

TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 211  
Palatine, Illinois

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
August 19, 2021  
6:30 p.m.  
Official

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Township High School District 211, Cook County, Illinois was held on August 19, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the G. A. McElroy Administration Center at 1750 South Roselle Road, Palatine, Illinois. Access for the public to view the Board of Education Meeting live-stream was available on the District 211 YouTube channel using the video button on the : <https://www.youtube.com/user/District211>.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Physically Present: Curtis Bradley, Member  
Kimberly Cavill, Secretary and Member  
Mark J. Cramer, Member  
Peter R. Dombrowski, Member  
Timothy Mc Gowan, Member  
Steven Rosenblum, Vice President and Member  
Anna Klimkowicz, President and Member

Absent: None

Also present were: Superintendent Lisa Small; members of the District administrative staff; interested citizens; and members of the press.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

President Klimkowicz led the Board of Education and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Closed Session**

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the Board enter closed session to discuss minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act [5 ILCS 120/2 (2) (21)]; appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees [5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)]; matter pertaining to an individual student [5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (10)]; and collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives [5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2)].

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

Aye: Curtis Bradley  
Kimberly Cavill  
Peter Dombrowski  
Mark Cramer  
Timothy Mc Gowan  
Steven Rosenblum  
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Education entered executive session at 6:31 p.m. and resumed its meeting at 7:33 p.m.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

President Klimkowicz led the Board of Education and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Introduction of Newly Appointed, Promoted, and Transferred Administrators**

Superintendent Small introduced Jeannette Ardell, 12-month assistant principal, James B. Conant High School; Luis Arroyo, athletic director, Palatine High School; Allyson Baisden, 10-month assistant principal, William Fremd High School; Brittany Berleman, 10-month assistant principal, Hoffman Estates High School; Chris Cirrincione, 10-month assistant principal, Palatine High School; Whitney Gbur, 10-month assistant principal, Schaumburg High School; Travis Hastings, dean of students, James B. Conant High School; Danielle Hauser, director of student services; Erin Holmes, director of communications; Amanda Hughes, 12-month assistant principal, William Fremd High School; Gordon James, 12-month assistant principal, James B. Conant High School; James Lange, dean of students, Palatine High School; Mark Langer, principal, William Fremd High School; Alex Larson, dean of students, Palatine High School; Kendra Letzel, dean of students, Schaumburg High School; Hamid Mehreioskouei, 12-month assistant principal, William Fremd High School; Brenda Moreno, dean of students, Palatine High School; Michele Napier, director of college and career readiness; Mary Pettit, dean of students, Hoffman Estates High School; Kurt Tenopir, assistant superintendent for administrative services; and John Volgi, 12-month assistant principal, Palatine High School.

President Klimkowicz welcomed the administrators who were recognized on behalf of the Board of Education, and she welcomed all of the new District 211 staff members and thanked the current staff including the food service, maintenance, and transportation employees for stepping up and taking on new responsibilities and for putting students first.

President Klimkowicz announced that the administrators who were recognized are welcome to leave at this time if they wish, as the Board will be continuing with its meeting.

### **Public Comments Including Stacy Gale, Robi Vollkommer, and Kristen Steel**

President Klimkowicz made the following announcement:

before we move on to Public Comments, I have a few items that I would like to share.

There are many issues that have divided communities over the past several months. Masks have been at the forefront. I understand the passion from both sides and as we proceed to the Public Comments portion of our meeting, I ask that every speaker and audience member value the procedures and decorum of our meeting and be respectful to those at the podium so they may be heard. The Board is receptive to listening to your comments. H

Meeting and not a dialogue, so the Board members will not be responding to your comments or answering questions at this time. Aggressive, overly assertive, and disruptive behavior will not be tolerated this includes foul language, name calling, cheering, booing, or applauding while someone is speaking, or interruptions of speakers whether community members, Board members, or administrators. Verbal assaults or slurs, whether personal or general, and the disregard for general conduct

As we move on, when I call your name, please come forward to the podium and state your name for the record. Though not required, you may indicate whether you are a resident of the District. Please limit your comments to three minutes. You will receive a notification when you have one minute remaining.

If you wish a response from the Superintendent, please leave your name and phone number with Mr. Tenopir.

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I ask all to keep in mind that the goal for the start of this school year is to have our students

With that, we will begin.

Mr. Cramer asked why three minutes will be allowed instead of five minutes for public comment.

President Klimkowicz stated that three minutes will be allowed because there are 21 individuals who have signed up to address the Board.

President Klimkowicz made the following announcement:

So, we have 21 people speaking and I do have three individuals who did contact us earlier to

The following individual addressed the Board regarding Senate Bill 818 sex education: Stacy Gale.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding SAT preparation: Robi Vollkommer.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding a community engagement committee: Kristen Steel.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding mental health resources: Rhea Boghossian.

