

**TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 211
Palatine, Illinois**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
December 10, 2015
7:30 p.m.
(Official)**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, Township High School District 211, Cook County, Illinois was held on December 10, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the G.A. McElroy Administration Center at 1750 South Roselle Road, Palatine, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

On a roll call, the following officers and members were:

Physically Present: Peter R. Dombrowski, Member
Will Hinshaw, Member
Anna Klimkowicz, Secretary and Member
Robert LeFevre, Jr., Vice President and Member
Mike Scharringhausen, Member
Mucia A. Burke, President and Member

Present By Other Means: None

Absent: Lauanna Recker, Member

Also present were: Superintendent Daniel E. Cates; members of the District administrative staff;

Pledge of Allegiance

After the introduction and recognition, Private First Class Brown led the Board of Education and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition – State Award Winners

Superintendent Cates introduced Director of Athletics and Activities Augustino Fontanetta. Mr. Fontanetta introduced Palatine High School Principal Gary Steiger, Athletic Director Jerry Dobbs, and Girls Tennis Coach James Lange. Mr. Lange introduced and Mr. Steiger presented a medallion to Asuka Kawai for placing third in singles in the state girls tennis competition.

Mr. Fontanetta introduced Palatine High School Girls Cross Country Coach Joseph Parks. Mr. Parks introduced and Mr. Steiger presented a medallion to Samantha Lechowicz for placing twenty-fourth in the state girls cross country competition.

Mr. Fontanetta introduced Schaumburg High School Principal Tim Little and Schaumburg High School Girls Cross Country Coach Courtney Smith. Ms. Smith introduced and Mr. Little presented a medallion to Madison Marasco for placing sixteenth in the state girls cross country competition.

Mr. Fontanetta introduced Palatine High School Swimming Coach Brittany Berleman. Ms. Berleman introduced and Mr. Steiger presented a medallion to Kristin Anderson for placing eighth in the 100-yard freestyle in the state girls swimming competition.

Break

The Board of Education took a break from 7:41 p.m. to 7:52 p.m. while pictures were taken of award winners.

Citizens' Appearances and Presentations

President Burke asked if there was anyone present, not on the agenda, who wished to speak before the Board of Education on a topic other than the 2015 tax levy.

Dirk Andreas, Palatine resident, addressed the Board regarding the federal government's actions involving one individual and the Board, the government determining what is good for all people, how the government's unfunded mandate controlled District 211, and appointing a committee to investigate how federal funding can be eliminated from the schools to eliminate risks to the schools.

John Di Leo, Palatine resident, addressed the Board regarding the large number of people from outside the District who spoke at the December 7 Special Board Meeting, the lottery system that was used to determine what citizens could speak at the meeting, the government's unfunded mandate over District 211 controlling the Board, the government taking away the Board's power and shouting the residents down so they cannot be heard, and suggested

Sean Honesty, Schaumburg High School student, addressed the Board regarding asking that Japanese language courses be offered for District 211 students, how taking Japanese classes in high school at District 211 following his dual language education through District 54 would have been helpful to him when he visited the Japanese national jamboree and Tokyo as a Boy Scout.

Craig Javonovich, Schaumburg resident, addressed the Board thanking them for letting the SO members speak to them tonight and regarding his move to Schaumburg for District 54's dual language Japanese program, asking that Japanese language classes be offered at District 211, the Board allowing time for it to become successful, the need for District 54's Japanese feeder program students to be able to reach the adult level of the Japanese language following District 54's investment in them, District 54's dual language Japanese feeder program giving District 211 a base of students who took Japanese for eight years, and offering Japanese language at only one District 211 high school.

Cliff Darnell, Schaumburg resident and a Japanese teacher at Elk Grove High School in Township High School District 214, addressed the Board thanking them for allowing the OS members to present to them and regarding District 214 taking Japanese from level one to the AP-level, many District 54 families moving into District 214 so their students could continue taking Japanese classes, the Japanese language being a world language, and some District 54 students not continuing with the program if Japanese is not offered at their high school.

Professor Shingo Satsutani, Schaumburg resident, addressed the Board regarding moving to Schaumburg to pass the Japanese language onto his children who are first generation Americans, having Japanese

language in college as a result of this District 54 program, and

Public Hearing on the Proposed 2015 Tax Levy

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Scharringhausen, that the public hearing on the proposed 2015 tax levy of Township High School District 211 is now open. The motion carried unanimously.

The public hearing opened at 9:03 p.m.

