

Board of Education Meeting Recap

The Township High School District 211 Board of Education met on Thursday, December 15, 2022, in the Anne 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

Mr. Erik Hauser was appointed Athletic Director of James B. Conant High School, replacing the retiring John Kane. Erik is currently the Lead Dean/Interventionist at Conant, a position he has held this school year. He served most of his educational career as a science teacher at Conant, where he began teaching in 2003. He also has served as Boys Water Polo head coach, Events Coordinator (2006-2015), Athletic Coordinator (2015-present) and Dean (2017-2018).

Erik earned his bachelor's degree in Biology and Pre-Medical Preparation with a minor in Chemistry from Ball State University in 1997. He completed his master's in Secondary Teacher Education at Roosevelt University in 2004, and earned a second master's degree in Educational Leadership and Organizational Change from Roosevelt in 2006.

Board Highlight Video

This month's Board video slideshow highlighted District 211's Architectural Design Competition, which brought together students from the Computer Aided Design classes at all five high schools. They presented their house designs to a panel of experts, who chose a winner to have their home constructed by students in the District 211 Building Construction program.

View the video slideshow [here](#).

Recognition

Students who earned honors in statewide extracurricular competition were recognized by the Board of Education along with their coaches. Those invited to the meeting were:

Palatine High School Boys Cross Country:

Coach Joe Parks and student-athlete Mason Krieg - 12th Place, State Finals

Palatine High School Girls Cross Country:

Coach Anthony DeStephano and student-athlete Abigail Jordan - 15th Place, State Finals

Palatine High School Boys Golf:

Coach Mark Johnson and student-athlete Pablo Castro - 10th Place, State Finals

Palatine High School Girls Swimming:

Coach Sam Truppa and student-athletes Yugene Shin - 11th Place, 100-Yard Backstroke, State Finals and Riley Strahl - 12th Place, Diving, State Finals

William Fremd High School Girls Swimming:

Coach Andrew Kittrell and student-athletes Katie Kuehn - 3rd Place, 50-Yard Freestyle; 7th Place, 100-Yard Freestyle, State Finals and Jacqueline Genet - 3rd Place, Diving, State Finals

Schaumburg High School Girls Swimming:

Coach Timothy O'Grady and student-athlete Zuzanna Krasnicki - 9th Place, 50-Yard Freestyle; 4th Place, 100-Yard Freestyle, State Finals

Public Hearing on the Proposed 2022 Tax Levy

Pursuant to the Truth in Taxation Law, 35 ILCS 200/18-55 *et seq*, the Board of Education held a public hearing to discuss the proposed 2022 tax levy. More information is available [here](#).

Presentation: Post-Secondary Success

District 211 is committed to preparing students for their future. We strive to build the following skills in each of our future graduates: academic growth, college and career readiness, student involvement, global competitive skills and wellness. These form the foundation of our District 211 Strategic Plan, which outlines the priorities, goals, strategies and targets to drive innovative progress over the next five years. The Plan was developed by a Steering Committee comprising staff, parents, students, community members and Board of Education members. It covers ten key priorities with goals and subsequent indicators, strategies and targets for each priority. **Mr. Josh Schumacher**, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, **Dr. Danielle Hauser**, director of student services and **Mrs. Michele Napier**, director of college and career readiness, presented on the District's progress toward the Post-Secondary Success goal. The Strategic Plan Update on Post-Secondary Success can be found [here](#). The presentation viewed by the Board can be viewed [here](#).

Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the minutes from its regular meeting on [November 10, 2022](#).

Bids for Consideration

The Board approved bids for a bus garage rooftop unit replacement at Palatine High School for \$364,999; fall sports supplies for all schools in the amount of \$237,651.16; and the printing of the Continuing Education course and summer school catalog in the amount of \$43,987.71.

The documents can be viewed [here](#).

