

TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 211  
Palatine, Illinois

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
November 10, 2022  
6:30 p.m.  
Official

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Township High School District 211, Cook County, Illinois was held on November 10, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the G.A. McElroy Administration Center at 1750 South Roselle Road, Palatine, Illinois. Access for the public to view the Board of Education Meeting live-stream was available on the District 211 YouTube channel using the video button on the Board meeting agenda on District 211’s website.

**Call to Order**

**Roll Call**

On a roll call, the following officers and members were:

- Physically Present:
  - Curtis Bradley, Member
  - Kimberly Cavill, Secretary and Member
  - Mark Cramer, Member
  - Peter Dombrowski, Member
  - Timothy Mc Gowan, Member
  - Steven Rosenblum, Vice President and Member
  - Anna Klimkowicz, President and Member

Absent: None

Also present were: Superintendent Lisa Small; members of the District administrative staff; interested citizens; and members of the press.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

President Klimkowicz led the Board of Education and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Closed Session**

**Review of Closed Session Items**

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the Board enter closed session to discuss minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act [5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21)]; probable or imminent litigation against, affecting, or on behalf of the public body [5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11)]; and appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees [5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)].

After discussion a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Curtis Bradley  
Kimberly Cavill  
Mark Cramer  
Peter Dombrowski  
Timothy Mc Gowan  
Steven Rosenblum  
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Education left for executive session at 6:31 p.m. and resumed open session at 7:30 p.m.

### **Return to Open Session**

### **Roll Call**

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the Board return to open session.

On which motion a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Curtis Bradley  
Kimberly Cavill  
Mark Cramer  
Peter Dombrowski  
Timothy Mc Gowan  
Steven Rosenblum  
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

President Klimkowicz led the Board of Education and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Recognition**

Mrs. Klimkowicz read the District 211 mission statement.

President Klimkowicz invited Superintendent Small to begin recognitions.

### **Veterans Day Recognition**

Superintendent Small made the following comments:

“Tomorrow, November 11 is Veterans Day. It is a day reserved for thanking those who fought for us and put their lives on the line for the sake of our country. Across our schools tomorrow, we will host a variety of events including breakfast tributes, panel discussions, guest class speakers, thank you

cards and displays. It will be a day to observe the bravery of the men and women who served our country. I now would ask that any veterans joining us tonight please stand and be recognized.

On behalf of District 211, thank you for your generous and unselfish service to America. Our country would not be what it is now without you.

I would also like to personally recognize two Veterans who are here tonight and a part of District 211:

**Mr. Mark Cramer, Board of Education member, would you please stand.** A naval aviator, Mr. Cramer was an aircraft commander flying the H-46 helicopter for land and sea operations, including day and night all-weather re-supply, personnel transport and rescue missions. He also served in significant leadership, operational and staff assignments during his distinguished career. He has been awarded the Legion of Merit and the Meritorious Service Medal.

Thank you for your service.

**Mr. Patrick DeGeorge, Public Relations Specialist, would you please stand.** A member of the National Guard, Mr. DeGeorge enlisted as a Stinger Missile gunner and has held multiple leadership positions throughout his career, including Media Relations Officer in Charge for Joint Task Force Guantanamo Public Affairs. He was deployed to Iraq in 2004, 2008 and 2015. He has been awarded numerous service and combat medals.

Thank you for your service.

Before our meeting began, we played a video showcasing individuals who served in the military before taking on jobs in District 211. It will be on YouTube and social media later as well.”

### **Public Comments and Hearings**

#### **Public Comments and Others Submitting Requests**

President Klimkowicz made the following announcement:

“The next item on our agenda is Public Comments. The Board welcomes you and is pleased to listen to your comments this evening.

It is important that you know this is a public Board meeting and not a dialogue, so the Board members will not be responding to your comments or answering your questions at this time. As a reminder, the Board meeting is being taped and live-streamed. We ask that you value the procedures and decorum of our meeting and be respectful of those at the podium so they may be heard.

