

## Board of Education Meeting Recap

The Township High School District 211 Board of Education met on Thursday, November 9, 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

The Board of Education recognized High School District 211's "*Those Who Excel*" Award recipients. The Illinois State Board of Education annually sponsors the "*Those Who Excel*" awards to honor individuals who have made significant contributions to the state's public and non-public schools. High School District 211 award-winners are (listed alphabetically):

- Palatine High School Assistant Principal **Michael Alther** (administrator category)
- **Community Engagement Facilitating Team** (team category): Curtis Bradley, Merydith Brostoff, Mucia Burke, Peter Carlson, Dave Carver, Daniel Cates, Robert Falardeau, Dan Goodman, Shantanoo Govilkar, Avery Hodges, Anna Klimkowicz, Susan Kobeski, Dipak Kumar, Anita Lee, Kathe Lingl, Tom Lober, Ryan McCoy, Tom Petersen, Debora Quiroz, Jose Quiroz, Linda Reedy, Debbie Schmidt, Aarushi Shah, Jose Skrobot, and Lisa Small
- James B. Conant High School Science Teacher **Erik Hauser** (classroom teacher category)
- William Fremd High School Counselor **Antonette Minniti** (student support personnel category)
- James B. Conant High School Science Teacher **John Reyes** (early career educator category)
- Schaumburg High School **Saxon Solutions Team** (team category): Joseph Carey, Ann Espel, Michelle Hinojosa, Vincent Inendino, Daniel Lanser, Kendra Letzel, Enrico Matarazzo, and Hamid Mehreioskouei
- Hoffman Estates High School Bilingual Translator **Grace Sordini** (educational service personnel category)

### Presentation: Student Readiness Plan

In conjunction with the development of the new guidance program, and the program's founding principle to prepare students for their lives after high school,



curriculum committee has 11 members, including five school department chairs, five principals, and the associate superintendent for instruction. New course proposals, as well as any modifications in particular courses' Critical Learning Standards (CLS), District-wide assessments, or textbook/software are reviewed by the Curriculum Committee and superintendent prior to a recommendation to

Card is issued by the ISBE, no information in the School Report Card can be modified.

The Board directed the superintendent to make appropriate availability of 2017 School Report Cards by placing a direct link to them on the District 211 and school websites. In addition to the complete online Report Cards, at-a-glance versions (two-page printable PDFs) of School Report Cards also are available.

Additional information on 2017 School Report Cards is available [here](#), while District 211 and School Report Cards are available [here](#), via the District 211 website.

### **Illinois High School Association Letter of Appreciation Recognition**

The Board of Education received a copy of an [appreciation letter](#) from Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Assistant Executive Director Susan Knoblauch for hosting the 2017 IHSA Girls Tennis State Tournament. Conant, Fremd, Hoffman Estates, and Palatine High Schools' tennis courts were used for the finals. Thanks to District 211 principals, athletic departments, and tennis coaches for their continued support to create an environment for a top-notch state tournament.

### **Facilities and Construction Planning Update**

For planning and development purposes, it has been a long-standing commitment of District 211 to provide safe, functional, and adaptable facilities that contribute to the educational program and have a positive impact on student achievement. In assessing capital outlay and facility considerations, members of the District administration team work with building principals to establish and prioritize capital needs, with several planning sources being used, including approved life safety amendments, maintenance and replacement schedules, and technology and multi-year financial projections. Annually, District administration

The Board also received information on long-term capital planning projects,



comprise over 85% of the District's annual revenue. The revenue received from local property taxes supports the continuation of quality instructional programs and operational support for students throughout the District.

The District recommended that the 2017 levy be increased in accordance with the established tax limitation amount of 2.1%, with an additional amount of 0.3% attributable to new property growth for a combined increase of 2.4% over the 2016 Operating Fund levy. The recommended amount includes funds totaling \$2.5 million allocated for life safety projects that have been previously funded with debt. These funds are now included in the operating levy aggregate extension total, further committing to the District's ability to fund projects within its means established by the tax cap and to remain debt free.

The 2017 levy recommendation supports District 211's ability to sustain its level of quality educational programs for students while also fulfilling its strategic priorities established by the Board of Education.

After viewing a presentation on the 2017 tax levy at its October 19, 2017 meeting, and receiving additional information on the 2017 tax levy at the November 9, 2017 meeting, the Board approved a resolution that sets forth the recommended amount of \$222,775,000 as the proposed 2017 tax levy for High School District 211, and directed publication of a notice of public hearing on the proposed levy at its December 14, 2017 meeting. The 2017 levy amount is required to be approved and filed with the Cook County Clerk by December 26, 2017.

Additional information on the 2017 proposed tax levy is available [here](#).

## **District Websites Rebuilding and Hosting**

High School District 211's websites continue to serve as the main source of information about the District to the public. In 2012, District 211's websites benefitted from a redesign, incorporating a common webpage template, with a similar look, feel, and layout across all of its websites. Technology is ever-changing and improving. The District's websites need to keep pace with current times to provide relevant, accessible, and appealing information formatted to meet the demands of today's ever-increasing mobile society while showcasing the District 211 brand and representing the District's outstanding educational programs and extra-curricular opportunities.

Earlier this year, a Request for Information (RFI) regarding website rebuilding and hosting was developed and made available to prospective vendors. In all, 10 vendors submitted responses to the RFI. A District committee reviewed and evaluated each RFI submission, with four vendors emerging as leading candidates. These vendors were invited to make presentations to the evaluation

committee. After thoroughly considering the presentations, the committee identified a specific vendor that was best matched to meet the District's need to rebuild its eight websites and provide hosting services.

The Board of Education approved the committee's recommendation to purchase the services of Blackboard Inc. to rebuild the District's eight websites and provide hosting services at a cost of \$26,710. Furthermore, the Board approved that the District enter into an additional four-year agreement with Blackboard Inc. to maintain and host the sites at a cost of \$17,955 per year.

Additional information on website rebuilding and hosting is available [here](#).

### **Site Lease Agreement Extension with STC Two LLC**

At its March 15, 2001 meeting, the Board of Education approved a site-lease agreement with SprintCom for cellular antennae to be installed at Hoffman Estates High School. As compensation, SprintCom installed four light standards at the stadium in lieu of a monthly rent payment. Through mergers of cellular providers, the space is now occupied by STC Two LLC with the agreement managed through Crown Castle ISA Inc. The current contract is in effect until March 15, 2026.

The District had a proposal to extend the terms of the contract of the agreement with STC Two LLC for a period of 10 years. The new proposal will include a monthly rental payment of \$2,300 beginning in March 2026 and extending to March 2036. Through review with Crown Castle, a lease extension was developed that provides the carrier with additional stability while providing the District new rental income. The following terms have been negotiated with Crown Castle to extend the existing lease agreement for a 10-year period expiring March 16, 2036: beginning March 16, 2020, annual rent at \$27,600.

The Board approved the proposed site-lease amendment with STC Two LLC to extend the terms of the contract to June 30, 2036, as presented.

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

The next scheduled regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, December 14, 2017, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Anne Koller Board Meeting Room at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center.