

**TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 211
Palatine, Illinois**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
May 11, 2023
6:30 p.m.
Official**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Township High School District 211, Cook County, Illinois was held on May 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Kolze Auditorium at William Fremd High School at 1000 S. Quentin Rd., Palatine, Illinois. Access for the public to view the Board of Education Meeting live-stream was available on the District 211 YouTube channel using the video button on the Board meeting agenda on District 211's website.

Call to Order

Roll Call

On a roll call, the following officers and members were:

Physically Present: Michelle Barron, Member
Curtis Bradley, Member
Kimberly Cavill, Secretary and Member
Peter Dombrowski, Member
Steven Rosenblum, Vice President and Member
Anna Klimkowicz, President and Member

Absent: Timothy Mc Gowan, Member

Also present were: Superintendent Lisa Small; members of the District administrative staff; interested citizens; and members of the press.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Klimkowicz led the Board of Education and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closed Session

Review of Closed Session Items

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the Board enter closed session to discuss minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act [5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21)];

Mr. Wenckowski introduced William Fremd High School Band Director Matthew Moore. Mr. Moore introduced and Mr. Langer presented medallions to Amanda Alvia, Jeewoo Kang, Sofia Katsma, Ashley Kim, Sena Kim, Tabitha Mo, Hanna Oyasu, Alex Bratek, Allison Chen, Samuel Kang, Katerina Kim, Matthew Olin, Emily Schlesinger, Sreya Chamakura, Amaanullah Khan, Rhea Mukherjee, Kacper Nowak, Isabel Pollpeter, Thomas Lu, Joseph Tader, Emily Allen, Griffen Gruchot, Asha Kuehner, Madison Lammers, Vikram Rao, Rohan Rao, Cocoro Wachi, Nivedita Pisharody, Elyse Schlesinger, Elizabeth Suderman, Michael Wei, Ishan Batra, Nishika Girish, Joy McMillan, Kai Potuznik, Justin Chao, Ella Jung, Yechan Kim, Johnathan Kravchuk and David Ku who were Illinois Music Educators Association All-State Honorees. Sarah Anderson, Mark Ariagno, Sanja Batra, Elaine Bovalis, Justin Chueng, Prithika Devarajan, Noah Grabianski, Jillian Harvey, Milan Huff, Andrew Kim, Alexandra Lu, Yoshiya Nakagawa, Jospheina Weber and Jian Wu were also mentioned.

Mr. Wenckowski introduced the Palatine High School Journalism Advisor Sean Berleman. Mr. Berleman introduced and Mr. Medina presented medallions to Natalie Steiger, Marissa Parchim, Monika Jurevicius for being in the Top Six at the IHSA Journalism competition. Yilin Li was also mentioned.

Mr. Wenckowski introduced Palatine High School Science Teacher and Science Olympiad Team Sponsor, Robert Heitz. Mr. Heitz introduced Science Teacher Patrick Rauen. Mr. Heitz introduced Sophia Stupen for first place in Agricultural Science; Marianne Ciomek for second place in Forensics; Nghi Nguyen for second place in Forensics, Reva Desai for second place in Write It CAD It; Tanya Saxena for second place in Write It CAD It; and Maryam Isaac for second Place in Write It Do It, fourth Place in Bridge and fourth Place in Experimental Design. Suryanshu Bahadar, Kelsey Grimme, Vanessa Pavlov and Lily Schellenbach were also mentioned.

Mr. Wenckowski introduced the James B. Conant High School Principal Julie Nowak. Ms. Nowak introduced and presented medallions to Mia Pontrelli for a gold medal in Frosted Cake Decorating at the FCCLA State Competition and Alex Waterman for a gold medal in Fashion Construction Construction Competition. All mentioned winners also received a gold medal in Frosted Cake Decorating the FCCLA State Competition.

William Fremd High School's Cooper O'Kelly for second place in Sports Writing and Antonia Hon for fifth Place in Advertising and sixth place in Editorial Cartoon Competition the State Journalism Competition were also noted.