President Burke asked if there was anyone present who wished to address the Board of Education regarding the proposed 2015 tax levy. Robi Vollkommer, Schaumburg resident addressed the Board asking if a student who had signed up to speak regarding District 54's dual language Japanese program whose name had not been called could address the Board of Education. Mrs. Burke asked the Board if it was okay for the student to speak to them after the public hearing was closed and they agreed.

President Burke stated that the public hearing on the proposed 2015 tax levy of Township High School District 211 is open and she asked if there was anyone present who wished to address the Board of Education regarding the proposed 2015 tax levy. John Parker, Schaumburg resident, addressed the Board regarding his support for the D211 Parents for Privacy, his disagreement over boys being allowed access to girls' locker rooms, having the five Board members who voted for the OCR agreement resign, District 211 officials backing of a flat property tax levy, his disagreement that it would be a flat property tax increase and it being a one-percent levy increase followed by a one-time rebate or an indefinite tax increase followed by one-time rebate, excess funds that are in reserves, having the Board explain why they voted for the 2015 tax levy, his request that the Superintendent call him if his numbers are wrong to prove to him why he is wrong, and using District 211's reserve funds to pay for unnecessary capital improvements. Mark Puchalski, Schaumburg resident, addressed the Board regarding the surplus funds that from the past ten years that are in reserves, spending money from the reserves without asking the voters and taxpayers for their input, his request for more disclosure and openness on the expenditures, and using District 211's reserve funds for expenditures instead of a tax levy.

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Scharringhausen, that the public hearing on the proposed 2015 tax levy of Township High School District 211 is now closed. The motion carried unanimously.

The public hearing closed at 9:10 p.m.

Resumption of Citizens' Appearances and Presentations

Laura Hinojosa, a sixth-grade student at Jefferson School, addressed the Board regarding District 54's Japanese program and her request that District 211 offer Japanese classes, Spanish and English dual language programs being offered at some grade schools and Spanish

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hinshaw, that the consent agenda be approved.

On which motion a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Peter Dombrowski
Will Hinshaw
Anna Klimkowicz
Robert LeFevre
Mike Scharringhausen
Mucia Burke

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

The following consent agenda items (indicated by *) were enacted by one motion:

***Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of November 12, 2015**

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hinshaw, that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 12, 2015 be approved and placed on file.

On which motion a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Peter Dombrowski
Will Hinshaw
Anna Klimkowicz
Robert LeFevre

On which motion a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Peter Dombrowski
Will Hinshaw
Anna Klimkowicz
Robert LeFevre
Mike Scharringhausen
Mucia Burke

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

***Approval of Bills for Payment**

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hinshaw, that bills in the amount of \$22,286,397.09 be approved for payment.

On which motion a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Peter Dombrowski
Will Hinshaw
Anna Klimkowicz
Robert LeFevre
Mike Scharringhausen
Mucia Burke

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

***Financial Report – As of October 31, 2015**

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hinshaw, that the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, Other Financing Sources (Uses) and Changes in Fund Balances for the period ending

On which motion a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Peter Dombrowski
Will Hinshaw
Anna Klimkowicz
Robert LeFevre
Mike Scharringhausen
Mucia Burke

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

***Student Activities Report – As of October 31, 2015**

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hinshaw, that the student activity, trust fund, and convenience fund report for the period ending October 31, 2015

On which motion a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Peter Dombrowski
Will Hinshaw
Anna Klimkowicz
Robert LeFevre
Mike Scharringhausen
Mucia Burke

Nay: None

***Bids for Consideration**

Mrs. Klimkowitz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hinshaw, that the Board of Education award the business to the lowest responsible bidders as listed in the administrative bid recommendation dated

Adoption of the 2015 Tax Levy

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Scharringhausen, that the Board of Education approve the

On which motion a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye:

Closed Session

President Burke made an announcement that there was no need for the Board of Education to enter closed session unless there were objections from the Board. There were no objections.

Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hinshaw that the Board of Education accepts the retirement requests of Andres De Leon, effective June 2016 according to the Master Contract of the District 211 Teachers' Union; Jeanne LaFayette, effective May 2017 according to the Master Contract of the District 211 United Support Staff; Jacqueline Schader, effective June 2016 according to the Master Contract of the District 211 Teachers' Union; Karen Schneider, effective June 2018 according to the Master Contact with the District 211 Operations Maintenance Group; and Nancy Taylor, effective December 2017 consistent with the Master Contract of the District 211 United Support Staff.

On which motion a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye:	Anna Klimkowicz Robert LeFevre Peter Dombrowski Mike Scharringhausen Will Hinshaw Mucia Burke
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Nay:	None
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The motion carried unanimously.

Board Members' Discussion of the Evening's Board of Education Meeting