When I call your name, please come forward to the podium and state your name for the record. Though not required, you may state if you are a resident of the District. Please limit your comments to three minutes. You will receive a notification when you have one minute remaining. Any individual’s unused time or place in order may not be deferred to another individual.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding voting no regarding SB818: Adixon Perez.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding being against SB818: Dennis Wagner.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding the Board take more time to learn about the bill: Jessica Hinkle.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding what moral standard is used to make this decision: Glenn Jobe.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding not adopting SB818: David Klimer.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding children are confused-they don't need to hear this confusion about who they are: Susan Wide.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding not opposing teaching sex-ed and opposing teaching sexual grooming and sexual pleasure: Bonnie Miller.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding tolerating differences, factual information, and not banning topics that go against religion: Jane Van.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding supporting diversity, equity, curriculum review and giving parents a choice to opt out: Joyce Slavik .

The following individual addressed the Board regarding supporting freedom to learn and students deserve our respect: Cathy Risberg.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding removing your student from sex ed: Jeannie Scown.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding appealing to their moral conscience: Suresh Ramiseti.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding getting your children out of public schools now: Michael Gasso.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding ideologies too far out there, this should not happen in schools: Peter Gardner.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding asking the Board to vote no, and will drive people out of the District into private schools or home schooling: Natasha Maldonado.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding strongly asking the Board to vote no so kids can live productive lives: Jim Schmaus.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding sex ed is necessary but question is sex ed and what topics should be taught: Roger Cleffman.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding being against SB818 and students being traumatized: Jennifer Dahl.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding teaching topics in SB818-disgusting and perverted: Tony Mele.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding SB818 must not be taught and why a view being imposed on our children: Calvin Lindstrom.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding experience in Fremd High School music department: Mukun Dewan.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding the bill going far beyond common sex ed and to vote no: Pat Fedorski.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding not adopting the bill as best taught by parents: Erik Vaagen.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding ideology being pushed on our children these matters belong to parents: Steve Papale.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding opting out and leaving this to the parents: Kristen Steel.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding not being distracted by those who create chaos: Jerry Freda.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding SB818 is teaching kids to be freaks: Brenda Newton.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding the request to opt out of SB818, parents know what's best for their children: Irene Peterson.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding praying for Board Members to do the right thing: Ted Humphrey.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding voting no to NSES: Kim Pinkerman.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding congratulations to Fremd High School graduate Nabeela Syed who was elected as IL state representative: Tracy Boland.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding teaching what is offensive to cultures and opting out: Maria Nelson.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding continuing SB818 discussion, parents opting out: Renee True.

No one came forward when Katarzyna Derda was called.

The following individual opted to not address the Board when their name was called: Chandra Verano Cerdania

The following individual addressed the Board regarding parents opting out and embracing the D211 mission and vote yes: Mark Bisailon.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding opting out of SB818 and equipping children with knowledge to hold a job: Ralph T. Bonatz.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding the bill going way overboard and voting no on this sick proposal: Michael Madia.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding opting out of SB818 and focus educating core subjects: Maria Benning Codina.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding D211 claiming they will not use the verbiage on the flyers to teach and against SB818: Pastor James Pittman Jr.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding an ACLU letter regarding NSES and not adopting the SB818: Greg Morin.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding ignoring constituents on voting on SB818 and taking back our schools: Teri Paulson.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding Board having an option to vote against the Bill, it is between parent and child: Vicki Wilson.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding requesting the Board vote no: Stacy Gale.

### **Break**

The Board of Education took a break from 9:35 p.m. until 9:39 p.m.

### **Presentations**

There were no presentations this evening.

### **Consent Agenda Items**

The following consent agenda items (indicated by an \*) were enacted by one motion:

### **\*Approval of Bills for Payment**

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that bills in the amount of \$2,605,975.83 be approved as presented.

After discussion, a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye:	Curtis Bradley Kimberly Cavill Mark Cramer Peter Dombrowski Timothy Mc Gowan Steven Rosenblum Anna Klimkowicz
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Nay:	None
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The motion carried unanimously.

**\*Personnel Recommendations**

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the personnel recommendations be approved as presented.

