

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING**

October 21, 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 October 21, 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 Board meeting agenda on District 211's website or at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/District211>.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Present by Audio Conference: Peter R. Dombrowski, Member

Absent: Curtis Bradley, Member

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)]; collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives [5 ILCS 120/2 (2)]; appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees [5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)]; collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives [5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2)]; and matter pertaining to an individual student [5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (10)].

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

Aye: Kimberly Cavill
Peter Dombrowski
Mark Cramer
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 7:31 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

National Merit Scholars

Superintendent Small introduced Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Joshua Schumacher. Mr. Schumacher introduced and President Klimkowicz presented medallions to Rayhan S. Akthar, Hoffman Estates High School; Satvika R. Alur, William Fremd High School; Ronit Anandani, James B. Conant High School; Medhika K. Athreya, James B. Conant High School; Anika Bansal, William Fremd High School; Nathan S. Barretto, William Fremd High School; Aadit R. Bennur, William Fremd High School; Simret Bhatia, James B. Conant High School; Sahaj A. Bhatt, Hoffman Estates High School; Emma H. Chen, William Fremd High School; Eric C. Fei, William Fremd High School; Preethi Jagadeesan, William Fremd High School; Riya J. Jain, James B. Conant High School; Zhiwei Jiang, William Fremd High School; Maximus J. Kim, William Fremd High School; Erin L. Kirsten, William Fremd High School; Eva S. Konsur, William Fremd High School; Izabela A. Kopec, William Fremd High School; Anand Krishnan, Hoffman Estates High School; Nivedha G. Krishnan, James B. Conant High School; Garrick C. Kung, William Fremd High School; Alec J. Loessy, Palatine High School; Anjali R. Maddulapalli, James B. Conant High School; Ashwin L. Mannur, James B. Conant High School; Brooklyn J. Mao, William Fremd High School; Rishit Patil, James B. Conant High School; Pranav V. Pillai, Palatine High School; Prashanth S. Ramachandra, William Fremd High School; Rohan Roy, William Fremd High School; Yavna Sakthi, William Fremd High School; Johanna S. Selmeczy, James B. Conant High School; Amol N. Shah, William Fremd High School; Abigail A. Thomas, Schaumburg High School; Andrew M. Tobin, Palatine High School; Araha A. Uday, Schaumburg High School; Maggie Z. Wu, William Fremd High School; Luis X. Xu, William Fremd High School; Jason Z. Yung, William Fremd High School; Sean T. Yoshihara, James B. Conant High School; and Aiman Zainab, Hoffman Estates High School.

Highest Possible Score on the American College Testing (ACT) Exam

Superintendent Small introduced William Fremd High School Social Studies Teacher Amanda Ganas. Mrs. Ganas introduced

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eacher Chris Grattoni is
 the 2020-2021 award. Chris is also a 2001 graduate of Fremd High School and returned to Fremd 0 0 1 -49(a)4(s

Congratulations, Chris, and thank you for all you do for not only the students at Fremd High School, but also through your connections across District 211.”

President Klimkowicz presented a certificate to Mr. Grattoni for receiving the Edythe May Sliffe 2021 Distinguished Mathematics Teacher award.

Support in a Life-Saving Situation

Superintendent Small introduced Palatine High School Principal Tony Medina. Mr. Medina introduced and President Klimkowicz presented certificates to Palatine High School student and peer leader Emma Zach, Teaching Assistant John Giuliano, and Wellness Teacher Jennifer Garafalo, for playing a key role in saving a life of a Palatine High School student who suffered a seizure while learning new swimming strokes in the school’s pool.

President Klimkowicz congratulated all of the students and the staff who were recognized this evening on behalf of the Board of Education. She thanked the students for being resilient, for putting their best foot forward, for working really hard, and for helping their fellow peers; and she thanked the teachers and the staff for their resilience and dedication.

Break

The Board of Education took a break from 7:48 p.m. to 7:57 p.m. while pictures were taken of recognition award winners.

Public Comments

President Klimkowicz made the following announcement:

“The next item on our agenda is Public Comments. The Board welcomes you and we are pleased to listen to your comments this evening.

It is important that you know this is a public Board meeting and not a dialogue, so the Board members will not be responding or answering your questions at this time. As a reminder, the Board meeting is being taped and live-streamed. We ask that you value the procedures and the decorum of our meeting and be respectful of those at the podium so they may be heard.

