

Board of Education Meeting Recap

The Township High School District 211 Board of Education met on Thursday, January 18, 2018, 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.

Presentation: Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) is the reauthorization of the 50-year old Elementary and Secondary Education Act, the nation's education law and longstanding commitment to equal opportunity for all students. The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) submitted the ESSA Plan for the State of Illinois to the U.S. Department of Education in the spring of 2017, and the final plan was approved by the U.S. Department of Education on August 30, 2017.

The 15-year long-term goals of ISBE are reflected in the Illinois ESSA Plan and include the following high school goals:

- 90% or more of 9th grade students are on-track to graduate with their cohort;
- 90% or more of students will graduate from high school ready for college and career;
- all students are supported by highly prepared and effective teachers and school leaders; and
- every school offers a safe and healthy learning environment for all students.

The Board of Education viewed a presentation by District 211 Instructional Team members: Associate Superintendent for Instruction **Lisa Small**, Associate Superintendent for Student Services **Mark Kovack**, Director of Instructional Improvement **Danielle Hauser**, Director of Administrative Services **Matthew Hildebrand**, and Director of Summer School and Community Outreach **Jerry Treviño**. The presentation reviewed the details of the accountability system and the work done within District 211 to ensure opportunities for all students.

Additional information on ESSA is available [here](#), as well as a copy of the presentation [here](#).

Approval of Minutes

The Board of Education approved the minutes from its regular meeting on [December 14, 2017](#).

Winter Curriculum Committee Report

Curriculum committees have three opportunities each school year to discuss and recommend curriculum changes to the Board of Education. The winter round of curriculum meetings have a focus on curricular budgetary items for the upcoming school year, including textbooks and software. There also items for approval regarding new courses that are in the second step of a two-step approval process, and upon approval, these courses will be available for the next school year.

The winter round of curriculum meetings has taken place, with the Board receiving a summary report and approving the recommendations as presented. A complete copy of the summary report that the Board received is available [here](#).

Secondary School Cooperative Risk Management Program (SSCRMP)

The Board of Education received information on the District's involvement with the Secondary School Cooperative Risk Management Program, a risk-sharing insurance pool governed by School Districts 211, 207 (Maine Township), 214 (Wheeling and Elk Grove Townships), and 225 (Northfield Township). The pool provides comprehensive insurance coverage at a lower cost than school districts could obtain individually.

For 2018, SSCRMP will maintain a self-insured retention (shared deductible) of \$1,000,000 for liability claims and a \$350,000 self-insured retention for property claims. SSCRMP continues to successfully manage claims, member equity, and excess loss reserves. Each member district is responsible for paying the initial \$1,000 deductible for its own boiler machinery claims; \$5,000 deductible for errors/omissions; and, \$100,000 for crime claims. Workers' compensation coverage with SSCRMP has a July 1 renewal date and provides for a \$350,000 deductible for individual claims. SSCRMP loss-fund reserves are used to pay claims within the self-insured retention for property or liability claims. A separate loss-fund is maintained for workers' compensation claims.

For the 2018 policy year, SSCRMP has maintained its level of coverage in all categories. Loss control is reflected in the total for loss funding in the 2018 renewal costs. Renewal costs are based upon actual claims data for District 211 during 2017. Overall, the annual renewal cost for High School District 211 will increase by 0.4% from 2017.

Based on the loss funding appropriation, property, and specific liability losses allocated to District 211, the 2018 member contributions for the District will be \$767,993. This is a 0.4% increase from the 2017 allocation of \$764,864. For the 2018 renewal rates, funds have been allocated in the 2017-2018 budget.

Additional information on SSCRMP is available [here](#).

Resolution Authorizing Sale of Land Located at East Wise Road and South Summit Drive in the Village of Schaumburg

The Board approved the [Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Land Located at East Wise Road and South Summit Drive in the Village of Schaumburg](#), on the terms and conditions attached to and incorporated into the resolution, as presented.

Student Registration Fee for 2018-2019

The general registration fee for the use of textbooks, instructional supplies, technology, and participation in athletic and activity programs for the 2017-2018 school year is \$170. The textbook/instructional supply fee for the current school year was established January 2017, and was increased from \$160 for the first time since 2007-2008.

For the 2017-2018 school year, it is estimated that consumable classroom materials, including supplies and textbooks, will cost approximately \$164 per student. This amount is not reflective of additional media center resources, one-to-one technology devices, educational software, or special education supplies used in the buildings and may vary year to year depending on classroom and textbook needs and actual expenditures. For the 2018-2019 school year, the consumable fee cost is estimated to increase by \$10 per student.

The Board approved the student registration fee remain at \$170 for the 2018-2019 school year, [as presented](#).

Driver Education Behind-the-Wheel Fee for 2018-2019

The Illinois School Code provides that school districts may charge a fee, not to exceed \$50, for participation in the driver education behind-the-wheel course. High School District 211 has previously received approval from the Illinois General Assembly for a waiver of the School Code (105 ILCS 5/27-24.2) to charge a fee for driver education behind-the-wheel up to an amount of \$350 for the 2016-2017 through 2017-2018 school year, and received approval to charge an amount of \$400 for the 2018-2019 through 2021-2022 school years.

