

Board of Education Meeting Recap

The Township High School District 211 Board of Education met Thursday, July 21, 2022, in the Ann Koller Board of Education Meeting Room at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center. The following is a recap of items that were acted upon at the meeting.

Administrative Appointment

Kendra Letzel was appointed a temporary full-time dean at Schaumburg High School until her principalship endorsement is processed by the ISBE. At that time, she will have the title of 10-month assistant principal at Schaumburg High School. Kendra currently is serving as a math teacher there, a position she has held since 2002. She began her career as a math teacher in District 214 in 1997. During the 2021-2022 school year, she served as dean at Schaumburg.

A Schaumburg High School graduate, Kendra received her undergraduate degree in the Teaching of Mathematics from the University of Illinois and earned her master's degree in Math Education from DePaul University. She is working toward a doctorate degree in Education Policy, Organization and Leadership through the University of Illinois.

Recognitions

The Board of Education recognized students who earned state athletic honors.

The students were:

William Fremd High School - IHSA Boys Tennis State Competition

Head Coach **Johnny Kent** and student

Andrew Spurck - 3rd Place Singles,
4th Place Team

Schaumburg High School - IHSA Boys Track & Field State Competition

Head Coach **Ryan Senica** and student

Timothy Gale - 5th Place Pole Vault

William Fremd High School - IHSA Girls Track & Field State Competition

Head Coach **Joe Marcin** and students

Tammi Foreman - 9th Place 4x200 M Relay
Katherine Kuehn - 9th Place 4x200 M Relay
Maria Esquivel Pizarro - 9th Place 4x200 M Relay
Kiera White - 9th Place 4x200 M Relay,
9th Place Triple Jump,

7th Place Long Jump

Hoffman Estates High School - IHSA Girls Track & Field State Competition

Head Coach **Jenny Huffman** and students

Ashley Oliver	-	6 th Place 400 M Dash
Amaya Hendrickson	-	8 th Place Shot Put

Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the minutes from its [June 16, 2022](#) regular meeting.

Bid for Consideration

The Board awarded the business for Physical Education towel service for all schools to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Lechner and Sons, Inc., for a total cost of \$296,400 over the 2022-2023, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years.

The full document is [here](#).

Acceptance of Donations

The Board accepted the donations of \$5,000 from the Schaumburg/Hoffman Estates Rotary Club for tool kits in support of the auto club program at Hoffman Estates High School; \$800 from the Schaumburg/Hoffman Estates Rotary Club in support of the Hawks Nest program at Hoffman Estates High School; \$1,000 from Prospect Electric Company for the Magic Closet and Blessings in a Backpack programs at Schaumburg High School; \$1,000 from the Mungai family in support of Writer’s Week at William Fremd High School in honor of Antonette Minniti; and \$2,000 from the Mungai family in support of Writer’s Week. Letters of appreciation will be sent to acknowledge the gifts.

Surplus School Property

Per Board Policy DN School Property Disposal, property owned by the District with market value of more than \$300 may be disposed to the best advantage of the District with condition of equipment reviewed by the Board of Education prior to its disposal.

The Board authorized the donation of a FANUC robot cell robotic arm, originally given to the District in 2016, to the Harper College Manufacturing program. This allows access for all dual credit manufacturing students in districts 211, 214 and 220.

Hazardous Transportation Areas

Per state law, districts normally receive no state aid for transporting students who reside less than 1.5 miles from school. However, where vehicular traffic and roadway

conditions constitute a serious safety hazard to students who are walking, the Illinois State Board of Education will grant partial reimbursement to districts for the cost of bus transportation for these students. The Illinois Department of Transportation established criteria to determine the relative safety of routes used by students walking to school.

The hazardous area criteria are applied to four circumstances encountered by students: walking along, on, or across a roadway or walking across railroad tracks. State law requires districts to approve a hazardous transportation area resolution annually.

The Board approved a resolution identifying hazardous transportation areas for students walking to James B. Conant, Hoffman Estates, and William Fremd High Schools..

More information can be found [here](#).

Employment of Summer School Teachers

District 211 expects to employ approximately 200 academic teachers for summer school, which runs from June 29 to July 21 for second semester. Jacquese Gilbert, director of summer school and community outreach, provided the names of teachers with pending contracts for the 2022 summer school session. Current District 211 academic teachers will be compensated between \$46.78 and \$56.34 per hour, depending on years of service. Out-of-District teachers are compensated at \$38.95 per hour. The Board adopted a resolution to employ teachers for 2022 summer school.

Additional teachers were approved at previous meetings.

The full report is [here](#).

Tentative Budget: Transportation Fund

The 2022-2023 tentative budget for this fund was developed in accordance with the Illinois Program Accounting Manual and presents revenue and expenditures by category and fund. The State format budget for these funds will be presented on forms provided by the Illinois State Board of Education once the budget for all funds is complete in August. The Transportation Fund tentative budget was prepared with the best information available at this time. Pending legislation and state funding allocations may affect the tentative budget presented, and any changes will be incorporated in the final tentative budget presented in August 2022.

More information about the Transportation Fund is available [here](#).

Use of ESSER Funding in District 211

Since the COVID-19 emergency school closure in March 2020, the U.S. Congress has passed three stimulus bills with the aim of providing funds to the Elementary and Secondary Emergency Education Relief (ESSER) fund. Portions of this are designed to

assist states that are expected to distribute at least 90% of the money to local education agencies (LEAs) based on their proportional share of funding received from the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Title-IA. District 211 is considered a local education agency and thus has and will receive ESSER funding through 2023-2024.

