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Board of Education Meeting Recap

The Township High School District 211 Board of Education met on Thursday, October 14, 2021. The Board discussed the results of the 2021 Illinois Statewide Activity and Athletic Competitions. Students from James B. Conant, Fremd, Hoffman Estates, Palatine, and Schaumburg High Schools competed in Chess, Speech, Bowling, Wrestling, and Gymnastics, as well as the Conant High School Chess team finished second in the state. The complete recap is available [here](#).

Also recognized at the meeting were 14 [Illinois Music Educators Association \(ILMEA\)](#) all-state honorees from James B. Conant, Fremd, Hoffman Estates, Palatine, and Schaumburg High Schools. These students earned all-state honors in band, chorus, jazz combo, and orchestra.

Presentation: Equal Opportunity Schools

AP coursework; 2) gather unique identifiers about students' potential and mindset; 3) reach out to students who have not taken an AP class but have the mindset to do so; and 4) design future classroom supports for both students and teachers. Associate Superintendent for Instruction Lisa Small , Director of Instructional Improvement Danielle Hauser , Fremd High School Assistant Principal Kim Glaser , and Schaumburg High School Guidance Department Chair Michele Napier presented details of the EOS process and the progress District 211 schools have made towards closing the achievement gap.

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 [February 16, 2017](#).

Community Connections Newsletter – Strategic Plan Update

In July 2016, the first issue of **Community Connections**, a quarterly newsletter designed to provide additional information about Township High School District 211 to the communities we serve was distributed. Since then, a second and third edition of Community Connections have been produced and distributed.

from Districts 15 and 54, and assume attendance boundaries as defined in October 2001 with no significant shifts of families within the District. The projections include students who will attend the District's five high schools. Off-campus projections are based on enrollments at District 211 North Campus, Higgins Education Center, and private facilities for the 2016-2017 school year and on a five-year average for the remaining years. Not included in the projections are the number of students who may enroll in District schools based upon their families specifically moving into District 211 boundaries for its educational excellence.

Projections indicate that the District's enrollment at its five high schools will remain stable for the upcoming school year, declining a negligible 0.6% in 2017-2018. After a second year of a small decline, the District will experience six consecutive years of increasing enrollments. Enrollment at the District's five large high schools is projected to increase to a high of 12,110 in 2024-2025, with a total enrollment approaching 12,340 in the District.

Additional information on enrollment projections is available [here](#).

60-Acre Land Questionnaire Analysis Parameters

At its January 19, 2017 meeting, the Board of Education reviewed an introductory summary of ideas gathered in an open-ended invitation seeking ideas about the potential best use of more than 60 acres of undeveloped land in Schaumburg owned by the District for the past 45 years. Response was exceptional, with more than 1,400 individual submissions received.

The Board received a [report](#) providing possible analysis parameters to assist in formulating a relative comparison index among the large number of open-ended responses, and to assist the Board in narrowing the initial unrefined list of ideas. Upon proposing potential parameters, the framework of sorting factors is then applied to the list of responses in order to illustrate relative comparisons among the ideas.

The ideas contained within the report presented to the Board offered assistance to facilitate further analysis and discussion. The Board asked the Superintendent to obtain a professional appraisal of the land's value within the current market. In addition, the Board requested information as to the land's maximum buildable capacity.

Three-Year Ombudsman Program Contract

For many years, High School District 211 has utilized Ombudsman Educational Services as an alternative educational program. The Ombudsman program is a

viable alternative for students who have struggled in the regular high school setting, mostly for those with attendance problems and those who are at-risk of dropping out of school, and in some cases as a result of disciplinary violations.

The Board of Education approved a three-year contractual agreement with

amount of \$425,000, plus an established contingency and consulting service fund of \$40,000; and construction costs for Hoffman Estates, Conant, and Schaumburg High Schools in the amount of \$485,000, plus an established contingency and consulting service fund of \$40,000.

Additional information on the building construction program is available [here](#).

2017-2018 Tentative Budget: Non -Operating Funds

The Board of Education received the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 tentative budget for all three non-operating funds for review. This included the Debt Service Fund, the Capital Projects Fund, and the Fire Prevention Life Safety Fund.

The 2017-2018 tentative budget for these funds was developed in accordance with the Illinois Program for Accounting Manual and presents revenue and expenditures by category and fund.

The following budget parameters were established and incorporated into the 2017-2018 budget development process for the District's non-operating funds:

- Allocate costs associated with achieving District academic goals and strategic plan
- Utilize \$2.7 million of existing Working Cash reserves to reduce the levy in the Debt Service Fund as approved with the 2016 levy
- Allocate \$1 million in the Life Safety Fund for approved projects from the Working Cash Fund

A copy of the tentative budget document the Board of Education received is available [here](#).

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have been in place since the 2010-2011 school year. According to Board policy, rental fees should be based on the approximate cost for the group to hold the event on District property. Recognized school parent groups that support the