

## **Board of Education Meeting Recap**

The Township High School District 211 Board of Education met on Thursday, May 8, 2014, 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 in Contest Play from William Fremd High School; Science Olympiad from Palatine High School; and Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) from Palatine, James B. Conant, and Schaumburg High Schools. The complete listing of students recognized is available [here](#).

The Board recognized six District 211 students who were named Golden Apple Scholars by the Golden Apple Foundation and 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.” These students are listed below:

**Alexis Cannistra**, Conant High School

**Oscar Mercado**, Palatine High School

**Cecilia Pacheco**, Palatine High School

**Claudia Pulido-**

**Sania Zaffar**, Schaumburg High School

### **Approval of Minutes**

The Board of Education approved the minutes from its regular meeting on [April 24, 2014](#).

### **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 Ombudsman Educational Services at a cost of \$211,200, or \$5,280 per student for up to 40 students enrolled at one time, for 2014-2015; \$217,520 for 2015-2016, a three percent tuition increase; and \$224,040 for 2016-2017, a three percent tuition increase.

### **Curriculum Committee Report**

The spring round of the 2013-2014 Curriculum Committee meetings has been completed, with nine departmental meetings taking place. The Board of Education approved the Curriculum Committee Report and recommendations as presented. A complete copy of the Report is available [here](#).

## **Starting Times for 2014-2015 School Year**

The Board of Education received information regarding starting times for each school for the 2014-2015 school year.

[GBCBC/JFH: Teen Dating Violence](#) as presented.

## **Summer Curriculum Projects**

Summer curriculum projects to enhance teaching and student learning emphasize assessment and instruction. Assessment is no longer considered the culmination of instruction, but is an integral part of teaching and learning. Analysis of formative assessment results provides teachers with important information about where students are in terms of their learning, where students should be in terms of their learning, and what should be done to close the gap between the two. Analysis and interpretation of data allows teachers to make informed decisions that positively

At its meeting on March 20, 2014, the Board of Education

proportionate share of the budgeted revenues.

Additional information on the NSSEO budget is available [here](#), with a copy of the [proposed budget](#) provided as a supplemental resource.