

Board of Education Meeting Recap

The Township High School District 211 Board of Education met on Thursday, March 15, 2018, 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

The Board of Education recognized state award winners who placed in statewide activity and athletic competitions. Included among the honorees were students from James B. Conant and William Fremd High School Girls Gymnastics and Wrestling Teams, as well as Fremd High School Speech Team. Also recognized at the meeting were students from the Hoffman Estates and Schaumburg High School Girls Bowling Teams that finished second and third in the state, respectively. The complete list of students recognized at the meeting is available [here](#).

Presentation: Facilities and Capital Improvement Update

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maintenance schedule, and serve the educational goals of the District. In the last year of its current five-year capital improvement plan, the District has begun completing projects in its next 10-year capital improvement plan, consistent with the Strategic Plan. The capital improvement plan is updated annually to reflect the District's progress and needs, including financial, demographic, technological, or energy-related.

As the District completes capital improvement projects, the Board of Education will continue to be provided with project status and financial information for each project. Administration also will continue to provide the Board with the information presented a report to the Board of Education that includes the status of all projects completed to this point relative to both mandated and discretionary capital improvement projects. The presentation

Bid for Consideration: Sale of 62-Acre Land

Following many months of review and consideration, at the January 18, 2018 meeting, the Board of Education adopted a resolution authorizing the sale of its 62-acre property located at East Wise Road and South Summit Drive in Schaumburg. The Board established a minimum selling price of the real estate at \$17 million and incorporated the terms and conditions of its sale into the resolution, along with establishing a bid opening date of February 20, 2018.

The Board awarded the sale of the 62-acre land to the highest bidder, M/I Homes, in the amount of \$20,515,000.

Additional information on the bid for consideration, as well as a copy of the resolution authorizing the sale of the land, is available [here](#).

In-Service Dates for 2018-2019

At its December 8, 2016 meeting, the Board of Education adopted the school calendar for 2018-2019, with 181 student attendance days; and four institute days on: Wednesday, August 8 2018; Thursday, August 9, 2018; Friday, August 10, 2018; and Monday, January 7, 2019.

Shortened days for in-service training of staff have been used and are consistent with the allowances under school code. The principal at each school has determined which days will be used for in-service training, with no more than five shortened days allowed per school. According to state guidelines, students must be in attendance for at least three hours during a shortened day. For designated shortened days in District 211, students attend classes for 4½ hours.

The Board approved in-service programs for staff on Thursday, August 30, 2018 (Parent Open House) and Wednesday, October 10, 2018 (District 211 College Night), as students will attend school for 4½ hours on these days and the remainder of time staff will focus on continuing work to increase student achievement. In addition, each school has a shortened day on the national administration of the SAT in April each year. The Board also approved the following shortened days for in-service training and special events: October 26, 2018; February 8, 2019; February 15, 2019; May 10, 2019; and May 17, 2019, of which each school may choose a maximum of two days for the 2018-2019 school year.

2018-2019 Tentative Budget: Debt Service and Fire Prevention Life Safety Funds

The Board of Education received for review the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 tentative budget for two of the three non-operating funds: the Debt Service Fund and the Fire Prevention Life Safety Fund.

The 2018-2019 tentative budget for these funds was developed in accordance with the Illinois Program Accounting Manual and presents revenue and expenditures by category and fund.

The following budget parameters were established and incorporated into the 2018-2019 budget development process for the District's non-operating funds:

trend data to help the One-to-One Committee align its work to best support the program and continuous improvement.

Also shared with the Board was information about 2018-2019 iPad purchase preparations, as the District is in discussions with Apple regarding anticipated purchase of iPads for the Class of 2022. Current price quotes have the purchase price at \$284 per unit, which represents an approximate 13% discount from the retail price of \$329 per unit. A formal proposal will be presented to the Board at its April 26, 2018 meeting, seeking authorization to purchase 3,150 iPad units. Based upon the current quote, the total request would be \$894,000.

Additional information on the One-to-One program update is available [here](#).

Next Board of Education Meeting

The next scheduled regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, April 5, 2018, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Anne Koller Board Meeting Room at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center.