

Board of Education Meeting Recap

The Township High School District 211 Board of Education met on Thursday, May 24, 2018, 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.

Recognitions

The Board of Education recognized award-winners in state activity and athletic competitions. Included in the recognition were Science Olympiad students from Palatine and James B. Conant High Schools; Journalism students from William Fremd and Conant High School; Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering (WYSE) students from Hoffman Estates High School; Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics students from Palatine, Fremd, and Conant High Schools; a Boys Gymnastics student-athlete from Schaumburg High School; and Badminton student-athletes from the Fremd High School team that finished third in state. The complete list of state award-winners is available [here](#).

The Board recognized Palatine High School student-athlete **Christian Lunsford** for being named the Illinois High School Gymnastics Coaches Association Senior Gymnast of the Year. Also recognized by the Board was **Robert Hanson**, who was named the Illinois High School Association 2017 Badminton Coach of the Year, and **Scott Hagel**, who was inducted into the Illinois High School Gymnastics Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

The Board honored the volunteers who donated their time and expertise for Business Incubator classes at each high school during the 2017-2018 school year. Over 100 local business experts partnered with the five high schools for this course, assisting teachers in bringing the reality of the entrepreneurship experience into the classroom. The complete list of individual volunteers is available [here](#).

The Board recognized Sprint for its partnership with District 211 in the 1Million Project, an initiative that provides Internet service to families across the country that otherwise would not have Internet access. Through the 1Million Project, Sprint and the Sprint Foundation is providing free devices and wireless service to schools to connect 1 million low-income high school students who don't have home Internet access. This past school year, more than 230 District 211 households participated in the program, and plans for the coming school year include expanding the number of families that will benefit from the program.

Presentation: Excellence in Equity

For over a decade, District 211 has focused on increasing student enrollment in rigorous coursework. Since partnering with Equal Opportunity Schools (EOS), District 211 is experiencing enrollment gains across all demographic groups within both Advanced Placement (AP) and dual credit courses. Earning college credit increases the likelihood that students will continue on to post-secondary education with timely degree attainment. Students' life trajectories are changing due to the access and opportunity to enroll in AP or dual credit courses.

Director of Instructional Improvement **Danielle Hauser**, Hoffman Estates High School Assistant Principal **Brian Harlan**, and Fremd High School Social Studies Teacher **LoriAnne Frieri** presented ways in which District 211 is closing academic enrollment gaps while focusing on increasing student achievement through student and staff supports.

Additional information is available [here](#), along with a copy of the presentation [here](#).

Following the presentation, the Board of Education authorized the superintendent to engage in a three-year partnership with Equal Opportunity Schools at a cost not to exceed \$180,000. Additional information on Equal Opportunity Schools implementation is available [here](#).

Approval of Minutes

The Board of Education approved the minutes from its regular meeting on [May 10, 2018](#).

Resolution Calling a Public Hearing for Interfund Transfers for Capital Improvement Projects

At its April 26, 2018 meeting, the Board of Education reviewed the 2018-2019 tentative budget for the District's Capital Projects Fund and Working Cash Fund. During the previous month, on March 15, 2018, the Board reviewed the District's 2018-2019 tentative budget for the Life Safety Fund. Interfund transfers presented in the tentative budget for the Capital Projects Fund and Life Safety Fund will serve as the funding source for both capital improvement projects and life safety projects through use of existing reserves during the 2018-2019 school year. This approach is consistent with the Board's Strategic Plan and commitment to pay for facility improvement projects through continued use of both its yearly operating budget and existing budget reserves without need to issue debt.

In compliance with Section 105 ILCS 5/17-2A of the School Code, the Board

directed publication of a notice of public hearing to take place at its June 14, 2018 meeting.

Additional information is available [here](#).

Proposed Policy Revision

As part of its ongoing Policy Manual review, the Board of Education reviews proposed policy revisions, proposed policy deletions, and proposed new policies from the Administrative Board Policy Group. The Group is comprised of Board President **Mucia Burke**, Board Member **Robert LeFevre**, Associate Superintendent **Lisa Small**, Director of Administrative Services **Matthew Hildebrand**, and Assistant to the Superintendent **Kathe Lingl**.

The Board initially reviewed a proposed revision to Board policy file: [IKF Graduation Requirements](#). No action was taken at the meeting.

Review of Prevention of and Response to Student Bullying Policy

The Illinois State Board of Education requires all public schools to formally adopt a policy on bullying that is to be reviewed and re-evaluated every two years and updated when deemed appropriate. The policy has been reviewed by the Administrative Board Policy Group, and no changes to the policy were recommended at this time.

The Board reviewed Board policy file: [JFCH Prevention of and Response to Student Bullying](#). No action was taken at the meeting.

School Bus Propane Gas Agreement

In December 2017, the Board of Education approved the purchase of 15 propane-fueled school buses, which are scheduled for delivery in July 2018. Alternative fuel buses have many advantages over their diesel counterparts. For standard large school buses, propane was identified as the recommended alternative fuel source, and has been in place for school buses for more than a decade.

In anticipation of deploying propane school buses for the 2018-2019 school year, District 211 has explored several means of propane fueling sources, including off-site accounts, on-site fuel deliveries, and on-site fueling locations. Based upon pricing, accessibility, and fueling efficiencies, it was recommended that the District host the propane fueling stations at Hoffman Estates High School, as all 15 propane-fueled buses will be located there upon delivery.

The District sought proposals for on-site propane fueling and received three responses. All proposals were for a three-year term, and included lease and maintenance of fueling equipment. With a three-year contract, there is no charge to lease the fueling equipment. The District is eligible for a \$5,000 grant through AmeriGas for each of the 15 propane-fueled buses purchased. The contract also includes training for staff, State Fire Marshal permitting, and assistance with local permitting. It is estimated that District 211 will spend approximately \$52,000 on propane fuel during the 2018-2019 school year.

The Board authorized the superintendent or designee to enter into an agreement with AmeriGas Propane, L.P. for the period of May 2018 through July 2021, [as presented](#).

Next Board of Education Meeting

The next scheduled regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, June 14, 2018, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Anne Koller Board Meeting Room at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center.