

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
December 9, 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 December 9, 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

<https://www.youtube.com/user/District211>.

Call to order

Roll call

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

Physically Present:	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

Aye: Kimberly Cavill
Mark J. Cramer
Peter R. Dombrowski
Timothy Mc Gowan
Steven Rosenblum
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Education left for executive session at 6:31 p.m. and resumed its meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Return to Open Session

Roll Call

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the Board return to open session.

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

Aye: Kimberly Cavill
Mark J. Cramer
Peter R. Dombrowski
Timothy Mc Gowan
Steven Rosenblum
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Recognitions

President Klimkowicz invited Superintendent Small to begin recognitions.

State Award Winners

Superintendent Small introduced Director of Athletics and Activities Eric Wenckowski. Mr. Wenckowski introduced William Fremd High School Principal Mark Langer, Athletic Director David Dick, and Boys Soccer Coach, Wellness and Driver Education Teacher Steven Keller. Mr. Keller introduced and Mr. Langer presented medallions to:

Illinois Business Education Association 2021 Secondary Educator of the Year

Superintendent Small made the following comments:

Patti Ertl will you please come forward to the podium.

The Illinois Business Educators Association Secondary Teacher of the Ye

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

The following individual addressed the Board regarding compensation and pension spiking: Bob

Aye:

Kimberly Cavill
Mark J. Cramer

Community Engagement Discussion - 211 Together

The Board reviewed the Special Board Meeting of November 13, 2021. Comments were made by Mrs. Klimkowicz, Mr. Dombrowski, Mr. Rosenblum, Ms. Cavill and Mr. Cramer. Mrs. Klimkowicz stated that feedback from the strategic plan communication questions would be reviewed as a next step.

Unfinished Business

Adoption of the 2021 Tax Levy

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the Board of Education approve the amount of \$245,015,000 as the 2021 tax levy of Township High School District 211. (Attached to official minutes)

Superintendent Small introduced the Adoption of the 2021 Tax Levy presentation by stating:

growth of .2% for a total of a 1.6% increase over the last year.

The level amount being voted on tonight supports the continuation of excellent instructional programming opportunities for students, ability to fund capital projects through operations and potential annual savings, continue since 2017 to remain debt-free and preserve the long-term financial stability for future students.

Beginning January with a final decision needed prior to the end of March, the Board will be presented information in consider of and potential abatement to the levy regarding:

the \$17.5 million revenue from the closing on the 62-acre property which occurred last year;

the long range financial projects based on the actual 2021 CPI which may be available at the January meeting; and updated FY21 financial statements;

consideration of waiving fees; and

potential abatement refunds related to the new Recapture Levy Law of designated property appeals or errors as calculated by Cook County.

Though it is required that a levy amount be approved by the Board in December, any consideration of an abatement or reduction to this levy amount must be finalized in March and would then decrease the

Mr. Dombrowski moved to amend the motion, seconded by Mr. Cramer, that the Board of Education approve the 2021 tax levy amount to \$241,000,000

The following Board members made statements about the adoption of the 2021 tax levy: Mr. Cramer, Mr. Dombrowski, Mrs. Klimkowicz, and Mr. Rosenblum.

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

Aye:

Mark J. Cramer
Steven Rosenblum

Peter Dombrowski

Nay:

Kimberly Cavill
Timothy Mc Gowan
Anna Klimkowicz

The amended motion failed.

After discussion, a roll call vote was held on the original motion with the following results.

Aye:

Timothy Mc Gowan
Steven Rosenblum
Kimberly Cavill
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay:

Mark J. Cramer
Peter Dombrowski

The motion carried

National School Boards Association National Connection Fee

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the Board of Education approve the National Connection Fees of the National School Board Association (NSBA) for a period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 at a cost of \$5,335.

The following Board members made statements about the NSBA connections fee: Mr. Rosenblum, Mr. Dombrowski and Mr. Cramer. After discussion, a roll call vote was held with the following results:

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Aye: None

Nay: Peter Dombrowski
Timothy Mc Gowan
Steven Rosenblum
Mark J. Cramer
Kimberly Cavill
Anna Klimkowicz

The motion failed unanimously.

New Business

2020-2021 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) of Board of Education Funds

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the June 30, 2021 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), which includes the financial statements as prepared by Township High School District 211 and audited by Baker Tilly US, LLP, Certified Public Accountants.

