Board of Education Meeting Recap

The Township High School District 211 Board of Education met on Thursday, April 24, 2014, in the Anne Koller Board Meeting Room at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center. The

Coach of the Year, recognizing her outstanding service and unselfish devotion to student-athletes.

Parent club presidents and their respective Booster Clubs were honored by the Board for their service to District 211 schools during the 2013-2014 school year:

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with practice. Summer 2014 professional learning opportunities will focus on digital learning, literacy, and assessment.

Previously approved courses that will be offered this summer include: A Realistic Approach to Test Question Creation,

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.

After initially reviewing at its April 10 meeting, the Board approved proposed policy revisions to Board policy file: JEDA Truancy. The Board also reviewed new policy Teen Dating Violence, with no action being taken.

Capital Improvement Funding Considerations

At its April 11, 2013 meeting, the Board of Education reviewed plans for a long-range capital improvement plan that provided for improvements to each District 211 building. Building on this plan, last month the Board was presented a comprehensive five-year capital and facility plan that will enhance academic and extracurricular opportunities for all District 211 students. These projects include

parameters will guide recommendations:

- Any/all funding options will not adversely impact the operations plan that supports the instructional program for District 211
- The District will maintain a balanced budget in all operating funds in accordance with School Code
- All financial planning and operational budget initiatives will maintain target operating fund balances at a minimum of 33.3% of the next budget year's expenditures (per Board Policy DCA)

The Board approved the authority to seek life safety amendments for the pools, natatorium, and pool locker rooms at all five District high schools, and for the Barrington Orthopedic Building.

Additional information presented to the Board on Capital Improvement Funding Considerations is available here.

Bids for Consideration – Swimming Pool & Natatorium Renovation

The District's swimming pools are among the most used spaces in our schools, having been originally constructed for student use in 1978.

complete the planned work, all over a 36-month period. The pool projects will involve a complete renovation of existing facilities, creating a much larger square pool with deeper and more lanes. The project also will include replacement of mechanical equipment, locker rooms, bleacher area, and offices.

Given the higher degree of complexity associated with the design and construction of swimming pools, the need to ensure quality, consistent, and uniform completion of all five pools, the Board of Education approved a change from the traditional general contractor delivery method of construction to the more commonly used method referred to as construction management services, with bids for the construction received individually, for each construction trade.

For the bids received, the Board awarded the business to the lowest responsible bidders.

Barrington Orthopedic Lease Agreement

In an effort to centralize the District's alternative education programs (including Academies North and South, the Adult Transition Programs, and other special education programs serving students) in a location that would offer greater efficiency of support, administration, transportation services, and utilization of facilities, the Board of Education approved a 10-year lease agreement as presented with an option to purchase, for the Barrington Orthopedic facility at 1030 W. Higgins Road in Hoffman Estates. The lease effective date is June 1, 2014.

Additional information is available here.

Appointment of School Treasurer and Assistant School Treasurer

In accordance with Illinois School Code, the Board of Education of school districts effected by the abolition of Township School Treasurer are required to appoint their own school treasurer for a two-year term, beginning and ending on the first day of July. The school treasurer shall not be either a member of the Board of Education or the superintendent of schools, and must be either a certified chief school business official or a certified public accountant. School Code also provides that the school treasurer be bonded.

The Board appointed **Barbara Peterson** as school treasurer and **Lauren Hummel** as assistant school treasurer, effective July 1, 2014. Treasurer bonds will be secured through Zurich Fidelity and Deposit Surety Co. in the amount of \$16,000, and from Lloyd's of London in the amount of \$18,343.

Athletic Training Services

High School District 211 provides comprehensive athletic training services for fall, winter, and spring athletic seasons,

Athletico. Conant High School has two teacher/trainers and one independent contractor.

The current three-year head athletic trainer contract with Barrington Orthopedic will expire in June 2014, and due to

the Anne Koller Board Meeting Room at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center.