

## Board of Education Meeting Recap

The Township High School District 211 Board of Education met on Thursday, July 18, 2019, in the Anne Koller Board Meeting Room at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center. The following is a recap of items that were acted upon at the meeting.

### Recognitions

The Board of Education recognized three High School District 211 students who were named 2018-2019 Golden Apple Scholars by the Golden Apple Foundation: **Madison Aykroid** and **Laura Vesco** from James B. Conant High School; and **Jessica Streepy** from Palatine High School. Each of these students are interested in entering the teaching profession. In return for the extensive professional, personal, and financial support Golden Apple Scholars receive, they must attend an Illinois college or university that participates in the program, and agree to teach for five years in an Illinois school of need upon graduation. These students truly represent the “best and brightest young men and women in Illinois.”

Recent Hoffman Estates High School graduate **Stefan Knappik** was recognized by the Board for his quick actions in lending support in a life-saving situation, following an automobile accident he witnessed on his way home from the school prom in late May.

### Approval of Minutes

The Board of Education approved the minutes from its regular meeting on [June 20, 2019](#).

### Student Accident Insurance for 2019-2020

As a service to parents who wish to supplement their medical insurance coverage, District 211 provides access to student accident insurance. Under the terms of the student insurance program, parents and students are given the option to purchase accident insurance at a reasonable cost. The District makes information available to parents through mailings and the District website, but is not involved in the administration of the program.

District 211 sought proposals from four providers, with Zevitz-Redfield & Associates, Inc. providing the best proposal with the lowest costs and greatest level of coverage. Zevitz-Redfield & Associates markets student accident



In order to allow parents and families time to plan, graduation dates for the Class of 2020 were presented to the Board.

Class of 2020

Hoffman Estates High School ..... *Thursday, May 14, 2020*  
*6:00 p.m., at Willow Creek Auditorium*

Combined Ceremonies ..... *Thursday, May 14, 2020*  
*7:00 p.m., at Hoffman Estates High School*  
*(Alternative High School, District 211 Academy-South, District 211 North Campus)*

Palatine High School..... *Sunday, May 17, 2020*

*2:00 p.m. at Palatine High School, District 12*

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for its students for more than three decades that has provided students with the foundational skills necessary to enter an area of architecture, construction, or building trades post-graduation. Since 2001, the program has served nine communities through the development and sale of more than 40 homes. The District is dedicated to the pursuit of college and career pathways for its students. The Building Construction Program is an integral part of the Architectural and Construction Pathway and can be paired with the instructional opportunities offered through several of the technical dual credit or District academic courses to best prepare students for their future.

Beginning in the 2014-2015 school year, the District's CAD classes have been engaged in competitions to design homes for the 2015-2017, 2017-2019, and 2019-2021 projects. Starting with the 2019-2021 projects, students in interior design classes in the Family & Consumer Science department will play a role in the design aspects of the newly constructed homes.

In support of the program, the District has purchased lots as potential sites for homes to be constructed in local and surrounding communities over the past several years. The Board of Education approved construction of houses during the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years on two District-owned lots. Further, the following amounts are budgeted for these projects over the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 fiscal years: construction costs for Palatine and Fremd High Schools in the amount of \$500,000, 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 \$500,000, plus an established contingency and consulting service fund of \$40,000.

Additional information is available [here](#).

## **Intervention on Property Tax Objection Complaints**

Taxpayers are entitled to review their annual property tax assessment with the county assessor and file a complaint before the Board of Review for a formal statutory review. The Board of Review is a public body given statutory authority to review and make revisions to the assessments of parcels by increasing or decreasing the assessment. Currently, there are two options available for property tax owners who disagree with the Board of Review's decision: appeal in writing to the Property Tax Appeal Board (PTAB) that will determine the correct assessment based on equity and the weight of evidence; and appeal directly to the Cook County Circuit Court by filing a tax objection complaint (TOC), providing clear and convincing evidence.

Adjustments to property tax assessments by the Assessor and Board of Review occur prior to the calculation of tax rates and result in a redistribution of the total tax collection. This process results in properties paying an accurate amount of

property taxes and local taxing bodies receiving the property taxes levied. Property assessments adjusted by PTAB and through TOCs after tax bills are calculated result in a loss of revenue for taxing bodies. Successful property tax appeals are typically awarded several tax years in arrears and result in an unpredictable loss of revenue to taxing bodies. Over the past 20-plus years,



