

Board of Education Meeting Recap

The Township High School District 211 Board of Education met on Thursday, July 17, 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 meeting.

Presentation: Progress Toward Meeting District Academic Targets in 2013-2014

Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, District 211 established academic goals with yearly targets across multiple indicators for a span of five years. The five-year District academic goals emphasize accelerating academic achievement for all students with a focus on: 1) student learning and growth; 2) high school standards attainment; 3) high school graduation rate; and 4) college and career readiness.

The Board of Education received a [report](#) and a [presentation](#) was made by District administrators, summarizing the measures of progress and data specific to the targets toward achieving District goals. Included in the report were District academic goals for 2014-2015 school year.

The Board also approved 12 morning work sessions (student late start days) during the 2014-2015 school year that allow staff shared time for professional learning teams to conduct their work towards achieving each of the District's academic goals. Each morning work session will be 75 minutes in length on the following Tuesdays: September 9, 2014; September 23, 2014; October 7, 2014; October 21, 2014; November 4, 2014; November 18, 2014; December 2, 2014; January 27, 2015; February 10, 2015; February 24, 2015; March 17, 2015; and March 31, 2015.

Approval of Minutes

The Board of Education approved the minutes from its regular meeting on [June 12, 2014](#).

NSBA National Affiliated Program Membership Renewal

The Board of Education approved its continued membership in the National Affiliate Program of the National School Boards Association (NSBA) for one year, beginning October 1, 2014, at a cost of \$5,335, a decrease of \$590 from last year.

District 211's participation in the National Affiliate Program supports NSBA work in Washington, D.C., representing educational concerns before Congress, federal courts, regulatory agencies, and the Department of Education, as well as wherever education issues are discussed at the national level. In addition, District 211 receives Educational Policies Services, *School Board News* publication, and quarterly Leadership Reports. The District has been a member of the NSBA National Affiliate Program since 1971.

Medicaid Reimbursement

High School District 211 is eligible for Medicaid reimbursement in two categories:

- 1.) School-Based Services: This program reimburses school districts for direct services provided to Medicaid-eligible students who are in special education (examples of approved services include speech/language therapy, nursing services, psychology services, and social work services).
- 2.) Administrative Outreach Services: This program reimburses school districts for outreach services provided to "at-risk" students before they are placed in special education (examples of eligible staff services include identification and referral to Medicaid, interagency coordination, public awareness and information, and health provider networking).

Since 2003, District 211 has utilized the consulting services of Go Solutions Group, Inc. to provide guidance pertaining to Medicaid reimbursement regulations and to file the District's reimbursement claims. Beginning with the 2009-2010 school year, the Illinois State Board of Education assigned all school districts' administrative outreach claims to Fairbanks, LLC. As a result, it is only necessary for District 211 to pursue a contract with a company to oversee reimbursement for the school-based services program.

The Board of Education approved a one-year contract with Go Solutions Group, Inc., for school-based services for the period between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015. Go Solutions Group, Inc., charges a fee of 95¢ per submitted claim and the District receives the remainder of any reimbursement. During the 2013-2014 school year, District 211 received \$86,000 for school-based services.

North Cook Young Adult Academy

In May 1997, pursuant to authorization of the state legislature to develop and implement regional alternative schools for students with severe discipline problems, the District 211 Board of Education approved participation in the North Cook Young Adult Academy (NCYAA). NCYAA is an alternative school program under the Safe Schools Act, developed by a consortium of school districts of the

North Cook Intermediate Service Center, providing academic instruction, drug and alcohol intervention, anger therapy, as well as vocational and work program experiences for violent and disruptive students who would otherwise be eligible for expulsion and removal from educational services. NCYAA provides a safe and productive role in the District's continuum of services to students who might otherwise have no opportunity to earn credits toward graduation.

For the past three years, District 211 has averaged approximately 24 student placements at NCYAA. Due to the increase in implementation of systematic behavioral intervention systems and the use of restorative justice practices within all District 211 schools, District 211 has experienced a decrease in student placements at NCYAA over the last several years.

The Board of Education approved the Superintendent's recommendation to enter into a contractual agreement between District 211 and the North Cook Intermediate Service Center to allow the transfer of District 211 students with severe discipline problems to the North Cook Young Adult Academy, a regional safe schools program, at a cost of \$308,002.64 for the 2014-2015 academic year. Additional information about NCYAA is available [here](#).

Education Research Development/Legislative Report – Membership Dues

The Board of Education approved continuation of its membership in ED-RED for the 2014-2015 school year at a cost of \$4,643.75. Education Research Development (ED-RED) was formed in 1971 as a high school district advocacy organization. ED-RED now serves elementary districts, high school districts, special education cooperatives, and the Intermediate Service Centers. Additional information about ED-RED and its membership dues structure is available [here](#).

Administrative Appointment

The Board of Education approved the appointment of **Daniel Lanser** as 10-month assistant principal at Schaumburg High School, effective August 12, 2014. Mr. Lanser is currently a special education teacher at Schaumburg High School, a position he has held since 2003. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, he also has served as the school's athletic supervisor for the past nine years and coached football for six seasons, including three as the head freshman coach. A Conant High School graduate, Mr. Lanser began his District 211 career as a teacher assistant at CHS in 2000. He earned his bachelor's degree in health education, with a minor in driver education, from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb in 2000. Mr. Lanser received his special education certification from Illinois Benedictine University in Lisle in 2003. In 2005, he earned his master's degree in educational leadership from Olivet Nazarene University in

Bourbonnais, Ill., and received his Type 75 Certification from Lewis University in Romeoville, Ill., in 2013.

Next Board of Education Meeting

The next scheduled regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, August 14, 2014, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Anne Koller Board Meeting Room at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center.