

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING**

August 16, 2018

7:30 p.m.

Official

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, Township High School District 211, Cook County, Illinois was held on August 16, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the G. A. McElroy Administration Center at 1750 South Roselle Road, Palatine, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Physically Present: Peter R. Dombrowski, Member
Will Hinshaw, Vice President and Member
Anna Klimkowicz, Secretary and Member
Robert LeFevre, Jr., Member
Steven Rosenblum, Member
Edward M. Yung, Member
Mucia A. Burke, President and Member

Present By Other Means: None

Absent: None

Also present were: Daniel E. Cates, Superintendent; members of the District administrative staff; interested citizens; and members of the press.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Introduction of Newly Appointed, Promoted, and Transferred Administrators

Superintendent Cates introduced Peter Gavin, Dean of Students, Palatine High School; Jacquese Gilbert, 12-month assistant principal, Hoffman Estates High School; David Grelyak, facilities and energy manager, G. A. McElroy Administration Center; Scott Hagel, dean of students, Palatine High School; Erin Hettinger, dean of students, Hoffman Estates High School; Kathryn Johnson, dean of students, William Fremd High School; Allen McAllister, building and grounds manager, Palatine High School; Tony Medina, 12-month assistant principal, Palatine High School; David Moravek, dean of students, James B. Conant High School; Jessica Orstead, program administrator, Higgins Education Center; Mary Kate Smith, 10-month assistant principal, Palatine High School; and Alexander Woods, building and grounds manager, James B. Conant High School.

Support in a Life-Saving Situation

Superintendent Cates made the following comments:

“On Friday, August 10, Conant High School Mathematics Department Chair Derek Fivelson and his wife, Molly, took courageous actions to save a woman’s life. While on their way to their son’s baseball tournament in Freeport, Derek witnessed a car lose control, flip over, land upside down, and partially submerge in a retention pond at the intersection of Route 47 and Interstate 90 near Huntley.

Derek and several other witnesses ran into the murky water and worked together to extricate the woman who was unconscious in the car and underwater for several minutes. Upon finally pulling her from the car, they carried the lifeless woman to the shore, where Molly and others took turns administering CPR. Concerned that there may be other passengers or children in the car, Derek and the others continued to search the submerged car. Fortunately, there were no other passengers. Molly and the others who were administering CPR eventually revived the woman and an ambulance transported the revived driver to a local hospital. Due to the quick and courageous actions of Derek and Molly Fivelson, along with several other citizens, the driver survived and is expected to make a full recovery from her injuries. Derek and Molly, on behalf of the Board of Education and District 211, we want to thank you for your exemplary actions. They are simply outstanding and we are pleased to have you among us. Thank you.”

Superintendent Cates introduced and President Burke presented certificates to James B. Conant High School Mathematics Department Chair Derek Fivelson and his wife, Molly Fivelson, for playing a key role in saving a life.

Citizens’ Appearances and Presentations

President Burke asked if there was anyone present, not on the agenda, and who did not sign up to speak, who wished to speak before the Board of Education. No one came forward.

Presentation: Tentative Budget for 2018-2019

Superintendent Cates made the following comments:

“The proposed budget that we are presenting you is balanced in accordance with the School Code, and expenses within the budget are aligned with achieving District academic goals. The budget plan is designed to maintain a minimum 33.3% fund balance within our Educational Fund and our combined operating funds. The revenues in the budget are based on a levy increase within the limitations of the tax cap set by a Consumer Price Index of 2.1% that you approved last December. The budget is consistent with the Board’s commitment and strategic plan to achieve and sustain a position of being free from debt. Now that our debt has been retired, importantly, this budget incorporates and establishes our strategy of remaining debt free by planning for and utilizing each year’s operating surplus funds to pay for long-term facility improvements without debt. In addition to actions that avoid debt, this budget includes a plan to fully fund our known Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund pension obligations. The Board’s strategy of prepaying pension obligations resulted in a significant benefit to the District, both in the form of a significant investment return and by way of substantially reducing our employer costs. Over the span of four years, our deliberate financial and budget strategy has successfully helped the District to sustain and expand our quality educational services, to retire all of our debt, to prepay pension obligations, to increase our investment returns, to continue our yearly budget efficiencies, and to reduce our reserve funds. Through the Board’s previous actions and strategy, the District’s reserves have been reduced by \$52 million, or nearly one-third of our total reserves of four years ago. We recommend that the Board approve the tentative budget this evening and that the District remain on its positive financial course that the Board has established.”