Those Who Excel

Superintendent Small made the following comments:

“Each year, the Illinois State Board of Education sponsors the “ _____ Competition

Russell Cumings (Administrator): Russ Cumings has been a District 211 administrator for 13 years, with most of that time being spent at Schaumburg High School. In that time, he has developed a reputation of a leader who guides through collaboration and inclusion, engaging diverse groups to understand the needs of the building. A parent of multiple Schaumburg graduates admired Russ’s ability to make everyone come together. Throughout the high school, you will see the phrase “We Are Schaumburg High School,” and clearly Russ is someone who has demonstrated that to multiple generations of students. Congratulations, Russ and thank you for all you do at Schaumburg High School and District 211.

Dr. Heidi Davey (Classroom Teacher): For 23 years, Dr. Heidi Davey has been a staple of the Hoffman Estates High School English Department. Over the years, she has been described as selfless, measured, joyful and humble. Heidi has continually delivered what a former student described as “complex, advanced material in an easily digestible way.” One parent said Heidi saw areas where her son excelled and helped him explore those interests, resulting in the student being accepted to college. In addition to having taught nearly every course in Hoffman Estates’ English curriculum, Heidi also served as advisor to multiple clubs and organizations. Dr. Davey, thank you for your continued passion and dedication.

Michael Diez (Educational Support Personnel): Conant High School Lead Preventative Maintenance

the school. Congratulations Cindy. Thank you for your dedication to Palatine High School and District 211.

Transportation (Team Category): District 211 understands the importance of safety for our students and that includes who and how we transport our precious cargo. The transportation department dedicates itself to a safe ride from the drivers and mechanics and the logistics of our routes. Not only does District 211 offer bus service to and from school, we also offer late buses for students with practices and club meetings, transportation for field trips and rides to a countless number of competitions. As I call up different groups of our transportation department, please remember it takes all hands on deck to keep our buses operational.

Diana Mikelski, Director of Transportation
Nick Kozin, Assistant to the Director of Transportation
Garry Passafiume, Driver Supervisor
Liz Brandon, Secretary to the Director of Transportation
Lynn Prbyl, Support Staff Assistant
Joyce Royster, Transportation Clerk
Bette Wilmot, Support Staff Assistant

District 211 operates the largest school-owned fleet of vehicles in the state of Illinois, with more than 160 buses. This herculean undertaking of the transportation team is under the direction of Director of Transportation Diana Mikelski. One school administrator noted that students, staff and parents can rely on our transportation department when extenuating circumstances leave students needing a ride home. Thank you for going the extra mile for our students to ensure they are on their way.

The transportation department has also reduced the District's carbon footprint by pioneering the use of

On behalf of the Board of Education, Mrs. Klimkowitz thanked and congratulated all the students, parents, teachers, coaches and sponsors for their dedication and amazing successes.

Public Comments and Hearings

Public Comments

President Klimkowitz made the following announcement:

“The next item on our agenda is Public Comments. The Board welcomes you and is pleased to listen to your comments this evening.

It is important that you know this is a public Board meeting and not a dialogue, so the Board members will not be responding to your comments or answering your questions at this time. As a reminder, the Board meeting is being taped and live-streamed. We ask that you value the procedures and decorum of our meeting and be respectful of those at the podium so they may be heard.

When I call your name, please come forward to the podium and state your name for the record. Though not required, you may state if you are a resident of the District. Please limit your comments to five minutes. You will receive a notification when you have one minute remaining. Any individual's unused time or place in order may not be deferred to another individual.

If you wish a response from the Superintende

Superintendent Small made the following comments:

“Cozen O’Connor Public Strategies was retained on February 21, 2023 by the Board of Education to provide state government relations advice and lobbying services in relation to the Mega-Project legislation, related TIF reform and public-school finance impacts. Cozen O’Connor represents the combined interests of Districts 211, 15 and 214. Tonight, John F. Dunn of Cozen O’Connor Public Strategies will present an update to the Board of Education regarding legislative activity related to the land recently purchased by the Bears Organization and formerly known as the Arlington Park International Racetrack.”

