

## **Board of Education Meeting Recap**

The Township High School District 211 Board of Education met on Thursday, March 17, 2016, 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.

### **Administrative Appointment – Hoffman Estates High School Principal**

The Board of Education approved the appointment of **Joshua Schumacher** as principal at Hoffman Estates High School, effective July 1, 2016. Mr. Schumacher is currently a 12-month assistant principal at Hoffman Estates High School, overseeing building and grounds as well as professional development of staff members, a position he has held since 2014. He also serves as the school's activities director. Prior to his current position, Mr. Schumacher was an assistant principal at the school with responsibilities in the discipline office from 2011-2014. He served as the school's dean of students during the 2009-2010 school year. Mr. Schumacher began his teaching career as a biology and physical science teacher at Hoffman Estates High School in 2002. He was the Hawks' head coach for boys (2003-2011) and girls (2004-2010) swimming and also served as the assistant sponsor for student council from 2005-2011.

Mr. Schumacher earned his bachelor's degree in biological science from Illinois State University in Normal, Ill., and his master's degree in curriculum and instruction from Olivet

Nazarene University in Kankakee, Ill. He earned a second master's degree in educational administration from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Ill., and is currently working on his doctorate in curriculum and instruction through Illinois State University. Mr. Schumacher is a nationally certified teacher through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. He also was recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education with a "Those Who Excel Award" in 2014 as part of the Hoffman Estates High School SOAR Core Committee, a positive behavior intervention.

## **Military Recognition**

The Board of Education honored Second Lieutenant **Joseph Zolper**, a 2011 Schaumburg High School graduate who is now serving in the United States Army. Second Lieutenant Zolper led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Recognition**

The Board of Education recognized students who earned honors in statewide athletic and activity competitions. This included students in Chess and Speech, and student-athletes in Wrestling, Bowling, and Girls Gymnastics, as well as the William Fremd High School Girls Basketball Team that finished as the state runner-up. See the complete list of students recognized [here](#).

Also recognized at the meeting were [Illinois Music Educators Association](#) (ILMEA) all-state honorees from James B. Conant, Fremd, Hoffman Estates, Palatine, and Schaumburg High Schools. These students earned all-state honors in band, chorus, and orchestra.

## **Presentation: Facility and Capital Improvements**

It has been the long-standing commitment of District 211 to provide safe, functional, and adaptable facilities that contribute to the educational program and have a positive impact on student achievement. As a component of the District's financial and operational goals, the long-range capital outlay plan is designed to align with building utilization, improvement and maintenance schedule, and serve the educational goals. The five-year capital improvement plan is reviewed and updated annually to reflect the District's progress and considers changes due to financial, demographic, technological, or energy-related conditions.

As the District completes capital improvement projects during year three of its five-year capital improvement plan, the Board of Education continues to be provided project status and financial updates for each project. The administration also continues to provide planning recommendations for the remainder of the five-year capital improvement plan and identify projects that are recommended for future years.

Chief Operating Officer **Lauren Hummel**, Controller & Treasurer **Barbara Peterson**, and Director of Facilities & Business Services **Christopher Kontney** presented a report to the Board of Education that summarized the work completed to this point relative to both mandated life safety improvements and capital improvement projects. The presentation and report also included a summary of the progress relative to life safety projects and the five-year capital improvement project timeline scheduled through

2018, in addition to a list of future improvement projects that will be recommended.

Additional information is available [here](#).

### **Approval of Minutes**

The Board of Education approved the minutes from its regular meeting on [February 11, 2016](#).

### **Class Size Committee Report**

The Board of Education received a [report](#) from the Class Size Committee.

### **Enrollment Projections**

The Board received information on enrollment projections through the 2023-2024 school year. Enrollment projections are based on data received from Districts 15 and 54, with enrollment from private schools factored in. The projections include students who will attend the District's five high schools. Off-campus projections for students who are in Academy-North, Higgins Education Center, and private facilities are based on enrollment for the 2015-2016 school year and on a five-year average for the remaining years. Not included in the projections are the number of students who may enroll in District schools based upon their families specifically moving into District 211 boundaries for its educational excellence.

Projections indicate that the District's enrollment at its five

high schools will decrease approximately 0.7% in 2016-2017. Enrollment will continue to decline to a low-point of 11,554 students through the 2020-2021 school year, and then begin to increase in 2021-2022.

Additional information on enrollment projections is available [here](#).

## **Community Engagement Update**

Two rounds of Community Engagement sessions have been completed. First round meetings were held on Monday, February 1, 2016 at Fremd High School, and Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at Schaumburg High School, with the topic being the State of the District. Superintendent **Dr. Daniel Cates** gave those in attendance an overview of the District's enrollment and trends in student characteristics, the District's comprehensive programming, and a summary of the District's operations and finances.