Superintendent Small made the following comments:

In accordance with requirements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, the District is required to have an independent audit of its financial records, including a test of financial controls, completed on an annual basis. The firm of Baker Tilly US, LLP recently completed the audit of the

prepared by Baker Tilly in cooperation with the Business Office.

I am pleased to introduce to you Senior Manager Michael Malatt who is here this evening on behalf of education with a brief review of the audit this evening.

Mr. Malatt reviewed the 2020-2021 audit of Board of Education funds.

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

Aye: Timothy Mc Gowan
Steven Rosenblum

Mark J. Cramer
Kimberly Cavill
Peter R. Dombrowski
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Operating Fund Balance for the Period Ending June 30, 2021

The Board of Education received and reviewed information on the operating fund balance for the period ending June 30, 2021.

Superintendent Small stated:

The information in the CAFR allows us to also bring you a stand-alone report detailing our fund balances as of June 30, 2021.

The District maintains reserve funds for several defined purposes including providing financial flexibility and stability for future financial needs.

fund balance was approximately \$142.8 million, or about 52%. Though our reserve funds increased from the prior year, we have seen an overall trend over the past five years of a substantial decline in our fund balance. A portion of the increase this past year is \$17.7 million in land sale proceeds.

Through use of our reserves to pay for capital and life safety projects,

2020-2021 Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) of Board of Education Funds

The Board of Education received and reviewed information on Township High School District 2021.

Superintendent Small made the following comments:

While the CAFR includes the information required within a complete audit, we have again prepared a Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) to facilitate informed understanding in a different format from the CAFR.

Once again, the auditors expressed their high praise for the quality of work conducted by the members of our business team and I want to express our thanks to Barb Peterson, Sandy Imes, Lisa Ochoa and Lauren Hummel for their diligent and highly accomplished work to conduct the review of our finances and to produce the CAFR as well as Erin Holmes, director of communications and her team to assist

COBRA Benefit Services Administration

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent or designee to approve a five-year contract with WEX/Discovery Benefits for COBRA benefit service administration at a rate of \$0.40 per employee per month, effective April 1, 2022.

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

Aye:	Steven Rosenblum Mark Cramer Kimberly Cavill Peter R. Dombrowski Timothy Mc Gowan Anna Klimkowicz
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Nay:	None
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The motion carried unanimously

Bid for Consideration Buses

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the Board of Education award the business for buses for the transportation department to the lowest responsible bidder, Central States Bus Sales, in the amount of \$1,296,768.

Mrs. Klimkowicz and Mr. Mc Gowan made comments regarding the bus bids for consideration.

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

Aye:	Steven Rosenblum Mark Cramer Kimberly Cavill Peter R. Dombrowski Timothy Mc Gowan
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Thursday, July 21, 2022; Thursday, August 18, 2022; Thursday, September 22, 2022; Thursday, October 20, 2022; Thursday, November 10, 2022; Thursday, December 15, 2022; Thursday, January 19, 2023; Thursday, February 16, 2023; Thursday, March 16, 2023; Thursday, April 13, 2023; Thursday, April 27, 2023; Thursday, May 11, 2023; Thursday, May 25, 2023; and Thursday, June 15, 2023; further, that the Board Secretary be directed to post proper notice.

The following Board members made comments regarding the meetings: Mr. Cramer, Mr. Mc Gowan, Ms. Cavill, Mr. Rosenblum and Mrs. Klimkowicz.

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

Aye: Kimberly Cavill
Steven Rosenblum
Mark Cramer
Timothy Mc Gowan
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: None

Present: Peter Dombrowski

The motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Policy Revision: JFCH Prevention and Response to Student Bullying

The Board received and reviewed a proposed policy revision to JFCH Prevention and Response to Student Bullying.

Potential Topics for Future Discussion

There was no consensus for there to be a presentation on disciplinary actions at this time. Mrs. Klimkowicz stated that the report will come out as it would normally.

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2022 according to the Master Contract of the District 211 United Support Staff; and Ellen Stauber, effective May 2022 according to the Master Contract of the District 211 United Support Staff. On which motion a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Kimberly Cavill
Mark J. Cramer
Peter R. Dombrowski
Timothy Mc Gowan
Steven Rosenblum
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Appointment

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that effective July 1, 2022, Hamid Mehreioskouei be appointed as athletic director at William Fremd E1g54 53996 Tf1 0 0 1 501.34 767.52 Tm0 g