The Board approved the driver education behind-the-wheel fee be set at \$400 for the 2018-2019 school year, [as presented](#).

Student Parking User Fee for 2018-2019

Each year, the Board of Education establishes student parking user fees. An allotment of student parking spaces is available for a user fee of \$75 per semester for the 2017-2018 school year. The student parking user fee was set at \$75 per semester in January 2017, the first increase since since the 2007-2008 school year. Student parking fee revenue is used to offset costs of maintaining and repairing parking lots on an annual basis.

The Board approved the student parking user fee remain \$75 per semester for the 2018-2019 school year, [as presented](#).

Summer School Fees for 2018

The Board approved fees for Summer School 2018, [as presented](#). Summer School fees will remain \$140 per semester for credit courses, and fees for non-credit athletic and activity camps will be \$75 per semester. The cost for invitation programs for incoming freshmen and sophomores will remain \$30 per semester. The fee for competitive varsity baseball and softball will remain \$175 for the summer. Transportation fees will be \$35 per semester. The Driver Education fee will be \$350 for behind-the-wheel, and for those students enrolled in classroom only, a \$70 fee will be assessed.

Transportation Fee for 2018-2019

District 211 has a long-standing practice of providing transportation at a reasonable fee for students residing less than 1.5 miles from school. The fee for transporting students who live within the 1.5 mile radius for the 2017-2018 school year is \$200 per year. In January 2017, the transportation fee was increased from \$170 for the first time since the 2007-2008 school year. Approximately 550 students are transported within the 1.5-mile service option for the 2017-2018 school year. Transportation fees offset costs associated with additional buses needed to transport students within the walk boundaries, staff costs, and vehicle supplies and maintenance.

The Board approved the bus transportation fee remain at \$200 per year for students whose residence is within 1.5 miles of school and is due in full by June 29, 2018, [as presented](#). There is no bus transportation fee for those students who reside beyond 1.5 miles from school. A late registration fee of \$35.00 will be added to all payments received after June 29, 2018.

School Breakfast and Lunch Prices for 2018-2019

For the current school year, students not eligible for free or reduced meal benefits are offered a four-tier meal pricing structure for standard, reimbursable school lunches. Lunches are available for \$2.35, \$2.50, \$2.65, and \$2.90 per meal (including milk) for students. Breakfast also is available for \$1.45 and includes a breakfast entrée, a cup of fruit, and milk.

Several factors impact the price of meals, including fluctuations in food cost, changes in commodity reimbursements, and student preferences. As part of the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010, school districts are required to charge students for paid meals at a price that is the difference between the free and paid meal reimbursement rates. Using the 2017-2018 federal reimbursement rates, a weighted average of \$2.92 per paid meal is required under the Act beginning in school year 2018-2019.

District 211 is pleased to serve more students well-balanced, reimbursable meals. However, the cost of operating this program continues to increase based on rising food costs. The weighted average cost to produce a complete lunch meal, including all meal components, supply, and labor cost is \$3.55. The average cost of producing a breakfast is over \$2.00.

The Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act permits an increase in meal prices of 10¢ annually to meet the target price. If the meal price increase is less than the permissible amount, and the target price is not met, non-federal funds must be used to fund the difference.

The Board approved the price for the standard breakfast for the 2018-2019 school year be set at \$1.55 per meal for students. The price for students who qualify for reduced-price meals will remain 30¢ per breakfast and 40¢ per lunch (including milk). The Board also approved consolidating the pricing structure for standard lunches to three tiers in order to more closely align the costs associated with producing a meal at each price tier and the reimbursement rates, with price points at \$2.45, \$2.75, and \$3.00 per meal (including milk) for students.

Additional information on school breakfast and lunch prices is available [here](#).

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

The Board of Education approved the following schedule for regular Board meetings to begin at 7:30 p.m. in the G.A. McElroy Administration Center: Thursday, July 19, 2018; Thursday, August 16, 2018; Thursday, September 20, 2018; Thursday, October 18, 2018; Thursday, November 8, 2018; Thursday, December 13, 2018; Thursday, January 17, 2019; Thursday, February 14, 2019; Thursday, March 14, 2019; Thursday, April 4, 2019; Thursday, April 25, 2019; Thursday, May 9, 2019; Thursday, May 23, 2019; and Thursday, June 20, 2019.

Potential Topics for Future Discussion

The Board of Education asked that at an upcoming meeting, the Superintendent provide information for further discussion regarding the District's policy surrounding the various fee waivers granted to students who qualify for free and reduced-price meals as well as the fees that the State requires to be waived.

The Board also asked for information and discussion at its February 15, 2018 meeting surrounding HB0261 and the use of transportation funding to provide housing support for homeless students. At its February 15, 2018 meeting, the Board also will review and discuss its practice regarding Board communications, as well as its policy for use of legal counsel.

Next Board of Education Meeting

The next scheduled regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, February 15, 2018, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Anne Koller Board Meeting Room at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center.