

## Board of Education Meeting Recap

The Township High School District 211 Board of Education met on Thursday, February 16, 2017, in the Anne Koller Board Meeting Room at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center. The following is a recap of important items that were acted upon at the meeting.

### Recognitions

Two High School District 211 students were recognized by the Board of Education for recently earning a score of 36 on the American College Test (ACT) exam, the highest possible composite score: William Fremd High School student **Kevin Chen** and Palatine High School student **Sarah Gonwa**. On average, less than one-tenth of one percent of all ACT test takers earns a top score. Since 1998, High School District 211 has had 96 students accomplish this outstanding achievement. A complete list of those District 211 students earning a 36 on the ACT is available [here](#).

The Board recognized four District 211 students who were named to the *Daily Herald* Leadership Team for 2016-2017: **Matthew Aberman** from Schaumburg High School, **Elizabeth Einig** from James B. Conant High School, **Victor Estrada** from Palatine High School, and **Parin Shah** from Hoffman Estates High School. This honor recognizes students who are among the top in leadership through their involvement in school, church, and community organizations.

The Board honored School Bus Driver **Kenneth Feeley** for providing support in a life-saving situation. Mr. Feeley requested a well-to-life work experiences that help prepare students for their lives after high school. The following businesses received Board recognition:

- Advanced Preschool, Inc.
- Advocate Good Shepherd Health & Fitness Center
- Alfred Campanelli YMCA
- Barnes & Noble
- Buehler YMCA
- eWorks Electronic Services, Inc.
- Friendship Village of Schaumburg
- GFS Marketplace of Palatine
- GFS Marketplace of Schaumburg



completed to this point relative to both mandated life safety improvements and capital improvement projects. The presentation and report also included a summary of the progress relative to life safety projects and the five-year capital improvement project timeline scheduled through 2018, in addition to a list of future improvement projects that will be recommended as part of the 10-year plan through 2027.

Additional information is available [here](#), along with a copy of the [presentation](#).

### **Approval of Minutes**

The Board of Education approved the minutes from its regular meeting on [January 19, 2017](#).

### **In-District Professional Learning Opportunities Spring 2017**

The expenditure budget will include budget reductions and will be aligned with the District's strategic priorities.

The Board also received the Budget Calendar, incorporating the levy and budget process. The calendar identifies various steps in the development and date for completion.

The following budget parameters and considerations will be incorporated into the 2017-2018 budget development process:

- Maintain a balanced budget in accordance with the School Code (105 ILCS 5/17-1
- Allocate costs associated with achieving District academic goals
- Allocate staffing costs based on enrollment and instructional programs



## **Proposed Policy Revisions**

As part of its ongoing Policy Manual review, the Board of Education reviews proposed policy revisions, proposed policy deletions, and proposed new policies from the

wheel up to an amount of \$400 during the period from the 2017-2018 school year through the 2021-2022 school year.

The waiver was filed with the General Assembly on January 20, 2017, and the General Assembly has since notified the District that review and approval of the waiver is not expected until April 2017. Until the waiver is adopted by the General Assembly, the District may charge an amount up to \$350. The Board approved keeping the driver education behind-the-wheel fee at \$350 for the 2017-2018 school year.

### **Purchase of Human Resources Software Packages**

The most critical resources in a school district are the people who serve students, and how these resources are allocated and managed ensures efficiency and responsive service. As District personnel have refined their skills and the level of services through the District's schools has evolved, the systems to manage human capital and allocate time have remained the same for decades.

The Board of Education approved the purchase and implementation of the *Absence and Time* software package and the *VeriTime* software package at a total cost of \$39,841.90. *Absence and Time* is the leading automated online substitute placement software system with over 6,000 school districts and 2 million educators using it in all 50 states. *VeriTime* is a web-based time and attendance management system built specifically for K-12 school districts. District 211 can implement both software applications at a reduced cost when compared to the salary and benefits for a central substitute caller. Both software packages will integrate seamlessly with the District's existing human resources applications.

Additional information is available [here](#).

### **Next Board of Education Meeting**

The next scheduled regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, March 16, 2017, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Anne Koller Board Meeting Room at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center.