

## **Board of Education Meeting Recap**

The Township High School District 211 Board of Education met on Thursday, June 12, 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

## **Annual Review of Safety Plans, Protocols, Procedures, and School Safety Drills**

Public Act 94-0600 requires school districts to submit a report to the Regional Office of



## **Post Bond issuance Compliance Report**

In December 2012, and January 2013, the District closed on the sale of General Obligation Life Safety Bonds. As part of the new bond covenants, the District is required to monitor certain tax compliance obligations related to the tax-exempt status of the bonds.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has an active audit program and regularly audits tax-exempt bond issues. As part of these audits, the IRS generally demands extensive records concerning post issuance use of the bond proceeds and all bond documents. Adopting, maintaining and complying with bond record keeping policies will ensure that District 211's bonds are in compliance with federal tax and securities laws.

The Board of Education received a [report](#) with a summary demonstrating the District's compliance with all bond covenants and expectations to date.

## **District 211 Foundation Update**

The Board of Education received an update on the High School District 211 Foundation. Since its reorganization, the Foundation has awarded more than \$560,000 in scholarships, including 50 scholarships this past school year totaling over \$45,000, to deserving District 211 students. Over \$45,000s

Fun(d) 5K Run/Walk is scheduled for Sunday, September 14, 2014, starting at Palatine High School.

This past year, the Foundation sponsored the third-annual Realtors Against Homelessness (RAH) event in November. This joint fundraising event with area Realtors raised more than \$20,000 to help provide necessities for homeless students in District 211. The fourth-annual RAH event will be held November 6, 2014 at Chandler's Chophouse in Schaumburg.

Development is in the planning stages for a District 211 Foundation appreciation event for those who have been supportive of the Foundation, either through donation of their time or money. A specific date and location have not been determined, and more information will be provided as it becomes available.

### **Health & Dental Program Claims Administration**

The Board of Education approved to continue its self-insurance program for health and dental benefits for 2014-2015 and retained Blue Cross and Blue Shield to provide claims administration services for medical, dental, and utilization review. Further, the Board authorized the purchase of aggregate and specific stop-loss insurance from Blue Cross and Blue Shield, as presented.

District 211 provides employees and eligible retirees with health and dental benefits through a modified self-insured program. Under the program, costs are based on claim experience, administrative fees per program participant, and stop-loss insurance. The District's multi-plan health design structure supports four Preferred Provider Options (PPO) plan variants and one Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) plan. The current multi-plan structure integrates varied cost control factors for deductibles, coinsurance, prescription drugs, health savings accounts, and varied levels of employee premiums based on plan benefits. Through the modified self-insurance program, the District continues to benefit from improved cash flow and access to PPO and HMO discounted claim costs.

The renewal recommendation for 2014-2015 reflects an increase in the administrative monthly rates for PPO medical to \$48.91 per employee per month; HMO medical increases to \$48.91 per employee per month; and increase in the HMO managed care

fee from \$10.15 per employee per month to \$11.24 per employee per month; an  
increase in the HMO physician service fees from \$163.56/\$482.13 (single/family per  
month) to \$174.05/\$502.14 (single/family per month).  
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School administrators have the primary responsibility of ensuring that schools are safe for all students and that the school environment can provide a productive instructional environment. Though it is commonly the case that students who commit gross disobedience or misconduct also have a background and educational needs characterized by numerous risk factors, the over-arching responsibility of school officials will – at times – require that students be removed from the school community and the learning environment because their actions threaten and diminish the ability of other students to access the full quality of the instructional or extra-curricular program.

During a recent legislative session, a proposed bill known as Senate Bill 3004 was submitted that would have significantly restricted the authority of school personnel and administrators to utilize out-of-school suspension, expulsion for students who have committed gross disobedience or misconduct. Though the proposed Senate Bill 3004 was not enacted during a recent legislative session, it is likely that a similar set of suggested limitations may be submitted at some point in the future.

District 211 has adopted a series of changes over the past five years that have led to a pattern of consistent reductions in the number of disciplinary violations, a reduction in the frequency that suspension is used as the assigned consequence and a reduction in the number of days that students have been suspended from school. The proposed Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) resolution includes the fundamental steps taken within District 211 and proposes them for other school districts to adopt.

Plans are underway for the 2014 Annual IASB/IASA/IASBO Conference. The IASB Delegate Assembly will be held in conjunction with the annual conference, November 21-23, 2014, to conduct the annual business of the Association. One important component of the IASB Delegate Assembly is the consideration of resolutions submitted by member boards. The decisions of the IASB Delegate Assembly regarding proposed resolutions can determine the future direction of support or opposition to particular legislative agendas.

The Board of Education endorsed the [proposed resolution](#) as presented and approved submitting it to the IASB Delegate Assembly for consideration of its adoption into the IASB Position Statement Handbook.