Superintendent Cates introduced Chief Operating Officer Lauren Hummel and Controller and Treasurer Barbara Peterson, who gave a presentation on the tentative budget for 2018-2019.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that the consent agenda be approved as presented.

After discussion, Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, to amend the motion to state that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda, with the removal of Item D – Personnel Recommendations, as presented.

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

Aye: Peter Dombrowski
Will Hinshaw
Anna Klimkowicz
Robert LeFevre
Steven Rosenblum
Edward Yung
Mucia Burke

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

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

***Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of July 19, 2018**

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that the minutes of the regular meeting of July 19, 2018 be approved and placed on file.

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

Aye: Peter Dombrowski
Will Hinshaw
Anna Klimkowicz
Robert LeFevre
Steven Rosenblum
Edward Yung
Mucia Burke

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

***Approval of Bills for Payment**

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that bills in the amount of \$6,840,542.96 be approved for payment.

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

Aye: Peter Dombrowski
Will Hinshaw
Anna Klimkowicz
Robert LeFevre
Steven Rosenblum
Edward Yung
Mucia Burke

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

***Resolution Authorizing Intervention in Proceedings Before the State Property Tax Appeal Board**

Mrs. Klimkowitz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that the Board of Education approve the resolution authorizing intervention in proceedings before the state property tax appeal board which seeks an assessed valuation reduction in excess of \$100,000 for property tax year 2015 (Docket No. 15-40010.001-C-3); and, further, authorize Franczek Radelet, as the Board of Education’s legal representative, to file Request to Intervene in Appeal Proceeding forms with the property tax appeal board on the property for which the District receives notification of appeal (attached to official minutes).

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

Aye: Peter Dombrowski
Will Hinshaw
Anna Klimkowitz
Robert LeFevre
Steven Rosenblum
Edward Yung
Mucia Burke

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

***Bid for Consideration**

Mrs. Klimkowitz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that for the bid listed below, the Board of Education award the business to the lowest responsible bidder as listed in the administrative bid recommendation dated August 16, 2018 (attached to official minutes):

1. Custodial maintenance supplies for all of the buildings – eight vendors	\$ 265,510.90

TOTAL:	\$ 265,510.90

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

Aye: Peter Dombrowski
Will Hinshaw
Anna Klimkowitz
Robert LeFevre
Steven Rosenblum
Edward Yung
Mucia Burke

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Recommendations

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that personnel recommendations be accepted as presented.

Full-Time Teacher Employment: (Effective 2018-2019 School Year)

Brandenburg, Jason; physical education, William Fremd High School and North Campus
Herrera, Kevin; social worker intern, Palatine High School
Mattioli, Rebecca; counselor, Hoffman Estates High School

Full-Time Teacher Employment (Partial Year): (Effective First Semester)

Campbell, Kelli; family and consumer sciences, Palatine High School

Part-Time Teacher Employment First Semester: (Effective 2018-2019 School Year)

Gordon, Deanna; social studies, Hoffman Estates High School
McLoughlin, Mary; English as a second language, Palatine High School
Poehlmann, Alyssa; physical education, William Fremd High School
Poro, Anthony; counselor, Hoffman Estates High School
Spandiary, Christian; special education, William Fremd High School

Resignations:

Fullerton, Pamela; English, Palatine High School
Goins, Marchell; counselor, Hoffman Estates High School

Support Staff New Hires:

Arroyo Lopez, Lilian; teacher assistant, James B. Conant High School
Barr, Lari; teacher assistant, Palatine High School
Chandnani, Chandra; food service, Hoffman Estates High School
Chelist, Andrea; teacher assistant, Schaumburg High School
Chikeles, Evan; teacher assistant, Hoffman Estates High School
Dravellas, Frances; sign language interpreter, Higgins Education Center
Driscoll, Rhesha; teacher assistant, Palatine High School
Giuliano, John; teacher assistant, Palatine High School
Gonzalez, Guillermo; teacher assistant, Palatine High School
Gray, Stephanie; teacher assistant, William Fremd High School
Heenan, Sara; teacher assistant, Schaumburg High School
Hewett, Dorothy; teacher assistant, Palatine High School
Iantorno, Jennifer; teacher assistant, Palatine High School
Johnson, Amanda; teacher assistant, Schaumburg High School
Karajic, Samira; food service, Hoffman Estates High School
Katsargiris, Andreas; teacher assistant, William Fremd High School
Kazan, Ari; teacher assistant, Schaumburg High School
Kolakowski, Zack; teacher assistant, James B. Conant High School
Maslanka, Emma; teacher assistant, Palatine High School