When I call your name, please come forward to the podium and state your name for the record. Though not required, you may state if you are a resident of the District.

We have eight people who signed up to address the Board, so we have five minutes for each speaker to make comments. You will receive a notification when you have one minute remaining. Any

Strategic Planning Process – Insight Education Group

Superintendent Small introduced Insight Education Group Co-founder Jason Stricker, and Mr. Stricker presented information regarding the details of Insight Education Group’s suggested strategic plan offerings and the organization’s potential partnership with District 211; and he answered Board members’ and Superintendent Small’s questions.

President Klimkowicz thanked Mr. Sticker for his presentation and she stated that the Strategic Planning Process item is on tonight’s meeting agenda as a discussion item later in the meeting.

Presentation: 2021 Tax Levy

Superintendent Small made the following comments:

“The long-range financial forecast will be presented tonight with the most current financial assumptions. The Levy amount that will need to be determined by the November 11, 2021 Board meeting will represent the majority of Fiscal Year 2023’s financial revenue, but will also directly impact each year of the long-range financial forecast. Therefore, in tonight’s presentation, the projected impact on future years is presented based on the decisions of the levy amount. As our reserve amounts get closer to the 33% minimum, it is important to see how immediate decisions potentially affect the future stability of the District to continue to offer quality programs as expected and capital projects as planned without debt.

Tonight’s levy amount recommendation will include the levy limitation of 1.4% plus new property growth of .2%. This recommendation allows for the continued high-quality education programming and long-term financial stability of future students, employees, and community members without the need to add additional tax burden through a debt levy. This plan includes funding for planned capital and life safety projects without incurring additional debt.

Lauren Hummel, chief operating officer, and Barb Petersen, controller and treasurer, will present the details behind this recommendation.”

Superintendent Small introduced Chief Operating Officer Lauren Hummel and Controller and Treasurer Barbara Peterson. Mrs. Hummel and Mrs. Peterson presented information on the 2021 tax levy considerations and a 2021 tax levy recommendation; and Mrs. Hummel, Mrs. Peterson, and Superintendent Small answered Board members’ questions.

The following Board members made statements about the tax levy information that was presented: Mr. Dombrowski, Ms. Cavill, Mr. Cramer, Mr. Rosenblum, and Mrs. Klimkowicz.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the consent agenda; with the removal of the minutes of the regular meeting of September 23, 2021 and of the special meeting of October 5, 2021; be approved as presented.

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

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

Nay: None

Present: Peter Dombrowski

The motion carried.

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

***Approval of Bills for Payment**

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that bills in the amount of \$26,809,941.49 be approved for payment.

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

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

Nay: None

Present: Peter Dombrowski

The motion carried.

***Financial Report – as of September 30, 2021**

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, Other Financing Sources (Uses), and Changes in Fund Balances for the period ending September 30

Nay: None

Present: Peter Dombrowski

The motion carried.

***Personnel Recommendations**

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the personnel recommendations be accepted as presented.

Part-Time Teacher Employment First Semester:
(Effective 2021-2022 School Year)

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

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

Nay: None

Present: Peter Dombrowski

The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of September 23, 2021

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the minutes of the regular meeting of September 23, 2021 be approved and placed on file.

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

Aye: Mark Cramer
Peter Dombrowski
Timothy Mc Gowan
Steven Rosenblum
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: None

Abstain: Kimberly Cavill

The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes – Special Meeting of October 5, 2021

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the minutes of the special meeting of October 5, 2021 be approved and placed on file.

Mr. Dombrowski suggested to table the motion that the minutes of the special meeting of October 5, 2021 be approved and placed on file.

After discussion, Mr. Rosenblum made a motion

Nay: Mark Cramer

Abstain: Peter Dombrowski

The motion carried.

Sale of Surplus School Property

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the Board of Education authorize the sale of a Miller Econo Twin HF Welder; two Miller Dial Arc Welder 250s; folding cafeteria tables; an art lamp; a Tennant 5700XP carpet extractor; and an Advance AquaMax auto floor scrubber by way of public sealed bid, public auction site or company trade-in.

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

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

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Potential Topics for Future Discussion

No topics were proposed for future discussion.

Northwest Suburban Special Education Organization

Mrs. Klimkowicz reported on recent NSSEO activities.

Education Research Development/Legislative Report

Mr. Rosenblum report

