Board of Education Meeting Recap

The Township High School District 211 Board of Education met on Thursday, December 13, 2018, in the student cafeteria at James B. Conant High School. The following is a recap of items that were acted upon at the meeting.

Adoption of 2018 Tax Levy

Following a public hearing, the Board of Education approved the proposed 2018 tax levy as presented. The proposed 2018 tax levy approved by the Board on November 8, 2018 is \$228,699,500.

Additional information on the 2018 Tax Levy is available here.

Approval of Minutes

The Board of Education approved the minutes from its regular meeting on November 8, 2018, and the minutes from its special meeting on November 15, 2018.

Operating Fund Balance for the Period Ending June 30, 2018

In April 2008, High School District 211 first adopted an operating fund balance policy (DCA) to safeguard against financial uncertainty in the District and to ensure the capacity of the District to deliver the current range of comprehensive, quality services to all students into future years without disruption. The policy clarifies that the District will maintain adequate fund balance levels for operational and financial planning purposes. The District's position regarding fund balance is measured from the following two perspectives as of June 30 of each fiscal year:

- 1. Within the Educational Fund as an individual fund;
- 2. Against a cumulative total of the Operating Funds, which include all of the following: the Educational Fund, the Operations/Maintenance Fund, the Transportation Fund, the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, and the Working Cash Fund

The Board of Education received information on the <u>operating fund balance for</u> the period ending June 30, 2018.

Secondary School Cooperative Risk Management Program Term Extension

Section 5 ILCS 220/6 of the Illinois School Code authorizes public agencies to form joint insurance pools for the purpose of seeking prevention or lessening claims and losses for the individual agency. The Secondary School Cooperative Risk Management Program (SSCRMP) is a risk-sharing insurance pool governed by High School Districts 207 (Maine Township), 211, 214 (Wheeling and Elk Grove Township), and 225 (Northfield Township). SSCRMP has served as a beneficial pool for District 211 over the past 30 years, providing comprehensive insurance coverage at a lower cost than the school district could obtain individually.

The pool provides coverage for property, liability, crime, boilers, pollution, cyber, foreign, and excess liability. SSCRMP continues to successfully manage claims, member equity, and excess loss reserves. A separate loss-fund is maintained for workers' compensation claims.

The Board of Education approved a five-year term extension for membership of High School District 211 in SSCRMP, effective January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2023.

Amendment to the Terms and Conditions of Sale of Real Property Located West of Plum Grove Road and North of Wise Road in Schaumburg, Illinois Between M/I Homes and the Board of Education of Township High School District 211

At its March 15, 2018 meeting, the Board of Education approved a bid to sell its 62-acre land located at East Wise Road and South Summit Drive in the Village of Schaumburg to M/I Homes. As a component of the award of public bid for the property, the Board also entered into an agreement with M/I Homes to establish the terms and conditions of the sale of the property.

The existing terms and conditions of the sale of property outline a timeline for the necessary steps to finalize approval of the development plans with the Village of Schaumburg and close on the sale of the property. M/I Homes has worked with the Village to complete the feasibility period, and has now continued to plan for final development in the approval period with the Village. The initial timeline for completion of the approval period was established tentatively as January 9, 2019. In review with both M/I Homes and the Village of Schaumburg, the approval period will continue for several more months. Future steps toward approval include final plan design approval with Village staff, review for zoning and planning, and public hearing on the development plans before final approval may be granted.

The Board of Education approved the amendment to the terms and conditions of the sale of real property located west of Plum Grove Road and north of Wise Road in Schaumburg, Illinois, as presented, extending the approval period from January 9, 2109 to April 30, 2019. Additionally, a mandatory closing date of June 30, 2019 has been added to the amended terms.

Additional information is available here.

Student User Fees Introduction

Each year, the Board of Education establishes student fees for textbooks and instructional supplies, the driver education behind-the-wheel course, student parking, transportation, school breakfast and lunch, and summer school. The Board of Education received a report containing an overview of the District's student fees. A complete copy of the report is available here.

A recommendation on student fees for the 2019-2020 school year will be presented at the January 17, 2019 Board meeting. The recommendation must consider costs of supplies provided to students, eligibility of students for free and reduced-price meals, overall financial impact, and overall strategic direction of the District.

Resolution: Notice of Appointment of Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Authorized Agent

High School District 211 is a participant of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) that serves as the retirement system for non-licensed employees. As a plan participant, it is required that the school district designate an IMRF authorized agent to serve as the primary contact with IMRF and make necessary determination of compliance with IMRF guidelines.

The Board of Education approved a resolution authorizing Director of Business Services-Elect Karen Lasher as the High School District 211 IMRF authorized agent, effective July 1, 2019. The appointment of Mrs. Lasher to this position at this time will allow for the necessary training to be completed prior to July 1, 2019.

Next Board of Education Meeting

The next scheduled regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, January 17, 2019, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Anne Koller Board Meeting Room at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center.