

Board of Education Meeting Recap

The Township High School District 211 Board of Education met on Thursday, June 11, 2015, 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.

Military Recognition

The Board of Education honored Private **Stephan Bonilla**, a 2015 Hoffman Estates High School graduate, who is currently serving in the National Guard. Private Bonilla led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hoffman Estates High School Science Teacher **Tanya Katovich** was honored by the Board for receiving the 2015 Davidson Award, an honor presented annually by the Chemical Industry Council of Illinois and the Illinois Chemical Education Foundation to the outstanding chemistry teacher in the state. Mrs. Katovich is the fifth District 211 teacher to receive this award, as previous recipients included Palatine High School's **Kenneth Spengler** (1995), Fremd High School's **Michael Bachrodt** (1999) and **Karl Craddock** (2009), and Schaumburg High School's **Susan Bober** (2011).

Public Hearing: Request for Wai

The Board of Education received information on the District's workers' compensation insurance program. State law requires employers to provide workers' compensation insurance for all employees. Workers' compensation insurance provides salary and medical benefits to employees who become sick or injured in the course of their employment. The District 211 Board of Education provides employees with workers' compensation benefits through a modified self-insured program structure with the

The Board of Education received an update on the High School District 211 Foundation. Since its reorganization, the Foundation has awarded more than \$634,000 in scholarships, including over 50 scholarships this past school year totaling over \$74,000, to deserving District 211 students. Foundation trustees also have implemented and funded over \$150,000 in “Innovation Grants,” awarded to District 211 teachers, counselors, staff, and administrators. Innovation Grants are intended to assist staff

well-being of all students, and the department's success for the 2014-2015 school year is attributed to quality meal preparation, food cost management, inventory control, staff training, and students' acceptance of new meal options. Throughout the region and in other areas of the country, the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act presented significant challenges to many school districts that participated in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. However, the District 211 Food & Nutrition Services Department re-envisioned its meal preparation and reshaped its existing program into one that would meet the new guidelines and attract student participation. These efforts resulted in a year of increased access to meals for students, greater nutrition composition of meals, and increased revenue attributed to a higher level of federal reimbursement.

Additional information on the department's review is available [here](#).

Site Lease Amendment TowerCo

The Board of Education approved the site lease amendment with TowerCo for the northwest stadium light pole at Fremd High School for a period up to 20 years. The Board had previously approved a site lease agreement with AT&T at Fremd High School on February 13, 2014, and since that time, AT&T had re-assigned the site lease agreement to TowerCo, a third-party company. With the re-assignment, TowerCo had requested to add one additional cellular carrier on the northwest light standards, with the potential to have up to four carriers total on the same light pole. The additional

- 1.) School-Based Services: This program reimburses school districts for direct services provided to Medicaid-eligible students who are in special education (examples of approved services include speech/language therapy, nursing services, psychology services, and social work services).
- 2.) Administrative Outreach Services: This program reimburses school districts for outreach services provided to “at-risk” students before they are placed in special education (examples of eligible staff services include identification and referral to

The Board of Education approved the construction of houses during the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years on two district-owned lots. Further, the Board approved the following amounts to be budgeted for these projects over the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 fiscal years: construction costs for Palatine and Fremd High Schools in the amount of \$360,000, 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 Student Building Construction Program is available [here](#).

Athletic and Activity Software Recommendation

The Board of Education authorized District 211 to enter into a 12-1/2 month contract with “rSchoolToday” for Athletic, Activity, and Building Rental scheduling, registration and website hosting, effective immediately for an annual fee of \$9,860 plus set-up and training fees in the amount of \$9,005.

Additional information on the athletic and activity software is available [here](#).

Next Board of Education Meeting

The next scheduled regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, July 16, 2015, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Anne Koller Board Meeting Room at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center.