**Support Staff New Hires:**

Barnes, Lucas; teacher assistant, Schaumburg High School  
 Castro, Yesenia; teacher assistant, Palatine High School  
 Christopher, Amanda; food service, William Fremd High School  
 Detloff, Adam; teacher assistant, Palatine High School  
 Diaz Jr., Hector; teacher assistant, James B. Conant High School  
 Dragovits, Melanie; teacher assistant, William Fremd High School  
 Frain, Tammy; food service, Hoffman Estates High School  
 Jagad, Nikita; support staff, Palatine High School  
 Lathrop, Nancy; computer assistant I, William Fremd High School  
 Medina, Nidia; teacher assistant, Hoffman Estates High School  
 Miranda, Abigail; teacher assistant, Palatine High School  
 O'Malley, William; computer assistant II, William Fremd High School  
 Ortega, Adriana; teacher assistant, Palatine High School  
 Soria, Jazmine; support staff, Palatine High School  
 Traphagen, Regan; computer assistant II, G. A. McElroy Administration Center  
 Zuecher, Abigail; teacher assistant, Palatine High School

**Support Staff Resignations:**

Corona, Ivan; custodian, James B. Conant High School  
 Davalos, Ryan; teacher assistant, Higgins Educational Center  
 De Faria Tavarez, Manuela; teacher assistant, Palatine High School  
 Garcia Silvar, Citlaly; teacher assistant, James B. Conant High School  
 Olson, Sydney; teacher assistant, Hoffman Estates High School

After discussion, a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye:	Curtis Bradley Kimberly Cavill Mark Cramer Peter Dombrowski Timothy Mc Gowan Steven Rosenblum Anna Klimkowicz
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Nay:	None
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The motion carried unanimously.

**\*Bids for Consideration**

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the Board of Education award the business for locker room renovation for James B. Conant High School to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, for \$6,009,948.00.

After discussion, a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Curtis Bradley  
Kimberly Cavill  
Mark Cramer  
Peter Dombrowski  
Timothy Mc Gowan  
Steven Rosenblum  
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**\*Acceptance of Donations**

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the Board of Education formally accept the donation of \$3,500 (in reverb.com credits) from reverb.com; further, that a letter of appreciation be sent, on the Board’s behalf, by the Superintendent.

After discussion, a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Curtis Bradley  
Kimberly Cavill  
Mark Cramer  
Peter Dombrowski  
Timothy Mc Gowan  
Steven Rosenblum  
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes-Regular Meeting of October 20, 2022**

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the minutes of the regular meeting of October 20, 2022 be approved as presented.

After discussion, a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Curtis Bradley  
Kimberly Cavill  
Mark Cramer  
Peter Dombrowski  
Timothy Mc Gowan  
Steven Rosenblum  
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

## **Resolutions Authorizing Intervention in Proceedings Before the State Property Tax Appeal Board**

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the Board of Education approve the resolutions authorizing intervention in proceedings before the state property tax appeal board which seek assessed valuation reductions in excess of \$100,000 for property tax year 2021 (Docket Nos. 21-27725; 21-22816; 21-22444; and 21-20919); and, further authorize Hodges, Loizzi, Eisenhammer, Rodick & Kohn, and Franczek, as the Board of Education’s legal representatives, to file Request to Intervene in Appeal Proceeding forms with the property tax appeal board on the properties for which the District receives notification of appeal.

The following Board member made comments about Resolutions Authorizing Intervention in Proceedings Before the State Property Tax Appeal: Ms. Cavill, Mr. Dombrowski and Mr. Cramer.

After discussion, a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Curtis Bradley  
Kimberly Cavill  
Timothy Mc Gowan  
Steven Rosenblum  
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: Peter Dombrowski  
Mark Cramer

The motion carried 5-2.

## **Special Reports and Communications**

### **Freedom of Information Act Requests**

The Board of Education received and reviewed a report on Freedom of Information Act requests and responses.

### **2022 School Report Cards**

The Board of Education received and reviewed a report on 2022 School Report Cards.

Superintendent Small made the following comments:

“School Report Cards were developed by the State of Illinois to provide information about academic performance and characteristics of students, faculty, instructional resources and finances at the school, district and state level.