Acceptance of Donations

The Board formally accepted donations of \$3,000 from The Rotary Club of Schaumburg to support the Blessings in a Backpack program at Hoffman Estates High School; \$2,000 from The Rotary Club of Schaumburg to support the Blessing in a Backpack program at Schaumburg

High School; \$1,200 from Tate & Lyle to cover the cost of ServSafe food handler exams for culinary program students at Hoffman Estates High School; and \$4199.73 from Rick and Carrie Fulk to support the softball, girls basketball and boys baseball programs at Palatine High School. Letters of appreciation will be sent on the Board's behalf by the Superintendent.

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 sale of a 2009 IC CE 71-passenger school bus; two 2010 IC CE 71-passenger school buses; a Magnum lat pull down machine; a Magnum biangular lat machine; a Magnum biangular row machine; and miscellaneous kitchen equipment by way of public auction site, public sealed bid or company trade-in.

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

Adoption of the 2022 Tax Levy

The 2022 tax levy must be adopted and filed with the Cook County Clerk no later than December 27, 2022. The proposed tax levy for 2022 is \$251,225,000. This is an increase of 3.8% over the 2021 levy baseline extension. The recommendation is less than the allowable levy amount of 5.3 percent.

The Board approved the amount of \$251,225,000 as the District 211 2022 levy. The Board also approved the Certification Required by 35 ILCS 200/18-190.7 that the 2022 Real Estate Tax Extension of the Board is less than the maximum allowed under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law. Finally, the Board approved the resolution abating the full 2022 recapture real estate tax levy amount certified by the Cook County Treasurer due to section 18-233 of the property tax code.

Full information is available [here](#).

2021-2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report of Board of Education Funds

The Board of Education acknowledged receipt of the June 30, 2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) that includes financial statements as prepared by High School District 211 and audited by Baker Tilly U.S., LLP, Certified Public Accountants. Illinois School Code and the District's adopted policy require an annual audit by independent certified public accountants. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board encourages every governmental entity, including school districts, to prepare and publish an ACFR. This serves as the District's official annual financial report and contains introductory information, schedules necessary to

demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions, and statistical data.

The ACFR is available [here](#).

Operating Fund Balance for the Period Ending June 30, 2022

In April 2008, High School District 211 first adopted an operating fund balance policy to safeguard against financial uncertainty and ensure the District's capacity to deliver a range of comprehensive, quality services to all students into future years without disruption. The policy clarifies that the District will maintain adequate fund balance levels for operational and financial planning purposes. The District's position regarding fund balance is measured from the following two perspectives as of June 30 of each fiscal year: 1. Within the Educational Fund; 2. Within the multiple funds that comprise the Operating Fund. The Board of Education received information on the [operating fund Balance for the period ending June 30, 2022](#).

2021-2022 Popular Annual Financial Report of Board of Education Funds

The District's 2016 Strategic Plan includes two components prioritizing clear and transparent communication about the District's finances and the partnership with the community. The District regularly publishes extensive financial information, and in an attempt to make this information accessible to our community, the Board established a commitment to produce a Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) beginning with the 2016-2017 fiscal year financial reports. The PAFR is an unaudited financial publication that presents financial information recently audited by the District's accounting firm of Baker Tilly U.S., LLP, Certified Public Accountants.

A copy of the District 211 PAFR for the period ending June 30, 2021 is available [here](#).

Student User Fees Introduction

Each year, the Board establishes student fees for textbooks and instructional supplies, the driver education behind-the-wheel course, student parking, transportation, school breakfast and lunch, and summer school. The Board received a report containing an overview of the District's student fees. A complete copy of the report is available [here](#). A recommendation on student fees for the 2023-2024 school year will be presented at the January 19, 2023 Board meeting.

Facility Assessment and Asset Management Plan Proposal

The Board's strategic plan calls for architect engagement in development of a 10-year master facility plan. The District maintains 10 buildings including the five large high schools, Higgins Education Center, North Campus, ATP-North, Transportation garage and the Administration Center. Combined, these facilities comprise more than 2.3 million interior square feet, 1.3 million square feet of roof space and 230 acres of grounds.

