

Board of Education Meeting Recap

The Township High School District 211 Board of Education met on Thursday, April 27, 2017, 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.

Recognitions

The Board of Education recognized students who earned honors in statewide activity competitions, including Group Interpretation and Contest Play from William Fremd High School; and Business Professionals of America (BPA) from Palatine, Fremd, James. B. Conant, Schaumburg, and Hoffman Estates High Schools . The complete list of state award winners recognized is available [here](#).

Also recognized at the meeting was community member **Ruth Jensen**. Mrs. Jensen is president of Joshua Jared Hardy Charities. Her organization raised funds and provided free electrocardiogram screenings for more than 3,800 District 211 students at three high schools this school year, and the remaining two schools will have students tested next school year. The screenings help identify a genetic heart condition, Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy, which is the leading cause of cardiac death for people under age 30.

The Board honored one individual from local businesses for each District 211 high school who has given their time as part of the Northwest Educational Council for Student Success (NECSS) career trek program. Each year, District 211 reaches out to local businesses to host career treks allowing students to have a “behind the scenes” tour of different businesses that are connected to students’ future career choices. The NECSS Business Partnership honorees included:

- **Jen Frey, Jen Anderson, and Wendy Malin**, Good Shepherd Hospital
- **Michael Kudrna**, Frato’s Pizza
- **Elizabeth Merritt**, Actuarial Business Insights
- **Greg Ohm**, Bingaman Metal Spinning Corporation
- **Tim Smith**, Porter Lee Corporation

April 4, 2017 School Board Election Results

With 147 of 147 precincts counted, the Cook County Clerk’s office released the following official results for the April 4, 2017 school board election:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Votes</u>
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Ralph T. Bonatz	7,412
Katherine Jee Young David	8,045
Robert J. LeFevre, Jr.	8,843 *
Jean Forrest	7,340
Anna Klimkowicz	10,093 *
Edward M. Yung	8,267 *

* - *Elected for a 4-year term*

According to School Code, within 28 days after the election, the school board must meet, seat members elected, and reorganize by electing officers and setting a time and place for regular meetings.

The Board of Education accepted the [official canvass results](#) of the Cook County Clerk's Office for the April 4, 2017 school board election for Township High School District 211 declaring **Robert J. LeFevre, Jr.**, **Anna Klimkowicz**, and **Edward M. Yung** as duly elected Board members.

Oath of Office

Illinois State Board of Education Member Ruth Cross administered the oath of office to Anna Klimkowicz, Robert LeFevre, Jr., and Edward Yung. In the April 4, 2017 school board election, Mrs. Klimkowicz and Mr. LeFevre were re-elected to the District 211 Board. Mr. Yung was elected as a new District 211 Board member, although he previously was elected and served on the Board for one term from 2009-2013.

Establishment of Board of Education Officers

The Board elected its officers, per Illinois School Code, to two-year terms. They are as follows:

Mucia Burke, President
Will Hinshaw, Vice President
Anna Klimkowicz, Secretary

Adoption of Rules and Regulations of Preceding Board of Education

In order to assure smooth operation of District schools, the newly formed Board of Education adopted and will be guided by existing rules, regulations, and policies as adopted by the previous Board, until changed or amended by this Board.

Adoption of Board of Education Agreements

The Board of Education operates as a single entity responsible for its governance and processes, while refusing to surrender to special interest or partisan political groups. In May 2016, the Board of Education, in conjunction with the Superintendent and a representative from the Illinois Association of School Boards, compiled a list of agreements and expectations by which to work together in order to conduct the work of the Township High School District 211 community.

The newly formed Board of Education adopted the [Board of Education Agreements](#), until changed or amended by this Board.

Approval of Minutes

The Board of Education approved the minutes from its regular meeting on [April 6, 2017](#).

Acceptance of Donation – District 211 Foundation: Bosch Community Fund

The Board of Education formally accepted the donation of \$52,390 from the District 211 Foundation to assist with the Interactive and Information Technology Pathway. In March 2017, the District 211 Foundation accepted these funds as a grant from the Bosch Community Fund. The Bosch Community Fund is a U.S.-based foundation, established in 2011, and awards grants to 501(c)(3) organizations and educational institutions primarily for the enrichment of science, technology, engineering, and math education and the advancement of environmental sustainability initiatives. This grant will fund the equipment and development of the Interactive and Information Technology capstone course for students engaging in exploring new technologies and new ways of learning. The Interactive and Information Technology cluster includes the following six pathways: Architecture, Animation, and Engineering; Electronics and Computer Repair; Software Design; Technology Communications; Technology Engineering; and Visual Design.