At the high school level, summative designations are determined based on the school’s composite data on key indicators as well as data for individual student demographic subgroups. The specific categories used to determine summative ratings are English Language Arts (ELA) proficiency which are junior year SAT scores, math proficiency from junior year SAT math scores, science participation on the Illinois Science assessment, English Learners (EL) progress through the ACCESS test given at every grade, graduation rate of current seniors, 9<sup>th</sup> grade students on-track to graduation, chronic absenteeism and climate survey.

There are four summative ratings possible: exemplary, commendable, targeted support and comprehensive support. Only 10% of the high schools in the state can achieve an exemplary rating. This year, Hoffman Estates High School has moved into the exemplary rating category for the first time joining Schaumburg, Fremd and Conant High Schools. Palatine High School maintains a consistent commendable rating. All of our schools continue to use this data as a source for improvement. Three months ago, the schools presented their progress on the District 211 academic goals including areas of focus for this year. These goals remain in alignment with the school report cards and are a part of continual interventions and review.

Though the school report cards are online and accessible, tonight’s action is to post those direct links to each school’s report card on the district website.”

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the Board of Education direct the Superintendent to post access to the 2022 School Report Cards to the District and school websites no later than November 30, 2022.

The following Board members made comments about 2022 School Report Cards: Mr. Cramer and Mrs. Klimkowicz.

After discussion, a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye:	Curtis Bradley Peter Dombrowski Timothy Mc Gowan Steven Rosenblum Kimberly Cavill Mark Cramer Anna Klimkowicz
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Nay:	None
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The motion carried unanimously.

### **Placement Testing of Incoming Freshmen**

Superintendent Small made the following comments:

“We are pleased to begin the welcoming of the Class of 2027 to our schools. The transition process begins early because course selection is completed in the winter so that staffing can be determined prior to the beginning of the hiring season for licensed educators as well as building a master schedule for each school 2,000-2700 students across eight time slots.

The incoming freshman testing is just one piece of data used for placement. Members of our student services department meet with junior highs to review additional successes of our future students that help with placement.”

The following Board member made comments about Placement Testing of Incoming Freshman: Ms. Cavill.

## **Illinois High School Association Letter of Appreciation**

The Board of Education received and reviewed a report on a Illinois High School Association Letter of Appreciation.

## **Unfinished Business**

### **2022 Proposed Tax Levy and Truth in Taxation Resolution**

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution which sets forth the amount of \$251,225,000 as the proposed 2022 levy for Township High School District 211 and directs publication of a notice of public hearing on the proposed levy at its meeting to be held on December 15, 2022.

Superintendent Small made the following comments:

“Tonight, the Board will take action to approve a resolution setting the tentative 2022 levy amount and publish notice of a public hearing that will be held at the December 15 Board of Education meeting.

The recommended 2022 levy amount, that was presented at the October 20 Board of Education meeting, will preserve the long-term financial stability of the District while also maintaining our strong position of financial efficiency.

The recommended levy amount will allow us to fulfill the Board’s strategic plan, including the ability to remain debt-free while also maintaining a minimum targeted fund balance and providing the capacity to sustain the quality within our comprehensive programs and excellent student opportunities for years to come. The recommended increase is 3.5% plus 0.3% (new property growth) compared to the maximum Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL) amount of 5% plus .3% for new property growth.”

The following Board members made comments about 2022 Proposed Tax Levy and Truth in Taxation Resolution: Mr. Dombrowski, Mr. Cramer, Ms. Cavill and Mrs. Klimkowicz.

After discussion, a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye:	Kimberly Cavill Steven Rosenblum Curtis Bradley Timothy Mc Gowan Anna Klimkowicz
Nay:	Mark Cramer Peter Dombrowski

The motion carried 5-2.

### **Proposed Policy Revision: DJC Bidding Requirements**

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that Board policy file DJC Bidding Requirements be modified as proposed and added as an active Board Policy on BoardDocs; further, that the Superintendent be directed to make appropriate distribution.

After discussion, a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Curtis Bradley  
Peter Dombrowski  
Timothy Mc Gowan  
Steven Rosenblum  
Kimberly Cavill  
Mark Cramer  
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously

**Proposed Policy Revision: DID Inventories**

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that Board policy file DID Inventories be modified as proposed and added as an active Board Policy on BoardDocs; further, that the Superintendent be directed to make appropriate distribution.