Moreno, Peter; custodian, William Fremd High School
 Mrockowski, GERALYN; teacher assistant, William Fremd High School
 Nedza, James; student supervisor, Schaumburg High School
 Phelan, Dana; sign language interpreter, Higgins Education Center
 Rahn, Joshua; teacher assistant, Hoffman Estates High School
 Ramirez-Quiroz, Juan Pablo; teacher assistant, Palatine High School
 Rossi, Janet; support staff assistant, William Fremd High School
 Sanchez, Erin; teacher assistant, Palatine High School
 Schroeder, James; teacher assistant, Palatine High School
 Smith, Elizabeth; teacher assistant, Palatine High School
 Taylor, Meghan; sign language interpreter, Higgins Education Center
 Tessman, Cindy; food service, Palatine High School
 Wojtasik, Sara; teacher assistant, Palatine High School

Support Staff Resignations:

Faflik, Daniel; student supervisor, William Fremd High School
 Gunn, Alexandria; teacher assistant, James B. Conant High School
 Lobb, Ashley; CRT operator, Hoffman Estates High School
 Tiongson, Kelvin; teacher assistant, William Fremd High School
 Villanueva, Angelica; teacher assistant, James B. Conant High School
 Zuniga, Giselle; teacher assistant, Schaumburg High School

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

Aye:	Will Hinshaw Anna Klimkowicz Robert LeFevre Steven Rosenblum Edward Yung Mucia Burke
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Nay:	Peter Dombrowski
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The motion carried 6-1.

Freedom of Information Act Requests

The Board of Education received a report on Freedom of Information Act requests and responses.

Parent Open House Date

The Board of Education received information on the open houses for District 211 schools on Thursday, August 30, 2018.

2018-2019 Tentative Budget

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that the Board of Education approve the 2018-2019 Tentative Budget as presented and direct the Superintendent to place it on file for public inspection for a minimum of thirty days; further, that notice of a public hearing to be held at the Board of Education meeting on September 20, 2018 be published.

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

Aye: Anna Klimkowicz
Steven Rosenblum
Robert LeFevre
Edward Yung
Will Hinshaw
Mucia Burke

Nay: Peter Dombrowski

The motion carried 6-1.

Board Member Expenses

Mrs. Klimkowicz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yung, that the Board of Education approve the Pre-Approval Form for Future Expense Reimbursement for Mucia Burke and Steven Rosenblum to attend the Triple I conference November 16–18, 2018 as submitted.

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

Aye: Will Hinshaw
Anna Klimkowicz
Edward Yung
Peter Dombrowski
Robert LeFevre
Steven Rosenblum
Mucia Burke

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Potential Topics for Future Discussion

No topics were proposed by the Board of Education for future potential discussion. President Burke stated that it is helpful when Board members provide their thoughts and rationale when voting nay.

Northwest Suburban Special Education Organization (N.S.S.E.O.) Report

Mrs. Klimkowicz reported on recent N.S.S.E.O. activities.

Education Research Development(ED-RED)/Legislative Report

Superintendent Cates reported on the upcoming ED-RED kick-off luncheon.

Facilities Committee

Mr. Yung reported on recent facilities projects across District 211 and he extended his thanks, on behalf of the Board, to the maintenance department staff for performing many tasks that enhance the image of District 211.

Announcements

President Burke made the following announcements:

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| A. August | 30 | -- | Open House -- District 211 North Campus -- 5:30 p.m. |
| B. | 30 | -- | Open House -- Higgins Education Center -- 5:30 p.m. |
| C. | 30 | -- | Open House -- Palatine High School -- 7:00 p.m. |
| D. | 30 | -- | Open House -- William Fremd High School -- 7:00 p.m. |
| E. | 30 | -- | Open House -- James B. Conant High School -- 7:00 p.m. |
| F. | 30 | -- | Open House -- Schaumburg High School -- 7:00 p.m. |
| G. | 30 | -- | Open House -- Hoffman Estates High School -- 7:00 p.m. |
| H. September | 3 | -- | Labor Day -- All District Buildings Closed |
| I. | 20 | -- | Next Board of Education Meeting -- 7:30 p.m. |

Closed Session

President Burke made an announcement that there was no need for the Board of Education to enter closed session, if there were no objections. There were no objections.

Board Members' Discussion of the Evening's Board of Education Meeting

Mrs. Burke asked if Board members wished to share their impressions about this evening's Board of Education meeting. No one offered remarks about the meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, President Burke thereupon declared the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, District 211

President, District 211