Starting Times for 2017-2018 School Year

The Board of Education received information regarding starting times for each school for the 2017-2018 school year. In order to make efficient use of transportation resources, school buses are used first to transport students to early start schools, and then transport students to late start schools. Starting and

dismissal times will remain the same for the 2017-2018 school year as the current school year:

	Start	Dismissal
Palatine High School	8:15 a.m.	3:30 p.m.
William Fremd High School	7:30 a.m.	2:45 p.m.
James B. Conant High School	8:15 a.m.	3:30 p.m.
Schaumburg High School	7:30 a.m.	2:45 p.m.
Hoffman Estates High School	7:30 a.m.	2:45 p.m.
District 211 North Campus	9:15 a.m.	3:15 p.m.
Higgins Education Center	9:15 a.m.	3:15 p.m.

Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting Award

Annually, the Association of School Business Officials International recognizes school districts that demonstrate high standards and best practices for financial reporting and accountability with the organization's Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting Award. High School District 211 earned recognition as a recipient of this award for the fiscal period ending June 30, 2016, marking the 11th consecutive year the District has been honored. District 211 is one of approximately 59 school districts throughout the state of Illinois, and one of approximately 552 school districts nationally to receive the Certificate of Excellence Award.

These awards are an affirming acknowledgement to the Board of Education and District for the commitment to continuously provide comprehensive, accurate, and transparent financial information that meets national quality and accountability standards.

Additional information is available [here](#).

Employee Wellness Program Recognition

For many years, District 211 has supported an employee wellness program that provides for an annual physical examination in an effort to promote prevention and early detection. Beginning November 2013, the Board of Education approved the District's participation in a wellness program administered by Interactive Health Solutions that provides for an on-site biometric screening and health assessment, health coaching for at-risk individuals, six-month additional screening, and access to useful on-line tools and resources for all participants.

Through the current wellness plan structure, the District has seen consistent participation rates by approximately 90% of employees. This compares to

approximately 20% of employees who received annual screenings under the previous plan structure.

Each year following the annual screening process, District 211 receives a summary report with statistics regarding employee wellness. From the initial screening data collected for the 2016 insurance plan year, 23% of District employees improved their health score over a one-year time period. Of the total District 211 participants, 78% achieved a total health score indicating low-risk, compared to 62% of peer participants for Interactive Health Solutions' clients nationwide. While District 211 has received confirmation that employees are making positive improvements in their overall health, screening results have also provided a small number of employees with results that identify health concerns and these employees have the information to act upon their individual health assessment before more serious incidents occur. Screening results not only provide the employee with the opportunity to seek medical attention in advance of more severe health events, but also save both the employee and District 211 health care costs.

For the second consecutive year, High School District 211 was named one of the *Healthiest Companies in America* by Interactive Health Solutions. Of the more than 1,400 agencies eligible for the award across the country, District 211 was named as one of the 156 companies to receive the 2016 award. Recipients were chosen based upon specific achievements, including having participation in excess of 70% of eligible employees and achieving a low-risk health score for total population screening results.

The next round of wellness screenings will be scheduled for the fall of 2017 for wellness incentives towards 2018 health insurance premium costs. Employees also will have the opportunity to receive a six-month follow-up screening in the spring of 2018.

Additional information is available [here](#).

Summer Curriculum Projects

During the summer, teachers from each school have the opportunity to gather as a District team to share instructional resources, analyze data, and review curriculum for changes to be brought through the Curriculum Committee process. Summer curriculum projects are proposed by groups of teachers and reviewed by all pertinent department chairs and the associate superintendent for instruction. Funding for summer curriculum projects continues to be found within federal grants.

The Board of Education approved the recommended summer curriculum projects at a cost not to exceed the following per grant: Title I, \$45,725; Title II, \$71,625; and IDEA, \$17,300.

Further details on the specific summer curriculum projects that were approved by the Board are available [here](#).

Next Board of Education Meeting

The next scheduled regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, May 11, 2017, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Anne Koller Board Meeting Room at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center.