After discussion, a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Steven Rosenblum  
Mark Cramer  
Curtis Bradley  
Timothy Mc Gowan  
Kimberly Cavill  
Peter Dombrowski  
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**Proposed Policy Revision: EHA Identity Protection**

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that Board policy file EHA Identity Protection be modified as proposed and added as an active Board Policy on BoardDocs; further, that the Superintendent be directed to make appropriate distribution.

After discussion, a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Timothy Mc Gowan  
Steven Rosenblum  
Kimberly Cavill  
Peter Dombrowski  
Curtis Bradley  
Mark Cramer  
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

### **Proposed Policy Revision: JO Student Records**

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that Board policy file JO Student Records be modified as proposed and added as an active Board Policy on BoardDocs; further, that the Superintendent be directed to make appropriate distribution.

After discussion, a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye:	Peter Dombrowski Curtis Bradley Steven Rosenblum Timothy Mc Gowan Mark Cramer Kimberly Cavill Anna Klimkowicz
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Nay:	None
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The motion carried unanimously.

### **Illinois Association of School Boards Resolutions 2022**

The Board of Education received, reviewed, and discussed the proposed Illinois Association of School Board (IASB) resolutions that were submitted by IASB member districts and the IASB Resolution Committee's recommendations regarding the resolutions.

The following Board members made comments about Illinois Association of School Boards Resolutions 2022: Mr. Rosenblum, Mr. Dombrowski and Mrs. Klimkowicz.

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the Board of Education discuss the Illinois Association of School Boards resolutions and provide direction for the delegate to speak on behalf of the Board at the Delegates Assembly for the Illinois Association of School Boards.

After discussion, a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye:	Steven Rosenblum Curtis Bradley Timothy Mc Gowan Kimberly Cavill Anna Klimkowicz
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Nay:	Mark Cramer Peter Dombrowski
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The motion carried 5-2.

Mr. Rosenblum stated that he will poll the Board members to see if they are in favor of the resolution or if they are not in favor of the resolution so that he can vote on behalf of the majority of the Board. Mr. Dombrowski's comments were handed to the Board President via a piece of paper.

**1. Miller Ratio**

Commenting to adopt IASB Resolution 1 were Mr. Bradley, Ms. Cavill, Mr. Rosenblum and Mrs. Klimkowicz. Commenting to not adopt IASB Resolution 1 were Mr. Dombrowski and Mr. Mc Gowan. Commenting present was Mr. Cramer.

**2. Alternative Fueled School Bus**

Commenting to adopt Alternative Fueled School Bus were Ms. Cavill, Mr. Rosenblum and Mrs. Klimkowicz. Commenting to not adopt Alternative Fueled School Bus were Mr. Bradley, Mr. Cramer, Mr. Dombrowski and Mr. Mc Gowan.

**3. Firearm Dealer Location**

The following Board members commented on Firearm Dealer Location: Mrs. Klimkowicz and Mr. Rosenblum.

Commenting to adopt Firearm Dealer Location were Mr. Bradley, Mr. Mc Gowan, Mr. Rosenblum and Mrs. Klimkowicz. Commenting to not adopt Firearm Dealer Location were Ms. Cavill, Mr. Cramer and Mr. Dombrowski.

**4. Capital Grant Fund for School Buildings: Position Statement**

Commenting to adopt Capital Grant Fund for School Buildings: Position Statement were Mr. Bradley, Ms. Cavill, Mr. Dombrowski, Mr. Mc Gowan, Mr. Rosenblum and Mrs. Klimkowicz. Commenting to not adopt Capital Grant Fund for School Buildings: Position Statement was Mr. Cramer.

**5. School Safety Fund Position Statement**

Commenting to adopt School Safety Fund Position Statement were Mr. Bradley, Ms. Cavill, Mr. Cramer, Mr. Dombrowski, Mr. Mc Gowan, Mr. Rosenblum and Mrs. Klimkowicz.

**6. Involvement with Candidates for Public Office: Position Statement**

The following Board member commented on Involvement with Candidates for Public Office: Position Statement: Mrs. Klimkowicz.

