

Board of Education Meeting Recap

The Township High School District 211 Board of Education met on Thursday, May 23, 2019, in the Anne Koller Board Meeting Room at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center. The following is a recap of items that were acted upon at the meeting.

Recognitions

The Board of Education recognized state award-winners in Journalism from Palatine, William Fremd, and James B. Conant High Schools. Students who placed in the state Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics competition from Palatine, Fremd, Conant, and Hoffman Estates High School were recognized at the meeting. The state champion Badminton Team from Fremd High School also was honored by the Board. The complete list of state award-winners is available [here](#).

The Board recognized William Fremd High School students **Thomas Filipiuk** and **Mary Tang** for earning the highest possible composite score on a recent American College Test (ACT) college entrance examination. Less than two-tenths of one percent of test takers each year earns a top score on the ACT exam. Over the past 21 years, High School District 211 has now had 128 students earn a top score, with the complete list of District 211 students recognized for ACT achievements can be found [here](#).

Fremd High School students **Kristina Chen** and **Maegan Jong** were honored for being recognized in the 2019 Presidential Scholars program. Kristina was selected as a semifinalist, while Maegan was named a scholar. Each year, up to 161 students are named as Presidential Scholars by the President's Special Commission, one of the country's highest honors for high school students. Each scholar is recognized for demonstrating leadership, scholarship, contribution to school and community; exceptional talent in the visual, creative, and performing arts; or ability and accomplishment in career and technical education fields.

Presentation: 2018-2019 Budget and Five-Year Financial Projection Update

In order to sustain and uphold the educational excellence and extraordinary learning opportunities that District 211 has delivered for many years, the District utilizes a yearly operating budget of more than \$250 million. The District's

commitment to developing college and career readiness skills in today's world demand that we provide quality instruction from highly qualified professionals within a rigorous curriculum that integrates the use of technology within effective learning environments and facilities. District 211 prepares students with the skills and talents so that they can continue their full involvement in the communities we serve, local businesses, and the local economy.

To accomplish these goals requires excellent financial planning and strategy integrating the current financial position into a projected financial forecast that accounts for numerous influences, both within the organization and outside the District's control. Chief Operating Officer **Lauren Hummel** and Controller & Treasurer **Barbara Peterson** presented the Board of Education with a summary of the District's current year's financial standing, including declaration of a number of potential future budgeting variables, and provided a projected financial forecast using these budget assumptions. A copy of the report is available [here](#).

Based upon the information presented, District 211's five-year financial projection for the period FY20 through FY24 point towards continued overall financial stability with fund balances that remain in compliance with the District's fund balance policy. The five-year projection accounts for continued fund balance transfers to fund capital improvements and Life Safety(o)-5 te-2 (n)6 0ptions.

four-year wellness curriculum is crucial to supporting students' management and development of coping skills they will need as young adults.

At the start of the 2018-2019 school year, Freshman Wellness was implemented as the first course in a sequence of four years of wellness concepts being integrated into what previously consisted of four years of physical education and one se



Additional information is available [here](#).

Request for Proposal for Employee Wellness Program Provider

For many years, District 211 has supported an employee wellness program that provides for an annual physical wellness screening. In an effort to promote prevention and early detection of health concerns, the Board of Education approved a more comprehensive wellness screening for employees, including a biometric and blood screening in November 2013. For the past five years, District 211 has participated in this comprehensive wellness screening program and incentivized employee participation by providing insurance premium credits for those who receive the annual wellness screening. For the current year, approximately 92% of eligible employees received the annual wellness screening, and an additional 120 qualifying spouses also received the screening. The 2019-2020 budgeted costs for the wellness program are approximately \$300,000. Utilization of a third-party wellness provider has offered individualized, comprehensive wellness information that fosters greater personal accountability to achieve personal wellness goals and ultimately, lowers both employer health plan medical and workers' compensation costs through prevention and early detection.

Initial Discussion of Superintendent Search Process

With the pending retirement of the current District 211 superintendent, effective June 2020, the Board of Education considered initial information provided from two superintendent search firms. This was done so that the Board can potentially take action and establish a sequence of events at its June 20, 2019 meeting to help guide the superintendent search and selection process.

Potential Topics for Future Discussion

The Board agreed to include the topic of a proposed resolution for submission to the Illinois Association School Boards on the agenda for its meeting scheduled to take place on June 20, 2019.

Next Board of Education Meeting

The next scheduled regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, June 20, 2019, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Anne Koller Board Meeting Room at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center.