Consent Agenda Items

The following consent agenda items (indicated by an *) were enacted by one motion:

Mr. Rosenblum made a

***Approval of Bills for Payment**

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that bills in the amount of \$2,589,669.96 be approved as presented.

After discussion, a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Michelle Barron
Curtis Bradley
Kimberley Cavill
Peter Dombrowski
Steven Rosenblum
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: None

The motion carried 6-0.

***Personnel Recommendations**

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the personnel recommendations be approved as presented.

Full-Time Teacher Employment (2023-2024 Year):

Anzalone, Eve; English, James B. Conant High School

“I would like to acknowledge our business department under the leadership of Chief Operating

“The district transportation department maintains 47 vans of which 16 vans that transport students need the addition of cameras to provide video recordings inside and outside of the vehicle. Tonight’s recommendation is to outfit the remaining 16 vans with cameras to be in line with the technology found on the other vans and buses which transport students within our fleet.”

The following Board Member made a comment regarding Transportation Van Camera Purchase: Mr. Rosenblum.

After discussion, a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Curtis Bradley
Peter Dombrowski
Steven Rosenblum
Kimberly Cavill
Michelle Barron
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: None

The motion carried 6-0.

Selection of Legal Counsel to Serve as Hearing Officer and Investigator

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the Board of Education approve Caroline Roselli as legal counsel on Board hearing and investigation matters as assigned.

The following Board Member made a comment regarding Selection of Legal Counsel to Serve as Hearing Officer and Investigator: Mr. Dombrowski.

After discussion, a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Steven Rosenblum
Michelle Barron
Curtis Bradley
Kimberly Cavill
Peter Dombrowski
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: None

The motion carried 6-0.

ELLevation Software Platform

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the Board of Education approve a one-year agreement with Curriculum Associates, LLC to purchase ELLevation at a cost of \$42,317.50.

Superintendent Small made the following comments:

provide staff with unique professional learning opportunities. Specifically, the Strategies component is an online professional learning tool that prepares educators to support multilingual learners with actionable data, effective instructional activities and classroom-based application.”

After discussion, a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Steven Rosenblum
Kimberly Cavill
Peter Dombrowski
Curtis Bradley
Michelle Barron
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: None

The motion carried 6-0.

Professional Learning Opportunities

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the Superintendent be authorized to offer professional learning opportunities for in-district credit as presented.

Superintendent Small made the following comments:

After discussion, a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Michelle Barron
Kimberly Cavill
Curtis Bradley

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Aye: Curtis Bradley
Peter Dombrowski
Kimberly Cavill
Steven Rosenblum
Michelle Barron
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: None

The motion carried 6-0.

Summer Curriculum Projects

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the Board of Education approve the summer curriculum projects at a cost not to exceed the following per grant: Title I \$126,000, Title II \$168,000, and IDEA \$34,000.

Superintendent Small made the following comments:

“During the summer, grant money is used to fund curriculum work done by the teachers across all subjects. Any recommended curricular changes that are developed in the summer must still go through the standard expectations of recommendations at the upcoming school year’s curriculum meetings.”

After discussion, a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Steven Rosenblum
Kimberly Cavill
Peter Dombrowski
Michelle Barron
Curtis Bradley
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: None

The motion carried 6-0.

Northwest Suburban Special Education Organization Budget

2023-2024 budget for transmittal to member districts, for local Board action. The NSSEO proposed annual budget is determined by the combined total cost of services purchased by the eight-member districts, Barb Peterson, controller and treasurer and Renee Erickson, director of education attend various committee meetings and are our direct liaisons with NSSEO along with President Klimkowicz’ s role as president of the NSSEO governing board.”

The following Board Member made a comment regarding Northwest Suburban Special Education Organization Budget: Mrs. Klimkowicz.