Commenting to adopt Involvement with Candidates for Public Office: Position Statement was Mrs. Klimkowicz. Commenting to not adopt Involvement with Candidates for Public Office: Position Statement was Mr. Bradley, Ms. Cavill, Mr. Cramer, Mr. Dombrowski, Mr. Mc Gowan and Mr. Rosenblum.

**7. Mandates Review Committee: Position Statement**

Commenting to adopt Involvement with Mandates Review Committee: Position Statement was Mr. Bradley, Ms. Cavill, Mr. Dombrowski and Mrs. Klimkowicz. Commenting to not adopt Mandates Review Committee: Position Statement was Mr. Cramer, Mr. Mc Gowan and Mr. Rosenblum.

**8. Financial Contribution for School Board Elections: Position Statement**

Commenting to adopt Involvement with Financial Contribution for School Board Elections: Position Statement was Mr. Bradley, Ms. Cavill, Mr. Dombrowski, Mr. Mc Gowan, Mr. Rosenblum and Mrs. Klimkowicz. Commenting to not adopt Financial Contribution for School Board Elections: Position Statement was Mr. Cramer.

## **New Business**

### **Fall Curriculum Committee Report Including Comprehensive Sexual Health Education**

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the curriculum committee report and recommendations be approved as presented except for the Freshman Wellness and Sophomore Wellness critical learning standards.

Superintendent Small made the following comments:

“Each fall, winter and spring, we conduct departmental curriculum committee meetings to formalize our curricular initiatives, consider new course proposals, recommend critical learning standards, review and approve student assessments, and recommend textbooks. Josh Schumacher leads the meetings that include all of our principals and the department chairs for each of 16 different academic departments.

The fall round of curriculum committee meetings were held recently, and you have received a more comprehensive report in your Board materials. The summary provided with the Board materials will provide an overview of some particular updates and advancements. You received an email from Josh Schumacher last week with a draft of the documents that will be attached to the Board agenda including a supplementary write-up on sexual education standards. The sexual education standards are a separate vote for the curriculum report as is the Wellness course critical learning standards.”

The following Board members made comments about the Fall Curriculum Committee Report Including Comprehensive Sexual Health Education: Mr. Dombrowski, Ms. Cavill and Mr. Cramer.

After discussion, a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye:	Kimberly Cavill Timothy Mc Gowan Curtis Bradley Steven Rosenblum Peter Dombrowski Anna Klimkowicz
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Nay:	Mark Cramer
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The motion carried 6-1.

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the Board of Education approve the new critical learning standards as presented for Freshman Wellness and Sophomore Wellness courses.

Superintendent Small made the following comments:

“District 211 has a long history of teaching sex education in high school. Until the past few years, it was taught in Health class and is now taught in what is called 9<sup>th</sup> grade Wellness and 10<sup>th</sup> grade Wellness classes.

What we previously called sex education is now called comprehensive sexual health education per Public Act 102-0522 (SB818). The criteria in this law states the seven National Sex Education Standards must be taught if sexual education is being taught.

The seven standards include five concepts District 211 has previously taught. The five standards representing concepts previously taught in District 211 are: consent and healthy relationships, anatomy, physiology, puberty and adolescent sexual development; sexual health and interpersonal violence.

The two new standards of the seven required are: gender identity and expression, and sexual orientation and identity.

Public Act 102-0522 gives school districts the option of teaching sexual education through these seven standards or not teaching sexual education. The attachment in the agenda details all the standards of the Wellness course including the one unit on comprehensive sexual health standards.

The recommendation before the Board includes continuing to teach sexual health education in our 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade Wellness classes with the seven standards. This includes continuing to notify parents who have children in 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade - prior to the start of the comprehensive sexual health unit - allowing them to opt their child out of the unit.

We hope that every parent or guardian, regardless of their stance on sexual education in high school, is having consistent discussions at home regarding puberty, sexual health, healthy relationships and decision making with their children as they mature.

If this recommendation is approved by the Board, the comprehensive sexual education unit will be taught in April this year in 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade Wellness classes. Parents and guardians of students enrolled in those courses will be notified mid-March of the upcoming unit and given the option to opt their child out of the approximately 10 class period unit for the entire sexual education unit. In February, the topics of the unit will be posted on the website as the public act defines. This website will also be referenced in the letter to parents in the course as well as the ability to contact the teacher or department chair for additional questions.

