

Board of Education Meeting Recap

The Township High School District 211 Board of Education met on Thursday, February 17, 2022, in the auditorium at James B. Conant High School. The following is a recap of items that were acted upon at the meeting.

Administrative Appointments

The Board of Education approved the appointments of two 10-month assistant principals at Palatine High School, effective August 1, 2022.

Dr. Antonette Minniti is currently Student Services department chair at Fremd High School, a position she has held since the 2019-2020 school year. She began her teaching career in 2001 as an English teacher at Fremd, and served as Department Chair in English from 2007 until 2009, when she became a counselor at Fremd. She holds a degree in English from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; degrees in Communications, Media and Theatre and Educational Administration from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; and a doctorate in teaching and learning from Illinois State University.

Michelle Bremehr is the current principal of Truman Middle College Charter School, a position she has held since 2016. She began her teaching career in 2010 as a language arts teacher at Oak Grove School in Green Oaks, IL. In 2001, she transitioned to Truman as an English teacher. She holds a degree in English from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; a degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; and a doctorate in teaching and learning from Illinois State University.

Recognitions

Students who earned all-state honors from the Illinois Music Educators Association (ILMEA) were recognized by the Board of Education.

They include:

From James B. Conant High School: **Nathanial Mathew**, All-State Honors Band; **Airi Ito**, **Daichi Kurita** and **Sean Yoshihara**, All-State Honors Orchestra; and Music Directors **Leann Roder-Manson** and **Devin Godzicki**. From Schaumburg High School: **Rhys Barlow** and **Josephine Mascarenhas**, All-State Honors Band; **Lea Steen**, All-State Honors Choir; **Nicole Setiawan**, All-State Honors Orchestra; and Music Directors **Susan Carlson**, **Vincent Inendino** and **Ann Espel**. From Hoffman Estates High School: **Niko Otsuka** and **Emma Tomita**, All-State Honors Band; **Mia Dulicek**, **Jude**

The Board of Education approved offering the following professional learning opportunities for in-
-Emotional Wellness in Your

Additional information on professional learning is available [here](#).

Class Size Committee Report

The Board of Education received a report from the Class Size Committee.

View the report [here](#).

2022-2023 Financial Calendar Including Budget and Levy Sequence

The Board of Education received information about the financial calendar and the budget and levy sequence. The 2022-2023 budget sequence occurs over several months prior to the budget recommendation to the Board in August 2022. Development

During the January 20, 2022 Board of Education meeting, a request also was made for additional abatement scenarios. View that supplemental information

Read more information [here](#).

In-Service Dates for 2022-23

At its November 11, 2021, meeting, the Board of Education revised and approved a school calendar for the 2022-2023 school year, with 180 student attendance days and four institute days on Tuesday, August 9, 2022; Wednesday, August 10, 2022; Tuesday, October 11, 2022; and Monday, January 9, 2023. Shortened days for in-service training of our staff have been used in the past and are consistent with School Code.

The Board approved the following potential dates for shortened student attendance and in-service training of certified staff and special events, of which each school may choose a maximum of two: September 1, 2022; October 4, 2022; Friday, November 4, 2022; Friday, February 10, 2023; Friday, February 17, 2023; Wednesday, April 12, 2023; Thursday, April 13, 2023; and Friday, May 12, 2023.

Read the full information [here](#).

Proposed Policy Deletions

The Board reviewed recommendations to delete two policies:

Board policies JED Student Absences and Excuses and JEDA Truancy are being recommended for deletion since the language requires modifications based on the recently passed Senate Bill 0605 (PA 102-157). The modified language has been incorporated into a proposed new student attendance and truancy policy.

The proposed policy deletion has been reviewed by the Administrative Board Policy Group comprised of Board President Anna Klimkowicz, Board Member Mark Cramer, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Joshua Schumacher, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services Kurt Tenopir and Director of Administrative Services Matthew Hildebrand.

The full policies are available [here](#) (Student Absences) and [here](#) (Truancy).

Proposed New Policy: Student Attendance and Truancy

During its Spring 2021 session, the Illinois legislation passed Senate Bill 0605 (PA 102-157), which updates legislation regarding student absenteeism and truancy. This Public Act also requires school districts to include specific language in their policy on student attendance and truancy. Required components include a definition of a valid cause for absence, a description of diagnostic procedures to be used for identifying the causes of unexcused student absenteeism, the identification of supportive services to be made

available to truant or chronically truant students, and collection and analysis of student attendance data related to truancy.

The proposed new policy concerning student attendance and truancy has been reviewed by the Administrative Board Policy Group comprised of Board President Anna Klimkowitz, Board Member Mark Cramer, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Joshua Schumacher, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services Kurt Tenopir and Director of Administrative Services Matt Hildebrand.

The full proposed new policy is available [here](#).

Next Board of Education Meeting

The next scheduled regular Board of Education meeting will be held Thursday, March 17, 2022, 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.