Title 2, \$67,625; and IDEA, \$23,750.

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

Interfund Transfers for Capital Improvements and Debt Abatement

At its meeting on March 20, 2014, the Board of Education reviewed an updated five-year capital improvement plan that allows for facility improvements across the District. Subsequently, at the April 24, 2014 meeting, the Board approved bids for the expansion and renovation of all five swimming pools, the main office remodel at Conant High School, the lease agreement for the Barrington Orthopedic Building, and reviewed several funding options available for capital and life safety projects.

The Board of Education approved a resolution providing for an interfund transfer of \$4 million from the Operations and Maintenance Fund to the Capital Projects Fund, effective July 1, 2014; the transfer of \$2.5 million from Working Cash to Debt Service, effective prior to June 30, 2014; and the transfer of \$2 million from Working Cash to Debt Service to be transferred effective July 1, 2014.

The Board also approved a public hearing at its May 22, 2014, meeting to consider the permanent interfund transfer of \$20 million from the Educational Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund and \$2.5 million from the Transportation Fund to its Operations and Maintenance Fund.

Additional information on interfund transfers is available [here](#).

Northwest Suburban Special Education Organization (NSSEO) Budget

The Board of Education ratified the NSSEO budget for 2014-2015 fiscal year and agreed to pay the District's

proportionate share of the budgeted revenues.

Additional information on the NSSEO budget is available [here](#), with a copy of the [proposed budget](#) provided as a supplemental resource.

Next Board of Education Meeting

The next scheduled regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, May 22, 2014, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Anne Koller Board Meeting Room at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center.