The National Sex Education Standards are the seven standards I referenced earlier and are defined in the attachment to the Board agenda. The Illinois State Board of Education has made it clear that it is the standards that are required if sex education is taught. The full 74-page NSES document of which portions have been quoted in our community, or even the pages that detail the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum is not required by law-only the seven standards themselves which is reflected in the legislation.

At District 211 we value the individuality of each person and create a sense of belonging by ensuring access, opportunity and support. We value safeguarding the welfare of our students and staff by providing a positive and respectful environment. We respectfully have taught sexual education in the past - and I recommend - continue to teach comprehensive sexual health as presented to our freshmen and sophomores while continuing to notify parents of 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students prior to the unit for opting their child out of the unit on sexual education.”

The following Board members made comments about Fall Curriculum Committee Report Including Comprehensive Sexual Health Education: Mr. Rosenblum, Mr. Dombrowski, Ms. Cavill, Mr. Cramer, Mr. Mc Gowan and Mrs. Klimkowicz.

After discussion, a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Kimberly Cavill  
Timothy Mc Gowan  
Steven Rosenblum  
Curtis Bradley  
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: Mark Cramer  
Peter Dombrowski

The motion carried 5-2.

### **District 211 Professional Learning Opportunities**

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the Superintendent be authorized to offer professional learning opportunities for in-district credit as presented.

After discussion, a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Curtis Bradley  
Peter Dombrowski  
Kimberly Cavill  
Steven Rosenblum  
Mark Cramer  
Timothy Mc Gowan  
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

### **School Year Calendar 2024-2025 and Summer School Calendar 2025**

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the Board of Education approve the school calendar for the 2024-2025 school year and summer school 2025.

Superintendent Small made the following comments:

“By providing the school calendars years in advance, the District can provide notice to students, parents and staff members as they plan for future events. The 2024-2025 school year and summer 2025 calendars are presented at this time with the previous years’ calendars already approved by the Board of Education. Closer to the actual school year starting, early release days, late start days, testing days, open house, etc. are presented to the Board. In the past two years, legislation caused us to shift our calendars. Should new legislation come forward requiring changes in our current holidays, the calendars will be brought to the Board for revision.

We end first semester final exams before winter break and second semester final exams before Memorial Day. The ISBE requires students to attend school a minimum of 176 days and a district to schedule a minimum of four institute days. District 211 schedules 180 student attendance days. The additional four school days allows us to have up to four traditional emergency/weather days without adding school days onto our calendar nor requiring a remote learning day. If we have no

emergency/weather days, our students still attend school 180 days. Because of these extra built-in days, if we have emergency/weather days, our students will have a traditional “snow day” with no school.”

The following Board members made comments about School Year Calendar 2024-2025 and Summer School Calendar 2025: Mr. Rosenblum, Mr. Dombrowski, Mr. Cramer, Ms. Cavill, Mr. Bradley and Mrs. Klimkowicz.

After discussion, a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Steven Rosenblum  
Kimberly Cavill  
Peter Dombrowski  
Timothy Mc Gowan  
Mark Cramer  
Curtis Bradley  
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

### **Transversa Transportation Software Solution**

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the Board of Education approve the migration to Traversa transportation software for a three-year term as presented, at an initial annual cost, including implementation fees, not to exceed \$55,861.

Superintendent Small made the following comments:

“The recommendation is for a program in the same suite as the system currently used; however, the new software is hosted in the cloud, provides more real-time updates, improved routing capabilities, enhanced fleet management software, and a workflow solution for charter routes.

The enhanced features will provide greater flexibility and reliability for the transportation department, will continuously be updated and supported as a cloud-based solution.”

The following Board members made comments about Traversa Transportation Software Solution: Mr. Rosenblum, Mr. Cramer, and Ms. Cavill.

After discussion, a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Timothy Mc Gowan  
Mark Cramer  
Curtis Bradley  
Kimberly Cavill  
Peter Dombrowski  
Steven Rosenblum  
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**Bids for Consideration-Applied Technology/Mechanical Improvements for Cooling at Conant and Palatine High Schools**

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the Board of Education award the business for mechanical equipment pre-purchase for James B. Conant High School to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Brucker Company, for \$179,955.

