

## Board of Education Meeting Recap

The Township High School District 211 Board of Education met on Thursday, October 19, 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. [here](#)

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Seven High School District 211 students were recognized by the Board of Education for earning a score of 36 on the American College Test (ACT) exam, the highest possible composite score: James B. Conant High School student Rajat Mittal ; and William Fremd High School students Gautham Arun, Hannah Chen, Kristina Chen, Jonathon Lee, Edward Li, and Adhith Palla . 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 104 students accomplish this outstanding achievement. A complete list of those District 211 students earning a 36 on the ACT is available [here](#).

### Energy Star Recognition

Annually, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the United States Department of Energy (DOE) recognize buildings and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to protecting the environment through energy efficiency. District 211 received notification that all five high schools have earned the EPA's 2017 Energy Star building recognition. District 211 high schools represent five of only 14 schools in Illinois to receive this designation for 2017.

These awards acknowledge District staff for their commitment to achieve continuous improvement in energy performance and further protect the environment through energy efficiency.

Additional information is available [here](#).

### Presentation: 2017 Tax Levy

The Board of Education viewed a [presentation on the 2017 Tax Levy](#) by Chief Operating Officer Lauren Hummel and Controller and Treasurer Barbara Peterson .



## Approval of Minutes

The Board of Education approved the minutes from its regular meeting on [September 28, 2017](#).

poverty level is eligible for free meals; those with income between 131% and 185% of the poverty level are eligible for reduced-price meals (30¢ for breakfast and 40¢ for lunch as defined by the United States Department of Agriculture).

In District 211, eligibility for meal benefits is reviewed and determined annually based

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After initially reviewing the proposed policy revisions at its September 28, 2017 meeting, the Board approved the revisions to Board policy file: [IGDB Participation in Athletics or Extracurricular Activities](#).

#### Illinois Association of School Boards Resolutions 2017

The Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) Delegate Assembly is the policy-making body of IASB. The Delegate Assembly is comprised of one voting delegate

## Summer School Calendar for 2019 and 2020

The District 211 Summer School calendar is developed annually to support students' instructional needs as they earn credits toward graduation and develop academic skills required to advance to higher levels of curriculum. In 2014, District 211 aligned its Summer School calendar according to two 13-day summer semesters with classes meeting Monday through Thursday each week.

Effective with the 2016-2017 school year, District 211 transitioned to the collegiate calendar model for the regular school year, with the school year ending on the Friday preceding the Memorial Day holiday. In line with tradition, the summer school calendar continued to begin on the second work day following the end of final exams. This schedule was observed in the summer of 2016 and 2017. The Board of Education previously approved calendars for 2018 and 2019 Summer School following this pattern.

Based on successive year's experience with the Summer School calendar as described, benefits could be realized by delaying the start of the summer term by one week. These benefits include increased time for school counselors to process second semester grades and register students for summer course work that may be needed to recoup credits, greater access to qualified and interested Summer School teachers whose primary school district employers are not following a collegiate school year calendar, and a full week of non-instructional time for students between the end of the regular school year and the start of the summer term.

Although it is not feasible to reconstruct the 2018 summer school calendar, the Board approved the proposed revisions to the [2019 Summer School calendar](#). The approved revisions provide for 26 days of instruction, with an in-service day on Monday, June 3, 2019. The first summer term will begin on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 and conclude on Tuesday, June 25, 2019; and the second summer term will begin on Wednesday, June 26, 2019 and conclude on Thursday, July 18, 2019.

The Board also approved the proposed the [2020 Summer School calendar](#), which provides for 26 days of instruction, with an in-service day on Monday, June 1, 2020. The first summer term begins on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 and concludes on Tuesday, June 23, 2020; and the second summer term begins on Wednesday, June 24, 2020 and concludes on Wednesday, July 15, 2020.

## Alternative Fuel School Buses

District 211's existing fleet of school buses is primarily comprised of diesel-fueled buses; however, over the past six years, the District has begun purchasing small buses fueled by gasoline. Gasoline is one of several alternative fuel solutions offered by the

United States Department of Energy for school buses. Additional fuel options for school buses include propane, compressed natural gas, and electric. The Board of Education received information on alternative fuel solutions researched extensively by the District for consideration in preparation for bus purchases for the 2018-2019 school year.

Alternative fuel buses have many advantages over their diesel counterparts, but must



maintenance schedule for vehicles has allowed the District to increase its replacement cycle

The next scheduled regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, November 9, 2017, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Anne Koller Board Meeting Room at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center.