Associate Superintendent **Dr. Lisa Small** presented information about the District's Academic Programming during the second round of Community Engagement meetings held on Monday, March 14, 2016 at Palatine High School, and Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at Conant High School. Dr. Small presented an overview of Academic Readiness, College Major and Career Exploration, and Global Competitive Skills.

Following presentations at the sessions, those in attendance participated in group discussion activities with other members at individual tables. At the conclusion of group activities, a spokesperson at each table had an opportunity to report key ideas discussed at their table to the entire

Community Engagement group at the session. All the information presented, along with verbatim responses and an executive summary from each community engagement session from the first round of sessions are posted on District's Community Engagement website (<http://adc.d211.org/communityengagement>), and similar information from the second round of meetings will be posted when available.

Four more Community Engagement sessions will be held in April and May. Two meetings will be conducted each month, both with the same topic and the same information presentation, along with the same opportunities available for engagement. The remaining schedule is as follows:

*April 4 at Hoffman Estates High School, Topic: Student Involvement & Wellness*

*April 5 at Palatine High School, Topic: Student Involvement & Wellness*

*May 2 at Conant High School, Topic: Finances & Facilities*

*May 3 at Fremd High School, Topic: Finances & Facilities*

Additional information presented to the Board on Community Engagement is available [here](#).

## **Board of Education Agreements**

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 a single entity responsible for its governance and processes while refusing to surrender to special interest or partisan political groups.

On April 30, 2015; July 16, 2015; and January 5, 2016, the

Board and the Superintendent met with a representative from the Illinois School Board Association (IASB) for the purpose of self-evaluation and to discuss governance practices of the Board of Education. 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 High School District 211 community.

The Board initially reviewed the draft agreements at its February 11, 2016 meeting. After further discussion at the March 17, 2016 meeting, the Board decided to place this item on the April 28, 2016 Board meeting agenda for additional consideration.

### **Institute and In-Service Dates for 2016-2017**

At its January 15, 2015 meeting, the Board of Education approved a new collegiate-style calendar for 2016-2017 with 181 student attendance days; three institute days on August 11, 2016; August 12, 2016; and January 9, 2017; and one institute day to be determined at a later date.

The Board approved October 10, 2016 as a teacher institute day for the 2016-2017 school year. Additionally, the Board approved November 4, 2016; February 17, 2017; May 12, 2017; and May 19, 2017 as shortened days for in-service training of certified staff and special events. In-service programs also will be scheduled for staff on Thursday, September 1, 2016 (Parent Open House) and Wednesday, October 19, 2016 (District 211 College Night), when students will attend school for 4½ hours on these days.

## **Food Service Purchasing Cooperative Agreement**

High School District 211's Food and Nutrition Service Department operates under the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs. Regulations for food items sold under these programs are established by the United States Department of Agriculture and were most recently re-defined through the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010. Under the Act, food standards and requirements now provide for greater consistency of offerings among districts and grade levels. As a result, the purchasing process of many products included in school meals has been streamlined.

The District's participation in the school meal programs requires that food and supply items used in student meals are competitively bid. Historically, the District has independently prepared and solicited bids for food and supply items used in the preparation of approximately one million student meals each year. However, with the standardization of products sold from district to district under the recent regulatory changes, District 211 has examined alternative purchasing solutions for greater pricing competition. Over the past two years, the District has evaluated purchasing cooperative solutions as well as its own ability to prepare alternative bid strategies for the most competitive pricing. Upon review, the Northern Illinois Independent Purchasing Cooperative (NIIPC) provides the most competitive pricing while also allowing for localized control of product specifications bid each year.

District 211's annual budget for food items is approximately \$2 million, of which \$1.3 million is spent with its primary, broad-lined distributors. Through a price comparison analysis of top volume items purchased with these distributors, it is estimated that the District will recognize an

annual savings of over 5%, or \$65,000 annually for products and brand names that the District is currently purchasing. With the elimination of several of its primary food bids, the District also will realize savings attributed to administrative time in development and analysis of bids.

The Board of Education authorized participation in the NIIPC, beginning August 1, 2016 and approved the Intergovernmental Agreement Resolution as presented. Membership in the NIIPC has a one-time, initial fee of \$200 and annual dues in the amount of \$1,600.

Additional information on the NIIPC is available [here](#).

### **Future Discussion Topics**

The Board of Education requested that an overview of Illinois Senate Bill 100 be placed on a future Board meeting agenda. Senate Bill 100 addresses school discipline policies, and was signed into law by the Governor in August 2015, effective September 2016.

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

The next scheduled regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, April 14, 2016, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Anne Koller Board Meeting Room at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center.