

Board of Education Meeting Recap

The Township High School District 211 Board of Education met on Thursday, October 15, 2015, 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.

Military Recognition

The Board of Education honored Specialist **Jakub Burzynski**, a 2015 James B. Conant High School graduate, who is currently serving in the Army Reserves. Specialist Burzynski led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognitions

A District 211 record 39 students from James B. Conant, William Fremd,

Approval of Minutes

The Board of Education approved the minutes from its regular meeting on [September 17, 2015](#), and a special meeting on [October 7, 2015](#).

Class Size Committee Report

The Board of Education received a [report](#) from the Class Size Committee.

Summer School Enrollment/Cost Analysis

The Board received an update on Summer School 2015. District 211 provided learning opportunities Tw T/TT1 B4TJ /T9e Cpecnidenio atuct(op)10mer

facilitating a community engagement and strategic planning initiative. The District received proposals from four firms. The Board heard a [presentation](#) from representatives of one of the firms, Unicom•Arc, on its proposal for community engagement and strategic planning.

District 211 Professional Development Opportunities

The Board of Education received a professional development report for the 2014-2015 school year highlighting staff development opportunities available for District 211 certified staff. A copy of the report is available [here](#).

The Board also approved the following professional learning opportunities for in-district credit: “Innovative Learning,” “Mindset (Book Study),” “Reflecting on Mirrored Assessments,” “Social and Emotional Learning in the Classroom,” and “Teach Like a Champion 2.0 (Book Study).”

District and School Improvement Plans for 2015-2016

High School District 211 uses the Illinois State Board of Education’s (ISBE) approved school improvement reporting system known as Rising Star. Rising Star is a comprehensive continuous improvement process system that has been fully embedded in the State’s web-based school and district integrated plans on the Illinois Interactive Report Card (IIRC) that serves as the required template for a variety of plans required by both state and federal funding sources, such as Title I, Title III, Race to the Top, and technology implementation plans.

In accordance with ISBE requirements, the current District Improvement Plan and each school’s improvement plan must be submitted to the Board of Education annually. The Board acknowledged receipt and granted approval of the 2015-2016 District Improvement Plan

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A copy of the approved 2017-2018 school calendar is available [here](#).

The Board also approved summer school calendars for the summer of 2017 and the summer of 2018. Both summer calendars provide for 26 days of instruction.

A copy of the approved summer school calendar for 2017 is available [here](#), and a copy of the approved summer school calendar for 2018 is available [here](#).

Request for Foreign Exchange Trips

The Board of Education approved participation in the following 10 foreign exchange trips for the summer of 2016 (Note: the District reserves the right to cancel any airline

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