

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
December 12, 2024
6:30 p.m.
Official**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Township High School District 211, Cook County, Illinois was held on December 12, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the G.A. McElroy Administration Center at 1750 South Roselle Road, 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
Kimberly Cavill, Secretary and Member
Peter Dombrowski, Member
Timothy Mc Gowan, Member
Steven Rosenblum, Vice President and Member
Anna Klimkowicz, President and Member

Absent: Curtis Bradley, 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)]; and appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees [5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)].

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

Aye: Michelle Barron
Kimberly Cavill
Peter Dombrowski
Timothy Mc Gowan
Steven Rosenblum
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: None

The motion carried 6-0.

The Board of Education left for closed session at 6:31 p.m. and resumed open session at 7:34 p.m.

Return to Open Session

Roll Call

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the Board return to open session.

On which motion a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Aye: Michelle Barron
Kimberly Cavill
Peter Dombrowski
Timothy Mc Gowan
Steven Rosenblum
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: None

The motion carried 6-0.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Recognition

President Klimkowicz invited Superintendent Small to begin recognitions.

State Award Winners

Superintendent Small introduced Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Josh Schumacher.

Mr. Schumacher introduced Palatine High School Principal Tony Medina and Boys Cross Country Head Coach Joe Parks. Mr. Parks introduced and Mr. Medina presented a medallion to Alexander Krieg who placed 8th at the IHSA Boys Cross Country State Meet.

Mr. Schumacher introduced William Fremd High School Principal Mark Langer and Boys Cross Country Head Coach Matt Zaluckyj. Mr. Zaluckyj introduced and Mr. Langer presented a medallion to Rory Gaan who placed 7th at the IHSA Boys Cross Country State Meet.

Public Comments and Hearings

Public Comments including Wendy Crosley

President Klimkowicz 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 three 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 Superintendent, please leave your name and phone number with Mr. Tenopir.”

The following individual addressed the Board regarding guns in school: Magda Roth.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding the M328 program: Sophia Pellicei.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding Board accountability: Jessica Hinkle.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding voter registration and education: Jax George.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding voter registration and education: Alan Allende.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding voter registration and education: Isabella Amanieh.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding voter registration and education: Junya Liu.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding of boys and men: Lee Bennett.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding the M328 program: Wendy Crosley.

Public Hearing on the Proposed 2024 Tax Levy

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that in accordance with Section 5/17-1.3 of the Illinois School Code, cash balances are reported in item 7.C. of tonight's meeting agenda and the public hearing on the proposed 2024 tax levy of Township High School District 211 is now open. On

The following community member made a comment: Jessica Hinkle

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the public hearing on the proposed 2024 tax levy of Township High School District 211 is now closed. The motion carried.

The public hearing closed at 8:15 p.m.

The Board took recess from 8:15 p.m. until 8:17 p.m.

Presentations

Strategic Plan Update: Excellent Staff

Superintendent Small made the following comments:

“Tonight, Director of Human Resources Dr. Jim Britton and Assistant Superintendent Mr. Kurt Tenopir will present an update on the work within the Strategic Plan regarding the over 2,000 employees that are part of our organization.”

The following Board Members made comments on Strategic Plan Update: Excellent Staff: Ms. Barron, Mr. Rosenblum, Ms. Cavill, Mr. Dombrowski, Mr. Mc Gowan and Mrs. Klimkowicz.

Consent Agenda Items

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

Consent Agenda with the Removal of Resolutions Authorizing Intervention in Proceedings Before the State Property Tax Appeal Board

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the Consent Agenda with the Removal of Resolutions Authorizing Intervention in Proceedings Before the State Property Tax Appeal Board be approved as presented.

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

Aye:	Michelle Barron Kimberly Cavill Peter Dombrowski Timothy Mc Gowan Steven Rosenblum Anna Klimkowicz
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Nay:	None
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The motion carried 6-0.

***Approval of Minutes-Regular Meeting of November 19, 2024**

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 19, 2024 be approved as presented.

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

Aye:

Michelle Barron
Kimberly Cavill
Peter Dombrowski

***Personnel Recommendations**

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

Part-Time Teacher Employment Second Semester:
(Effective 2024-2025 School Year)

Aylward, Kaitlin; counselor, Schaumburg High School

Bloniarz, Adam; wellness/driver education, North Campus

Britton, Tanya; social worker, Palatine High School

Cangelosi, Joe; music, Hoffman Estates High School

Cardenas, Marni; world language, Schaumburg High School

Caruso, Dean'na; counselor, Palatine High School

Eldridge, Victoria; English, William Fremd High School

Fasolo, Maria; speech and language pathologist, Schaumburg High School

Favela, Kayla; counselor, Hoffman Estates High School

Kalvig, Kaylee; art, Schaumburg High School

Nevins, Nicholas; family and consumer sciences, Hoffman Estates High School

Petmezas, Seanna; wellness, Hoffman Estates High School

Robertson, Bradley; special education, Palatine High School

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Proposed Policy Deletion: GIQB Cafeteria Grievance Procedures

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that Board policy file GIQB Cafeteria Grievance Procedures be deleted as a Board Policy; further, that the Superintendent be directed to remove the policy from active status on BoardDocs.

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

Aye: Peter Dombrowski
Steven Rosenblum
Kimberly Cavill
Timothy Mc Gowan
Michelle Barron
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: None

The motion carried 6-0.

