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Board of Education Meeting Recap

The Township High School District 211 Board of Education met on Thursday, July 15, 2021, in the Ann Koller Board of Education Meeting Room at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center. The following is a recap of items that were acted upon at the meeting.

Recognitions

The Board of Education recognized

Illinois Association of School Boards Annual Membership

The Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) provides services for its membership such as training opportunities, networking opportunities, advocacy on behalf of public education, pooled services, information, expertise, and a platform for a strong collective voice on common interests and concerns. In addition, division meetings provide opportunities for professional development, networking, peer recognition and participation in association governance.

The Board of Education renewed its membership in the IASB for 2021-2022 and authorized the Superintendent to pay the annual dues of \$19,714. More information about IASB membership is available [here](#).

Education Research Development Legislative Renewal

Education Research Development (ED-RED) was formed in 1971 as a suburban high school advocacy organization. Over the years, ED-RED has evolved and developed into a strong and united voice that advocates for the particular needs of suburban school districts including high school districts, elementary districts, special education cooperatives and intermediate service centers. ED-goals are to research, develop and initiate legislation that is advantageous to member districts; to actively advocate for or against legislation affecting member districts; to engage school districts in the legislative process; to communicate proactively with member districts; and to develop and nurture collaborative relationships with state agencies, advocacy groups, state legislators and legislative staffs, and other organizations to accomplish mutual objectives.

More information is available [here](#).

2021-2023 Student Building Construction Program

Township High School District 211 has offered an academic Building Construction Program for its students for more than three decades that has provided students with the foundational skills necessary to enter an area of architecture, construction or building trades post-graduation. Since 2001, the program has served nine communities through the development and sale of more than 40 homes. The District is dedicated to the pursuit of college and career pathways for its students. The Building Construction Program is an integral part of the Architectural and Construction Pathway and can be paired with the instructional opportunities offered through several of the technical dual credit or District academic courses to best prepare students for their futures. Beginning in the 2014-
-aided design (CAD) classes have been engaged in competitions to design homes for the

2015- 2017, 2017-2019 and current building construction projects. Students in interior design classes in the Family and Consumer Science department will play a role in the design aspects of the current building construction homes.

The Board of Education approved construction of houses during the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years on two district-owned lots and that the following amounts be budgeted for these projects over the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 fiscal years: construction costs for the student built home located in Palatine in the amount of \$470,055 including consulting fees and contingency; and construction costs for the home located in Elgin in the amount of \$167,471 including consulting fees and contingency.

More information about the Building Construction plans for 2021-2023 is available [here](#).

Student Photography Vendor Recommendation

Student photography services include underclass portraits, senior portraits, dance photography, yearbook photography, staff photography, special event photography, and student and staff identification cards.

Upon review of the vendors, the selection committee recommends Lifetouch to provide student photography services to Township High School District 211 for the 2021-2022 through 2023-2024 school years with the ability to cancel the contract with a 60-day advanced notification. While student photography services are not an expense to the Board of Education, the Board is asked to ratify the choice in compliance with the bidding requirements outlined in the Illinois School Code.

The Board of Education approved the recommendation to select Lifetouch for student photography services for the 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024 school years.

More information about the selection is available [here](#).

Next Board of Education Meeting

The next scheduled regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, August 19, 2021, with closed session beginning at 6:30 p.m. and open session beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Anne Koller Board Meeting Room at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center.

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