

Board of Education Meeting Recap

The Township High School District 211 Board of Education met on Thursday, February 12, 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 Private First Class **Daniel Vazquez**, a 2013 Hoffman Estates High School graduate who is now serving in the Illinois National Guard. Private First Class Vazquez led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognitions

The Board of Education recognized student-athletes from the James B. Conant High School cheer squad that finished second in the co-ed state competition. A complete list of student-athletes recognized is available [here](#).

The Board recognized Palatine High School Mathematics Teacher **Joseph Gryzbek** who earned national certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. This is the highest professional credential in the field of teaching. High School District 211 now has had 133 teachers earn national certification, with each recipient's name engraved on a plaque displayed in the Board meeting room at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center.

The Board of Education recognized local businesses that partner with District 211 to provide worksites for students with special needs. Through these partnerships, the District is able to provide students with true-to-life work experiences that help prepare students for their lives after high school. The following businesses received Board recognition:

- Buehler YMCA
- Cintas
- Countryside Association
- eWorks
- GFS Marketplace
- Good Shepherd Health & Fitness Center
- Harper College – Food Service Training Program
- Home Goods of Schaumburg
- Home Goods of Palatine

- IKEA
- Learning Loft
- Lifetime Fitness
- Nordstrom Rack
- Renaissance Hotel & Convention Center
- Richelieu Hardware
- Rosewood Care Center
- Savers
- Subway
- T.J. Maxx of Palatine
- T.J. Maxx of Hoffman Estates
- Transition Industries
- Walgreens
- Willow Creek Care Center

Presentation: Update of the District 211 Five-Year Instructional Vision 2011-2016

The Board of Education viewed a presentation on the update of the District's Instructional Vision by Associate Superintendent for Instruction **Lisa Small**, Associate Superintendent for Student Services **Mark Kovack**, Director of Administrative Services **Matthew Hildebrand**, and Director of Athletics and Activities **Augustino Fontanetta**. The instructional direction of District 211 has included a focus on college and career readiness skills supported by critical learning standards, global competitive skills, non-stop learning, community and collaboration, and active student citizenship.

Additional information on the Instructional Vision update is available [here](#).

Approval of Minutes

The Board of Education approved the minutes from its regular meeting on [January 15, 2015](#).

Proposed In-District Professional Learning Opportunities – Spring 2015

The Board of Education approved offering the following professional learning opportunities for staff for in-district credit: “Four Digital Assessments to Inform Instruction,” “Introduction to Next Generation Classroom Management,” “iWorks,” and “Strategies to Overcome Patterns of Behaviors Preventing Student Success.”

Additional information on the approved professional learning opportunities is

available [here](#).

Dual Credit Courses and the Power of 15 Initiative

The Board of Education received information on District 211's dual credit courses and the Power of 15 Initiative. Dual credit courses allow a high school student to be enrolled in a high school and college simultaneously, with credits earned through dual credit coursework used as high school credit towards graduation and as early college credits for future post-high school experiences. The Power of 15 Initiative encourages high school students to enroll in 15 college credit hours through Advanced Placement and dual credit courses. Research indicates that students who engage in college-level coursework while still in the high school environment have an increased likelihood of being successful in college while graduating in four years.

Within the next three years, District 211 will offer a combination of over 30 Advanced Placement courses, as well as 65 dual credit courses, giving all students access to a variety of options to explore rigorous courses prior to graduating from high school. A student who enrolls in at least five of these courses may save up to one semester of college tuition and experience the challenges of college coursework without ever leaving their high school campus.

Additional information on dual credit courses and the Power of 15 Initiative is available [here](#).

Combined Charities Campaign Report

This school year, High School District 211 employees contributed \$33,990 to the 2014-2015 Combined Charities Campaign. This program offered employees the opportunity to donate to the charity of their choice. In addition to the United Way, the Combined Charities program includes over 1,000 organizations serving our communities, including the High School District 211 Foundation and several District 211 school-based charitable causes. The contributions made this year helped benefit numerous local, state, and national charities.

The success of this campaign would not have been possible without the outstanding efforts of the Combined Charities Campaign coordinators/representatives at each District 211 building. The following individuals assisted in coordinating District 211's fundraising efforts: Palatine High School Assistant Principal **Michael Alther**, Fremd High School Dean of Students **Colene Brockman**, Conant High School Assistant Principal **Talbott Behnken**, Schaumburg High School Assistant Principal **Dan Lanser**, Hoffman Estates High School Assistant Principal **Luis Arroyo**, Academy-North Program Administrator **Francesca Anderson**, Academy-South Program Administrator

Amy Friel, Director of Transportation **Raymond Gawron**, Publications Assistant **Rebecca Rolph**, and Director of Community Relations **Thomas Petersen**.