To date, three versions of ESSER funding have been approved by the federal government. These include the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act; the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act; and the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act. These so-called stimulus bills seek to provide additional funding to states and school districts to successfully support students as we recover from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Board reviewed expenditures and anticipated income.

The full report can be found [here](#).

Safety Information

Federal and state law enforcement extensively research school safety and how to avert school violence. The Secret Service in particular has released multiple reports identifying key findings and implications for schools. These support many of District 211's current practices and procedures.

The Board reviewed a document outlining prevention, assessment, intervention and management measures at a level of detail that does not undermine security.

The full report is available [here](#).

Illinois Association of School Boards Annual Membership

The Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) provides services for members such as training opportunities, networking opportunities, advocacy on behalf of public education, pooled services, information, expertise, and a platform for a strong collective voice on common interests and concerns. In addition, division meetings provide opportunities for professional development, networking, peer recognition and participation in association governance. An additional service is a subscription to PRESS (sample board policies).

The Board renewed its IASB membership for 2022-2023 and authorized the payment of the annual dues of \$19,714. This is the same price as the previous two years.

More information about IASB membership is available [here](#).

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 developed into a strong, united voice that advocates for the needs of suburban school systems, 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 renewed its membership in ED-RED for the 2022-2023 school year at a fee of \$5,350, an increase of \$350 over the fee assessed since the 2015-2016 school year.

More information is available [here](#).

Fiscal Year 2023 and 2024 Student Building Construction Program Budget

Township High School District 211 has offered an academic Building Construction Program for its students for more than three decades, providing students with the foundational skills necessary to enter an area of architecture, construction or building trades post-graduation.

Since 2001, the program has served nine communities through the development and sale of more than 40 homes. The District is dedicated to the pursuit of college and career pathways. The Building Construction Program is an integral part of the Architectural and Construction Pathway and can be paired with instructional opportunities offered through several of the technical dual credit or District academic courses to best prepare students for their futures. Beginning in the 2014-2015 year, the District's computer-aided design (CAD) classes have been engaged in competitions to design homes for construction. Students in interior design classes in the Family and Consumer Science department will play a role in the design aspects.

The Board approved construction of houses for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years on two district-owned lots and budgeted the following amounts for these projects: \$279,000 in construction costs for the home located in Palatine for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, including consulting fees and contingency; and \$580,000 in construction costs for the home located in Elgin, to be spread over 2022-2023 and 2023-2024, including consulting fees and contingency.

More information can be found [here](#).

Graduation Site Recommendation for the Classes of 2023 and 2024

District 211 high schools have a long history of formal and dignified graduation ceremonies. In 1996, District schools began hosting graduation ceremonies off school

grounds to offer greater capacity. The NOW Arena is a multi-purpose cultural and sports center that will accommodate all five large high school graduation ceremonies.

The Board of Education authorized the Superintendent to enter into a license agreement with the NOW Arena at a total cost of \$170,000 for the off-site 2023 graduation ceremonies and \$178,500 for the off-site 2024 graduation ceremonies for Palatine, Fremd High School, Conant, Schaumburg and Hoffman Estates high schools.

Details and scheduled dates and times are available [here](#).

Proposed New Policies and Revision

During the Fall 2021 session, the Illinois legislation passed House Bill 3461 (PA 102-610), which updates legislation regarding the awareness of sexual abuse of children, and House Bill 1975 (PA 102-0676), which updates legislation regarding sexual misconduct in schools.

In the first public act, districts are required to educate students, train employees and provide information to parents/guardians about child sexual abuse and grooming.

The second public act requires school districts to develop an employee code of professional conduct that defines sexual misconduct and identifies expectations for employees. An additional required component references training for school employees.

Additionally during the Fall 2021 session, the Illinois legislation passed House Bill 0102 (PA 102-0413), which updates legislation regarding the anaphylaxis prevention, response, and management program. This public act removes the previous requirements for a food allergy management program and replaces it with requirements for school districts to adopt a policy concerning anaphylaxis. Specifically, school districts are required to develop and implement an anaphylaxis prevention, response and management program.

The proposed new policies have been reviewed by the Administrative Board Policy Group comprising Board President Anna Klimkowicz, Board Member Mark Cramer, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Joshua Schumacher, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services Kurt Tenopir and Director of Administrative Services Matt Hildebrand.

The Board reviewed all three policies.

More on HB3461 is [here](#).

More on HB1975 is [here](#).

More on HB0102 is [here](#).

Financial Software Cloud Migration

The District's financial software system is a critical component in the management of two of the District's greatest assets: its people and its finances. To best manage these, it is necessary for the District to have software systems that safely store data and allow users to best analyze, utilize and report information through data maintenance. In November 2014, the Board approved the purchase and implementation of Lawson software by Infor Financial Solutions to replace the existing general ledger and procurement/payment system. District 211 has been live on Lawson since 2016. This system has proven reliable, functional and flexible, exceeding expectations made at the time of purchase. The Lawson software is hosted on 12 servers locally by the District. The servers and software are maintained by the District 211 technology department.

Effective January 2026, the District's version of Lawson will no longer be supported by Infor. This will require a cloud-based solution upgrade. In addition to the hosting change, this upgrade will involve data conversion, user training and customized reporting.

The Board authorized the District to upgrade the Infor financial management software and convert to cloud hosting at a total cost of \$238,000, with annual software maintenance and hosting fees not to exceed \$165,000 for each of the next five years.

More details are available [here](#).

Next Board of Education Meeting

The next scheduled regular Board of Education meeting will be held Thursday, August 18, 2022, with closed session beginning at 6:30 p.m. and open session beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Anne Koller Board Meeting Room at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center.