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Board of Education Meeting Recap

The Township High School District 211 Board of Education met on Thursday, September 22, 2016, in the Anne Koller Board Meeting Room at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center. The following students achieved the highest possible composite score: William Fremd High School student Joanna Kus and Angela Peterson, and James B. Conant High School student Shahir Taj. 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 94 students accomplish this outstanding achievement. A complete list of those District 211 students earning a 36 on the ACT is available [here](#)

Public Hearing and Adoption of 2016-2017 Budget

Following a public hearing to listen to comments on the tentative 2016-2017 budget, the Board of Education formally adopted the budget as presented. This included utilizing \$2.0 million of existing Working Cash reserves to reduce the levy in the Debt Service Fund as a planned abatement.

A copy of the 2016-2017 Budget is available [here](#). Additional information on the 2016-2017 Budget can be found [here](#).

Presentation: College Admissions – Planning and Preparation

Preparing students and their parents for the transition to college is a high priority and begins when students are still in eighth grade. The schools' efforts to facilitate college planning continue during each successive year students are enrolled in high school. The need for this focused attention is evidenced by the fact that since 2008, an average of 77% of District 211 graduates enrolled in a two-year or four-year college or university in the fall immediately following high school graduation. The percentage of District 211 graduates enrolling in college within one year of high school graduation rises to a seven-

The District's commitment to supporting college-bound students incorporates four years of supports and direction designed to guide students toward a smooth transition to their lives after high school.

Palatine High School English Teacher Elizabeth Sheehan, Fremd High School Guidance Department Chair Thomas Cole, and Hoffman Estates High School Student Services Director Jennifer Beers facilitated an overview of District 211's college admission planning and preparation process to the Board of Education.

Additional information is available [here](#), as well as a copy of the [presentation](#). High School District 211 annually provides students and parents with a college planning guide – a booklet describing elements of the college entrance process, including eligibility requirements, suggested high school coursework, college entrance exams information, application completion, college financing, and other related topics. The 2016-2017 edition of the Ultimate College Planning Guide is the result of a collaborative effort between District 211 and Harper College, and brings a fresh approach to the booklet's content as well as its organization and appearance. A copy of the Ultimate College Planning Guide for 2016-2017 is available [here \(pdf\)](#). The Guide will be distributed to all junior students during classroom presentations by school counselors prior to the District's annual College Night event on October 19 at Palatine High School.

Approval of Minutes

The Board of Education approved the minutes from its regular meeting on [August 18, 2016](#); and its special meeting on [September 7, 2016](#).

Report on New Professional Staff

The Board of Education received a report on professional staff new to District 211 for the 2016-2017 school year. There were 52 new professional staff hired this year; 6(s)4(y)1ord ostre(ear)7(.)2B2(ol4(s)4(i))10(n[(t)2(hi)a lt)2(o D)6(i)6(s0(et)2()16((l)(f)20

and teacher salaries and benefits to the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). This information includes: name, position, total salary, full-time equivalency, vacation days, sick days, personal days, bonuses, annuities, retirement

Board at the meeting. Continued information on collective bargaining, as it pertains to educational employees, will be presented over the next several meetings.

2015-2016 Annual Report : 2016 Strategic Plan

Each year, High School District 211 produces an Annual Report that reviews programs, presents statistics of interest, and summarizes financial information from the last school year. This year's Annual Report highlights the 2016 Strategic Plan, which includes the Community Engagement Initiative.

The Board approved the [2015-2016 Annual Report](#). It will be posted on the District's website for community members and public viewing.

2016 Tax Levy Introduction

The Board of Education received tax levy information, as well as the 2016 Tax Levy Calendar. For the 2016-2017 school year, property tax revenues will comprise over 85% of District 211's total revenue.

Each year, Cook County taxing agencies, including District 211, prepare a tax levy. For the upcoming levy cycle, the 2016 levy will be receipted by District 211 in calendar year 2017, which will span two budget years. The first installment of tax revenue will be receipted in the spring of the current 2016-2017 budget year (early taxes in the budget) and the second installment receipted in the fall of the following 2017-2018 budget year (current taxes in the budget). Because taxing districts do not file their 2016 levy until December 2016, Cook County taxes property owners at 55% of the 2015 levy amount on their first installment tax bills in January 2017. Second installment tax bills in the fall 2017 are then adjusted to reflect the actual 2016 levy amount filed by each taxing body.

The total tax levy is comprised of two parts: 1) the sum of the levies for operating funds, and 2) the debt service fund. The operating fund is intended to generate revenue for a district's general operating expenditures for its Educational, Operations and Maintenance, Transportation, Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund

financial need of instructional programs and operational costs in order to generate sufficient revenue to meet operating costs and support instructional programming.

Over the past five years, the CPI-U average increase has been 1.7% with new property growth averaging 0.3% for an allowable increase of 2.0% under the Tax Cap law. As a comparison, District 211's total levy extension increase has averaged a 1.6% increase. The difference reflects the positive Debt Service levy reduction plan implemented in 2007 and each year thereafter that allowed the District to maintain levy vy vy

The Board of Education authorized the District to renew the contract for credit and debit card processing with Moneris for a two-year term, as presented. The District's current two-year contract with Moneris expires in December 2016, and a change in processor was not recommended due to the complexity of integration with the District's current systems.

Additional information is available [here](#).

Proposed Policy Revisions, Deletions, and New Policy

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 Administrative Board Policy Group. The Group is comprised of Board President Mucia Burkes

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