Superintendent Small made the following comments:

“At the March, April and May meetings, the Board of Education has considered capital improvements in regard to auditorium improvements including ADA compliance; the addition of air conditioning in applied technology classrooms in four schools that currently are not air conditioned; and public address system improvements in all schools.

These individual improvements are being brought to the board periodically with the most recent approval in September for the public address system for Conant High School.”

Tonight’s bid includes new cooling mechanical equipment at Conant High School and modification of and new equipment at Palatine High School for applied technology classrooms. This work would be completed in the summer of 2023. Schaumburg and Fremd High Schools would be brought forth to the Board for future cooling enhancements during the summer of 2024 or after.”

The following Board members made comments about Bids for Consideration-Applied Technology/Mechanical Improvements for Cooling at Conant and Palatine High Schools: Mr. Rosenblum, Ms. Cavill, Mr. Cramer, Mr. Bradley and Mr. Mc Gowan.

After discussion, a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye:	Curtis Bradley Steven Rosenblum Kimberly Cavill Timothy Mc Gowan Mark Cramer Anna Klimkowicz
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Nay:	Peter Dombrowski
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The motion carried 6-1.

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the Board of Education award the business for applied technology and mechanical improvements (base bid 2) for Palatine and James B. Conant High Schools to the lowest responsive and responsible bidders as listed below: III. General Trades Monarch Construction Company \$203,800.00, V. Fire Protection United States Alliance Fire Protection \$84,054.00, VII. HVAC C. Acitelli Heating & Piping Contractors, Inc. \$463,000.00, VIII. Electrical Newcastle Electric Inc. \$223,000.00. Total \$973,854.00.

After discussion, a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Mark Cramer  
Timothy Mc Gowan  
Steven Rosenblum  
Curtis Bradley  
Kimberly Cavill  
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: Peter Dombrowski

The motion carried 6-1.

### **Potential Topics for Future Discussion**

The Board of Education agreed that Policy JFCL Electronic Devices be reviewed for potential revision.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Northwest Suburban Special Education Organization Report**

Mrs. Klimkowicz reported on recent NSSEO activities.

#### **Education Research Development/Legislative Report**

Mr. Rosenblum reported on the recent activities of ED-RED.

#### **Community and Family Services Report**

Mr. Dombrowski reported on recent activities of Community and Family Services.

#### **Illinois Association of School Boards Report**

Mr. Rosenblum reported on recent activities of the Illinois Association of School Boards.

Mrs. Klimkowicz recognized Mr. Rosenblum for achieving the Illinois Association of School Boards Established Board Leader Award.

### **Announcements**

#### **Upcoming Events/Calendar Items**

November 16 -- National Honor Society Induction -- Hoffman Estates High School -- 7:30 p.m. -- Mr. Rosenblum Attending

November 18-20 -- IASB Triple I Conference -- Mrs. Klimkowicz Attending

November 23 -- Veteran's Day Observed -- All District Buildings Closed

November 24 -- Thanksgiving Day -- All District Buildings Closed

November 25 -- Thanksgiving Holiday -- All District Buildings Closed

December 15 -- Next Regular Board of Education Meeting -- 6:30 p.m.

**Closed Session**

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the Board enter closed session to discuss minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act [5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21)]; probable or imminent litigation against, affecting, or on behalf of the public body [5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11)]; and appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees [5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)].

On which motion a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye:	None
Nay:	Curtis Bradley Kimberly Cavill Mark Cramer Peter Dombrowski Timothy Mc Gowan Steven Rosenblum Anna Klimkowicz

The motion failed 0-7.

**Resolution and Order Dismissing for Cause Jeanne Hedgepeth as a Tenured Teacher**

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the Board of Education approve the Resolution and Order Dismissing for Cause Jeanne Hedgepeth as a Tenured Teacher.

After discussion, on which motion a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye:	Kimberly Cavill Steven Rosenblum Curtis Bradley Mrs. Klimkowicz
Nay:	Mark Cramer Peter Dombrowski
Abstain:	Timothy Mc Gowan

The motion passed 4-2.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, President Klimkowicz thereupon declared the meeting adjourned at 11:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary, District 211

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President, District 211