

# Board of Education Meeting Recap

Dating back to its meeting on April 26, 2012, the Board of Education approved a proposal to provide approximately 1,400 students with an individual electronic device as part of a pilot one-to-one program to be implemented during the 2012-2013 school year. The one-to-one pilot program was envisioned to demonstrate the potential for technology to empower a select group of teachers to redefine the nature of their instruction. The proposed benefits included increases in the development of skills that students would need to be successful in life after graduation from high school. These skills included collaboration, critical thinking, communication and creativity. By providing each student in a classroom with a powerful iPad tool, both teachers and students would have the capacity to access information, share and exchange ideas, seek additional resources, receive more immediate feedback and guidance, and utilize more creative means of devising and communicating their ideas compared to the conventional classroom.

The Board was presented the initial results of the program on January 17, 2013 and again on February 14, 2013. Teachers and students alike reported improvements in students' organization, increased creativity to make meaningful connections across classroom content, the ability for teachers and students to collaborate more closely, more

Based upon the reports and demonstrations provided, the Board supported a proposal to provide approximately 7,000 students with an individual electronic device for the 2013-2014 school year. This initiative provided over half of all students within Township High School District 211 an iPad device and it empowered 140 teachers with the opportunity to transform learning in their classrooms.

The Board was presented information about the impact of the program through the first semester of this school year. Fremd High School Principal/Associate Superintendent-Elect **Lisa Small** and Schaumburg High School Principal **Tim Little**

## **Approval of Minutes**

The Board of Education approved the minutes from its regular meeting on [March 20, 2014](#).

## **Illinois High School Association Renewal of Membership for 2014-2015**

The Board of Education authorized membership in the Illinois High School Association for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 for each district school and designated each principal as an IHSA delegate.

## **Capital Outlay/Improvement Recommendations for 2014-2015**

The Board of Education approved the Educational Fund capital outlay recommendations as presented for the amount of \$3.95 million, including a transfer of \$2.2 million to the Debt Service Fund, as well as the Operations/Maintenance Fund capital outlay/site improvement recommendations for the amount of \$3.0 million, Transportation Fund capital outlay recommendations for \$750,000, Capital Projects Fund recommendations for the amount of \$18.45 million, and Life Safety Fund capital outlay recommendations for the amount of \$6.16 million. The District administration is authorized to seek bids for the Board's consideration.

The Board also approved the expenditure of \$621,000 of unanticipated funds received due to the early release of revenues from a Tax Increment Funding district. The District administration is authorized to seek bids for the purchase of technology and operations/maintenance items during the

current fiscal year.

For the 2014-2015 school year, a total of \$32.3 million for capital improvements, equipment, iPad leases, bus replacements and life safety projects was approved. As presented at the March 20, 2014 meeting, several major

of the available student, parent, and personnel information data into a single, aligned system. The system must be capable of accessing all available telephone numbers, cell phone numbers and email addresses. The single and best source for all of these numbers and email addresses is the District 211 student information database, known as Infinite Campus. Records and any revisions are automatically uploaded to the system and updated with new information on a daily basis.

For the past seven years, the District has utilized a communication system provided by Global Connect, and the

2015, and two institute days to be determined at a later date.

At last night's meeting, the Board approved August 20, 2014, and November 3, 2014 as teacher institute days. Further, the Board approved September 11, 2014; October 22, 2014; November 7, 2014; February 20, 2015; May 22, 2015; and May 29, 2015 as shortened days for inservice training of certified staff and special events.

### **Proposed Policy Revisions/New Policy**

As part of its ongoing Policy Manual review, the Board of Education reviews proposed policy revisions and proposed new policies from the Administrative Board Policy Group. The Group is comprised of Board Vice President **Mucia Burke**, Board Member **Robert LeFevre**, Assistant Superintendent **Theresa Busch**, Assistant Superintendent **Samantha Dolen**, and Assistant to the Superintendent **Kathe Lingl**.

Revisions are being recommended to Board policy file: [IFA Local Wellness Policy](#). The proposed revision updates languag1cm BfT3 0 0 a4 -3 (n)nioteQ 0.24 0 0 0.24 322.7246 391.8161ci

Education established its schedule for regular meetings for fiscal year 2015. The following regular Board meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center: Thursday, July 17, 2014; Thursday, August 14, 2014; Thursday, September 18, 2014; Thursday, October 16, 2014; Thursday, November 13, 2014; Thursday, December 11, 2014; Thursday, January 15, 2015; Thursday, February 12, 2015; Thursday, March 19, 2015; Thursday, April 9, 2015; Thursday, April 30, 2015; Thursday, May 14, 2015; Thursday, May 28, 2015; and Thursday, June 11, 2015.

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

The next scheduled regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, April 24, 2014, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Anne Koller Board Meeting Room at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center.