After discussion, a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Michelle Barron
Curtis Bradley
Kimberly Cavill
Peter Dombrowski
Steven Rosenblum
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: None

The motion carried 6-0.

Amendment to Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Regarding Reciprocal Reporting Between Township High School District 211 and the Police Department of the Village of Schaumburg, County of Cook, Illinois

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to enter into an agreement to amend the current Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Between Township High School District 211 and the Police Department of the Village of Schaumburg, County of Cook, Illinois to allow camera access to all District 211 facilities via the Real Time Information Center as presented.

Superintendent Small made the following comments:



The following Board Members made comments regarding Amendment to Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Regarding Reciprocal Reporting Between Township High School District 211 and the Police Department of the Village of Schaumburg, County of Cook, Illinois: Mr. Rosenblum, Mr. Bradley, Mr. Dombrowski, Ms. Cavill and Mrs. Klimkowicz.

After discussion, a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Peter Dombrowski
Curtis Bradley
Steven Rosenblum
Kimberly Cavill
Michelle Barron
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: None

The motion carried 6-0.

Board Member Expenses

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the Board of Education approve the Pre-Approval Form for Future Expense Reimbursement for Michelle Barron to complete the online training for the following courses through the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB): Open Meetings Act Training; Professional Development Leadership Training; Performance Evaluation Reform Act Training; and Basics of Governance Training; and Steven Rosenblum to complete the on-demand webinar Trauma-Informed Practices for Veteran School Board Members as submitted.

After discussion, a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Michelle Barron
Peter Dombrowski
Steven Rosenblum
Curtis Bradley
Kimberly Cavill
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: None

The motion carried 6-0.

Potential Topics for Future Discussion

A consensus was reached by the Board to proceed with both discussions regarding a review of Board officer elections at the March 2025 Board meeting and Board Member participation in Board policy development at the May 25, 2023 Board meeting.

Committee Reports

Northwest Suburban Special Education Organization Report

Mrs. Klimkowicz reported on recent NSSEO activities.

Education Research Development/Legislative Report

Mr. Rosenblum reported on the recent activities of ED-RED.

Illinois Association of School Boards Report

Mr. Rosenblum reported on recent activities of the Illinois Association of School Boards Report.

Announcements

Upcoming Events/Calendar Items

May 18 – Alternative High School – Hoffman Estates High School – 7:00 p.m. – Peter Dombrowski Attending

May 19 -- Hoffman Estates High School Graduation -- NOW Arena -- 7:30 p.m. -- Anna Klimkowicz and Michelle Barron Attending

May 21 -- Palatine High School Graduation -- NOW Arena -- 7:30 p.m. – Kimberly Cavill and Steven Rosenblum Attending

May 22 -- James B. Conant High School Graduation -- NOW Arena -- 7:30 p.m. Anna Klimkowicz Timothy Mc Gowan Attending

May 23 -- William Fremd High School Graduation -- NOW Arena -- 7:30 p.m. Timothy Mc Gowan and Peter Dombrowski Attending

May 24 -- Schaumburg High School

Nay:

Kimberly Cavill
Steven Rosenblum
Michelle Barron
Curtis Bradley
Peter Dombrowski
Anna Klimkowitz

The motion failed 0-6.

Acceptance of Retirement Requests

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the Board of Education accepts the retirement requests of Craig Barne* n92792 re(ment)-aquests of W* nQc(pts)-22vn3(1,) EM0000912 0 612 70091

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that, effective August 2, 2023, Travis Hastings be appointed as ten-month assistant principal at Palatine High School at a gross salary of \$117,550.

After discussion a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Steven Rosenblum
Michelle Barron
Curtis Bradley
Kimberly Cavill
Peter Dombrowski
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: None

The motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that, effective August 2, 2023, at a gross salary of \$117,550, Alex Miramontes be appointed as a fulltime dean at Palatine High School until the Illinois State Board of Education posts his principalship endorse