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Tonight, it is my pleasure to introduce you to the most dedicated and hardworking group of leaders you will find anywhere in education. After the extreme challenges of last year, we all hoped this year would be different. And though it is not perfect, these leaders have joined us in welcoming 12,000 students into our schools to a great start to this school year. They have put forth a tremendous amount of energy and hours in planning, problem solving, and creating a positive mindset for all toward the start of our school year.

Thank you for everything you do each and every day and evening for our students and staff in District 211

Superintendent Small introduced Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Joshua Schumacher, Director of Student Services Danielle Hauser, Palatine High School Principal Tony Medina, William Fremd High School Principal Mark Langer, James B. Conant High School Principal Julie Nowak, Schaumburg High School Principal Brian Harlan, and Hoffman Estates High School Principal Michael Alther, and they gave a presentation on the high school progress toward meeting for 2016-2021 that focused on the attainment of critical learning standards for the coursework, enrollment in AP or Dual Credit courses, meeting SAT benchmarks on mathematics and reading, English learner meeting graduation requirements and the graduation rate, and college and career preparation for all students; and the presenters highlighted individual successes of each high school and the story behind those successes; and they answered questions.

Mr. Dombrowski made a statement involving the development of soft skills as an academic goal for students and being a part of the District 211 2016 strategic plan.

Mr. Cramer made a statement involving the gap of student academic performance due to COVID.

Mr. Rosenblum made statements regarding the development of soft skills and life skills to prepare students for their post-District 211 education and the development of goals to address equity between schools involving SAT preparation and the communication to parents on the differences relating to them.

President Klimkowicz thanked the presenters, on behalf of the Board of Education, for their thorough and informative presentation.

### **Break**

The Board of Education took a break from 10:31 p.m. to 10:39 p.m.

### **2021-2022 Tentative Budget**

Ms. Hummel and Ms. Peterson will review the reality of the fluid environment of last year compared to the budget of this year. The detailed budget was delivered to the Board members on August 6 and is available on the agenda tonight along with the budget summary. The District 211 budget books explains our budget in tremendous detail and goes way beyond what is required by the Illinois State Board of Education.

Superintendent Small introduced Chief Operating Officer Lauren Hummel and Controller and Treasurer Barbara Peterson. Mrs. Hummel and Mrs. Peterson presented information on the 2021-2022

Mr. Cramer made a statement about surplus funds from the sale of land and the case for abatement.

Mr. Dombrowski made a statement about the funds from the land sale being held in the interest-earning Operations and Maintenance Fund and not in a cash fund awaiting Board action, the Board members serving as good stewards of the funds from the community, and the Board provide direction involving the funds from the land sale.

Mrs. Klimkowitz made a statement about District 211 currently being debt free, having funds available for future capital improvements, her concerns about the possibility of an increase of taxpayer appeals to the Property Tax Appeal Board, and being prudent by saving funds for future expenditures instead of spending them.

Mr. Cramer made a statement about using excess funds to pay for capital improvements.

Mrs. Klimkowitz made a statement about District 211 receipt of ESSER funds and using the funding for more counselors and social workers and ensuring District 211 can maintain them through District 211 funding in the future.

### **Consent Agenda**

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by



Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**\*Investment Report As of July 31, 2021**

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the investment report for the period ending July 31, 2021 be approved and placed on file.

After discussion, a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Curtis Bradley

Cabrera Aguilar, Aura; food service, William Fremd High School  
 Creighton, Jennifer; food service, Palatine High School  
 Davalos, Ryan; teacher assistant, Palatine High School  
 De La Torre, Lesley; certified nursing assistant, Palatine High School  
 Doering, Ian; teacher assistant, James B. Conant High School  
 Domin-Pflanz, Elizabeth; teacher assistant, Palatine High School  
 Gdowski, Danielle; teacher assistant, Palatine High School  
 Guarino, Jenna; teacher assistant, William Fremd High School  
 Hernandez, Lorena; custodian, Hoffman Estates High School  
 Karajic, Hasema; food service, Schaumburg High School  
 Krabath, Misty; teacher assistant, Palatine High School  
 Liquori, Joseph; teacher assistant, Palatine High School  
 McCauley, Sarah; teacher assistant, Palatine High School  
 McGowan, Kathleen; teacher assistant, Palatine High School  
 Mora, Ana; food service, Palatine High School  
 Owens, William; teacher assistant, Palatine High School  
 Parada, Margarita; food service, James B. Conant High School  
 Pedenko, Yana; support staff, Hoffman Estates High School  
 Prellwitz, Amanda; food service, Schaumburg High School  
 Puccinelli, Karen; food service, Hoffman Estates High School  
 Puente, Aiyana; certified nursing assistant, Palatine and William Fremd High Schools  
 Ramirez, Alejandra; support staff, Schaumburg High School  
 Rizvic, Zemira; food service, Hoffman Estates High School  
 Schimpf, Marisa; teacher assistant, Palatine High School  
 Schreiner, Trish; teacher assistant, Palatine High School  
 Schaffer, Gary; bus driver, G. A. McElroy Administration Center  
 Sherwood, Lisa; teacher assistant, Palatine High School  
 Shimi, Samir; teacher assistant, Palatine High School  
 Sky, Chalsee; teacher assistant, William Fremd High School  
 Stein, Janine; food service, James B. Conant High School