New Business

2023-2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) of Board of Education Funds

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the June 30, 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), which includes the financial statements as prepared by Township High School District 211 and audited by Baker Tilly US, LLP, Certified Public Accountants.

Superintendent Small made the following comments:

“In accordance with requirements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, the District is required to have an independent audit of its financial records, including a test of financial controls, completed on an annual basis. The firm of Baker Tilly recently completed the audit of the District’s financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2024 and have issued an opinion thereon. The District’s Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, referred to as the ACFR, was prepared by Baker Tilly in cooperation with the Business Office. I am pleased to introduce to you Sebastian Dabrowski who is here this evening on behalf of the Board’s accounting firm Baker Tilly. Mr. Dabrowski has been on our account for several years and will present the Board of Education with a brief review of the audit this evening.”

The following Board Member made comments on 2023-2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) of Board of Education Funds: Mr. Rosenblum

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

Aye: Michelle Barron
Timothy Mc Gowan
Peter Dombrowski
Steven Rosenblum
Kimberly Cavill
Anna Klimkovic

Nay: None

The motion carried 6-0.

Operating Fund Balance for the Period Ending June 30, 2024

The Board of Education received and reviewed a report on Operating Fund Balance for the Period Ending June 30, 2024.

Superintendent Small made the following comments:

“The information in the ACFR allows us to also bring you a stand-alone report detailing our fund balances as of June 30, 2024. The fund balance levels are maintained to ensure adequate levels for consistent operational and financial planning purposes including avoiding short-term borrowing.”

2023-2024 Popular Annual Financia

presented by this redevelopment with the protections needed to safeguard our schools and community. I want to thank my colleagues in Districts 15 and 214, the Village of Arlington Heights, and the Chicago Bears for their collaboration and dedication throughout this process. Now, to provide more details on the MOU and the negotiation process, I would like to introduce Franczek Attorney Scott Metcalf and Cozen Lobbyist Matt Glavin who have been integral partners for the three school districts as we navigated these complex negotiations. They will provide a more detailed summary, provide insights and address any questions you may have.”

The following Board Members made comments on Memorandum of Understanding Between the Village of Arlington Heights, The Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 15, The Board of Education of Township High School District 211, The Board of Education of Township High School District 214, and CBFC Development, LLC.: Mr. Mc Gowan, Ms. Cavill, Mrs. Klimkowicz, Ms. Barron, Mr. Rosenblum and Mr. Dombrowski.

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

Aye: Peter Dombrowski
Timothy Mc Gowan
Steven Rosenblum
Michelle Barron
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: Kimberly Cavill

The motion carried 5-1.

Bid for Consideration Buses

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The motion carried 6-0.

School Maintenance Project Grant Application

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the Board of Education authorize the District to complete an application for the School Maintenance Program Grant for the replacement of fire display panels; and further, that funds be allocated in the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 Operations and Maintenance budgets for completion of this project.

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

Aye:	Timothy Mc Gowan Steven Rosenblum Kimberly Cavill Peter Dombrowski Michelle Barron Anna Klimkowicz
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Nay:	None
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The motion carried 6-0.

Establish Time, Place and Date of Board of Education Meetings

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that the Board of Education schedule

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 Steven Rosenblum to attend the ED-RED Annual Legislative Dinner Meeting on January 27, 2025 as submitted.

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

Aye: Michelle Barron
Kimberly Cavill
Timothy Mc Gowan
Steven Rosenblum
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: Peter Dombrowski

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Upcoming Events/Calendar Items

December 20 -- End of First Semester 2024-2025

December 20 -- Winter Break Begins

December 24 -- Christmas Eve -- All District Buildings Closed

December 25 -- Christmas Day -- All District Buildings Closed

December 31 -- New Year's Eve -- All District Buildings Closed

January 1 -- New Year's Day -- All District Buildings Closed

January 6 -- Teacher Institute Day -- No Classes

January 7 -- Opening Day of Second Semester 2024-2025

January 20 -- Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday -- All District Buildings Closed

January 23 -- Next Regular Board of Education Meeting -- 6:30 p.m.

Closed Session**Review of Closed Session Items**

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

Aye:	None
Nay:	Michelle Barron Kimberly Cavill Peter Dombrowski Timothy Mc Gowan Steven Rosenblum Anna Klimkowicz

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 Renee Arredia, effective June 2028 consistent with the Master Contract of the District 211 United Support Staff; Lori Hafner, effective May 2025 according to the Master Contract of the D211 United Support Staff; and David Polly, effective June 2027 consistent with the Master Contract

of the District 211 United Support Staff; and rescind the retirement request of Kathy Kass that was previously accepted by the Board of Education on February 22, 2024.

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

Aye: Kimberly Cavill
Timothy Mc Gowan
Michelle Barron
Steven Rosenblum
Peter Dombrowski
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: None

The motion carried 6-0.

Administrative Appointment

Mr. Rosenblum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cavill, that, effective January 6, 2025 until June 30, 2025, Michael Slife be appointed as Interim Director of Transportation at the Administration Center at a gross annual salary of \$148,000; and further, that he assume the role of Director of Transportation effective July 1, 2025.

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

Aye:

Aye: Steven Rosenblum
Kimberly Cavill
Timothy Mc Gowan
Michelle Barron
Anna Klimkowicz

Nay: Peter Dombrowski

The motion carried 5-1.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, President Klimkowicz thereupon declared the meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, District 211

President, District 211