Purchase Recommendation for Off-Campus District 211 Academy-North Building

Since 2005, District 211 has offered the Academy-North program to meet the needs of students who require support beyond the regular high school setting. During the 2004-2005 school year, the Board of Education approved the lease of a 13,000 square foot facility at 335 E. Illinois Avenue in Palatine to house this off-campus program. The program has been at that facility for the past 10 years.

At its January 15, 2015 meeting, the Board extended the lease on the property until April 30, 2015. Effective February 1, 2015, monthly rent is \$7,037. A portion of the space also is leased to North Cook Young Adult Academy (NCYAA) with monthly rent collected in the amount of \$7,509. Under the terms of agreement, the District is responsible for all general maintenance, utility costs, insurance and property taxes.

The existing lease agreement allows for a purchase option of the property before the conclusion of the term of the lease, and the Board approved the purchase of the Academy-North building. Because the District is responsible for all operational costs and real estate taxes, it is in the best financial interest of the District to purchase the property for the continuation of the Academy-North program rather than entering into an additional long-term lease. Following completion of appraisals and in discussion with the property owners, the proposed purchase price was agreed to in the amount of \$950,000 plus applicable closing costs estimated at \$10,000. Funds for the purchase of the property are available between the FY15 budget and fund balance reserves in the Operations and Maintenance Fund.

Site Lease Amendments – AT&T Wireless

The Board of Education approved site lease amendments with AT&T Wireless for Conant, Schaumburg, and Hoffman Estates High Schools. District 211 has existing site lease agreements and existing cell towers with AT&T at Conant, Schaumburg, and Hoffman Estates High Schools, and at its February 13, 2014 meeting, approved a fourth site lease agreement with AT&T at Fremd High School.

AT&T submitted a proposal to amend its existing site lease agreements for Conant, Schaumburg, and Hoffman Estates High Schools to add an additional nine antennas to the existing towers; to relocate the existing utility easements; and to extend the existing lease terms for an additional two, five-year terms.

Additional information on the approved site lease amendments is available [here](#).

Public Hearing and Waiver from School Code – Columbus Day

Following a public hearing to receive testimony on the proposal to hold school on Columbus Day, October 10, 2016, the Board of Education approved the proposal as presented. This is for one year only, due to a change for the District to a collegiate-style calendar beginning in 2016. Instructional time on Columbus Day 2016 will place special emphasis on this important date for Americans.

In 2009, Public Act 96-640 was enacted to allow boards of education to hold school on legal school holidays with no need to use the waiver/modification law. Currently, District 211 holds school on three legal holidays: Abraham Lincoln's Birthday (February 12), Casimir Pulaski's Birthday (first Monday in March), and Veterans Day (November 11).

Proposed Policy Revisions

As part of its ongoing Policy Manual review, the Board of Education reviews proposed policy revisions and proposed new policies from the Administrative Board Policy Group. The Group is comprised of Board Vice President **Mucia Burke**, Board Member **Robert LeFevre**, Associate Superintendent **Lisa Small**, Director of Administrative Services **Matthew Hildebrand**, and Assistant to the Superintendent **Kathe Lingl**.

The Board initially reviewed proposed revisions to Board policy files: [BDDD Quorum](#) and [GBEA Employee Physical Examinations](#). No action was taken at the meeting.

Administrative Appointment

The Board of Education approved the appointment of **Martin Manning** as athletic director at Schaumburg High School, effective July 1, 2015. Mr. Manning is currently an Advanced Placement computer science teacher and head boys' varsity basketball coach at Schaumburg High School. Previously, Mr. Manning was a business education teacher at Huntley High School from 2003-2014. He also was the school's head boys' varsity basketball coach from 2006-2014, winning five regional championships and twice advancing to the "Sweet 16" of the state basketball series. Mr. Manning was selected District Coach of the Year three times by the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association. He also served as Huntley High School's junior varsity golf coach from 2008-2014. Mr. Manning earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, a master's degree in secondary education from

Roosevelt University, and a second master's degree in educational leadership from American College of Education.

Mr. Manning will fill the position vacated by current Schaumburg High School Athletic Director **Timothy Kirby**. Mr. Kirby, after serving as athletic director since 2005 and contributing to a number of local and state committees to advance athletic opportunities, has chosen to return to the classroom as a social studies teacher where he began his District 211 career in 1991.

Next Board of Education Meeting

The next scheduled regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2015, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Anne Koller Board Meeting Room at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center.