Orozco, Sharai; teacher assistant, Palatine High School  
 Riggle, Richard; student supervisor, Hoffman Estates High School  
 Schwarz, Melissa; teacher assistant, Hoffman Estates High School  
 Scott, Nina; teacher assistant, Hoffman Estates High School  
 Smith, Heather; teacher assistant, James B. Conant High School  
 Stenstrom, Katie; teacher assistant, James B. Conant High School  
 Varghese, Natalia; teacher assistant, James B. Conant High School

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 Mark Cramer  
 Peter Dombrowski  
 Timothy Mc Gowan  
 Steven Rosenblum  
 Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**\*Bids for Consideration**

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the Board of Education award the business to the lowest responsive and responsible bidders as presented (attached to official minutes):

1. Retaining wall renovations for the Administration Center Stuckey Construction	\$ 284,900.00
2. Custodial maintenance supplies for all the schools and Administration Center 17 vendors	\$ 150,705.97
3. Roof renovations for the Schaumburg High School Maintenance garage	\$ 41,375.00
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TOTAL:	\$ 476,980.97

After discussion, a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Curtis Bradley  
 Kimberly Cavill  
 Mark Cramer  
 Peter Dombrowski  
 Timothy Mc Gowan  
 Steven Rosenblum  
 Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**\*Acceptance of Donations**

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the Board of Education formally accept the donations of \$1,000 from Palatine Lions Club; \$7,976 from the Home Depot Foundation; \$12,000 from the parishioners of St. Thomas of Villanova in Palatine; a 2004 Honda Civic from James Carlson; and \$1,000 from Golden Corridor Advanced Manufacturing Partnership; further, that letters of

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Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**Freedom of Information Act Requests**

The Board of Education received and reviewed a report on Freedom of Information Act requests and responses.

**Parent Open House Date**

The Board of Education received and reviewed information on the open houses for District 211 schools scheduled for Thursday, September 2, 2021.

**District Academic Goals 2021-2026**

academic goals for 2021-2026.

**District 211 2016 Strategic Plan**

Superintendent Small made the following comments:

Tremendous work has been put forth by this administ<sup>3</sup>

Completion of the plan is presented to you tonight with each action and updated documented areas of life readiness, professional responsiveness, community partnership, and organizational effectiveness.

As the Board looks to create the next vision for the District via a new multi-year strategic plan, suggested areas of input from the community include: mission and value statements; community connections with parents, student, staff and community members; financial, facility, and technology planning; academic preparedness; equity as a continuation of the current District 211 Equity Plan, and student wellness.

Should the Board want to pursue extensive input from ~~as many community members as possible~~ on these topics, ~~it should~~



## **Board Member Expenses**

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the Board of Education approve Pre-Approval Form for Future Expense Reimbursement for Anna Klimkowicz to attend the Annual ED-RED Kick-Off Luncheon Meeting, September 24, 2021; Steven Rosenblum to attend the Annual ED-RED Kick-Off Luncheon Meeting, September 24, 2021; and Timothy Mc Gowan to attend the Triple I Conference, November 19-21, 2021 as submitted.

After discussion, a roll call was held with the following results:

Aye: Curtis Bradley  
Kimberly Cavill  
Steven Rosenblum  
Timothy Mc Gowan  
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: Peter Dombrowski

Present: Mark Cramer

The motion carried.

## **Potential Topics for Future Discussion**

Mr. Dombrowski requested adding that the topic regarding local Board of Education delegated powers ver

compliance and the line between the powers and the responsibilities to the community as a presentation item at the upcoming Board of Education meeting.

After discussion, President Klimkowicz asked if there was consensus for this proposed Board meeting presentation and discussion item and she polled the Board to see if they wished to include Mr. potential item to an upcoming Board of Education meeting agenda. Commenting to add this item to an upcoming Board meeting agenda were Mr. Dombrowski and Mr. Cramer. Commenting to not add this item were Mr. Mc Gowan, Ms. Cavill, Mr. Rosenblum, and Mrs. Klimkowicz. Mr. Rosenblum commented that he would be interested in having information provided to the Board about this item. Following the polling, the item will not be coming forward to the upcoming Board of Education meeting agenda.

President Klimkowicz stated that if there is a specific topic Mr. Dombrowski would like to request, the Board can ask Superintendent Small to gather information from the State Board of

Mr. Dombrowski requested adding a discussion regarding a community engagement committee as an agenda item for the upcoming Board of Education meeting. Mrs. Klimkowicz suggested that this topic be added as an agenda item to the September 23, 2021 Board of Education meeting. No one objected.



**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, President Klimkowicz thereupon declared the meeting adjourned at 12:04 a.m. on August 20, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary, District 211

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President, District 211