

Board of Education Meeting Recap

The Township High School District 211 Board of Education met on Thursday, April 9, 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 Captain **Tae Kim**

of teaching positions. Following the public hearing, action on this agenda item was taken by the Board after closed session.

Presentation: Budget and Five-Year Financial Projection Update

The Board of Education was presented updated information on the budget and the District's five-year financial projection by Chief Operating Officer **Lauren Hummel** and Controller & Treasurer **Barbara Peterson**. The presentation included an update on the 2014-2015 budget, as well as preliminary budget parameters and considerations for 2015-2016. The financial projection update included a life safety projects summary and information on the capital projects fund and debt service fund, in addition to a summary on the operating fund.

District 211's five-year financial projection, for the period 2015-2016 through 2019-2020, point toward overall financial stability. Fund balances are projected to be within the District's policy of 33% in the educational and aggregate operating funds. While it remains uncertain what financial impact pending legislation will have on the District, it is critical to the District's financial future to access and consider all key areas as it moves forward with its financial planning and decisions. Overall program needs, staffing levels, and operational efficiencies will be vital to monitor and address in upcoming years from a financial perspective.

Additional information on the budget and five-year financial projection update is available [here](#).

Approval of Minutes

The Board of Education approved the minutes from its regular meeting on [March 19, 2015](#)

earn free tuition at Harper College for up to four semesters. The Promise Program is built around eligibility criteria while in high school in order to qualify for the program, with eligibility criteria grouped into five separate components: attendance, rigor, service, quality, and persistence.

The Promise Program will commence with the current set of incoming freshmen, graduating Class of 2019. District 211 school counselors will be prepared to represent the Promise Program details to students and parents in the fall of 2015. Students will be asked to declare their interest in the program in December 2015.

Additional information on the Harper Promise Program is available [here](#).

Graduation Dates for the Class of 2016 and Class of 2017

At the January 15, 2015 Board of Education meeting, a collegiate-style school calendar was adopted for the 2016-2017 school year. Since the 2016-2017 school year will end prior to Memorial Day, graduation dates for the Class of 2017 will be shifted to earlier dates than in a traditional school calendar. In order to allow parents and families time to plan, the Board received the following graduation dates for the Class of 2016 and Class of 2017.

James B. Conant High School *Sunday, June 5, 2016*
6:00 p.m., at Sears Centre

**-Combined ceremonies*

Class of 2017

Hoffman Estates High School *Thursday, May 18, 2017*
6:00 p.m., at Willow Creek Auditorium
(Tentative date until confirmed in May 2016)

Alternative High School* *Thursday, May 18, 2017*
7:00 p.m., at Hoffman Estates High School

District 211 Academy-North* *Thursday, May 18, 2017*
7:00 p.m., at Hoffman Estates High School

District 211 Academy-South* *Thursday, May 18, 2017*
7:00 p.m., at Hoffman Estates High School

Palatine High School..... *Sunday, May 21, 2017*
2:00 p.m., at Palatine High School

James B. Conant High School *Monday, May 22, 2017*
7:30 p.m., at Sears Centre

William Fremd High School..... *Tuesday, May 23, 2017*
7:30 p.m., at Sears Centre

administration is authorized to seek bids for the Board's consideration.

For the 2015-2016 school year,

Individual stop-loss insurance (ISL) will remain flat at \$36.65 per employee per month for PPO participants and will increase from \$20.00 to \$22.33 for HMO plan participants. Over the past year, the loss ratio for the individual stop-loss plans has averaged over 95% and continues to provide valuable insurance for the cost.

Additional information on District 211's health and dental program claims administration is available [here](#).

Four-Year iPad Lease Agreement

The Board of Education authorized four annual lease payments of \$437,146.70 to purchase 3,000 iPad Air 2 devices via a four-year lease that begins after July 1, 2015. The iPad Air 2 devices would be deployed to the incoming freshman Class of 2019, allowing them to keep the same device for throughout their four-