A Facility Assessment and Asset Management Plan will include a physical study of the 10 District facilities and a comprehensive inventory of its facilities and systems while developing anticipated replacement timelines and budget estimates with specific detail focused on development of a 10-year anticipated replacement cycle. The study will be completed by the District architect of record, ARCON, and will include coordination with AMSCO engineering firm.

The Facility Assessment and Asset Management Plan will allow the District to evaluate the condition of its facilities, so that it may plan for future maintenance and help determine where best to invest its resources over the next decade. The Facility Assessment will also incorporate a life expectancy projection with replacement costs for years 1 through 10.

The Facility Assessment and Asset Management Plan is anticipated to be completed over a nine-month time period with physical surveying of spaces outside of normal school hours.

The Board approved ARCON to complete the plan at a cost of \$206,820.

Establish Time, Date and Place of Regular Board of Education Meetings

All boards of education are required to hold regular meetings (Illinois School Code, Chapter 5, Section 120/2.02). The establishment of a regular meeting time and place must be done annually at the beginning of each calendar or fiscal year. After a time and place have been properly established, additional public notice is not necessary, unless the meeting time, place or date is changed.

The Board scheduled regular meetings for fiscal year 2024. The schedule is [here](#).

MaiaLearning Software Platform

Preparing students for life after they graduate includes rigorous and relevant in-class instructional experiences and the exploration of college and career opportunities. While our in-class instructional experiences are guided by course critical learning standards, the exploration of college and career opportunities includes myriad activities, including courses aligned in career pathways, the opportunity to participate in career treks, evening activities such as College Night and our Career Expo, and individual and group activities led by college counselors and career advisors.

The District 211 Academic Goals and Strategic Plan guide the implementation of college and career readiness in our schools. Academic Goal #3 states that all District 211 students will demonstrate college and career readiness. This can be accomplished in several ways, including meeting college readiness benchmarks or showing growth on the SAT Suite, meeting ACCESS benchmarks or meeting growth targets, or meeting college and career readiness indicators developed by the Illinois State Board of Education. Goal #7 on the Strategic Plan compliments this, including indicators for post-high school planning, student participation in career development experiences and the expansion of our existing network of business partnerships

that provide our students workplace learning experiences. Preparing students for post-secondary opportunities is not a new concept for District 211, however, a tool is needed that centralizes the student's information and experiences within one platform.

For the last several months, a team of District staff and students have been exploring software platforms that provide a way for students, parents, and staff to engage and interact with college and career preparation activities. After careful consideration, the team is recommending a platform called MaiaLearning. This includes access to career exploration tools and information, college and career readiness curriculum and programs for the college application process.

This will offer District 211 students access to a universal college and career framework with embedded activities and information that can guide them at critical times. The implementation of the MaiaLearning platform will enable District 211 staff to facilitate and support students' college and career pathway exploration while allowing students and their parents to independently explore their own options. Specifically, the software will allow students to create and monitor a four-year academic plan, engage in career interest and self-assessment surveys, explore college, military, and career options, track their community service, workplace learning experience, and assist in FAFSA completion, scholarship applications, and college applications.

The Board approved an initial six-month implementation agreement with MaiaLearning at a cost of \$15,862.50 and a five-year term agreement beginning in July 2023 at \$68,975 per year.

Board Member Expenses

In accordance with board policy BHD (Board Member Expenses), the Board must pre-approve the expenses of any Board Member. Board members seeking expense pre-approval for conference or workshop attendance will complete and submit to the Superintendent the request for PreApproval Form for Future Expense Reimbursement no later than noon on the Friday preceding the next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting. Submission for pre-approval may be made for a single event or a series of similar events.

The Board approved the Pre-Approval Form for Future Expense Reimbursement for Anna Klimkowicz and Steven Rosenblum to attend the ED-RED Legislative Dinner Meeting on January 23, 2023 as submitted.

Next Board of Education Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held Thursday, February 16, 2023, 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.