Board of Education Meeting Recap

The Township High School District 211 Board of Education met on Thursday, April 4, 2019, in the Anne Koller Board Meeting Room at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center. The following is a recap of items that were acted upon at the meeting.

Recognitions

The Board of Education recognized District 211 student state award winners from the Business Professionals of America (BPA), Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), and Debate state activity competitions. The complete list of BPA students recognized at the meeting from Conant, Hoffman Estates, and Schaumburg High Schools; HOSA students from Fremd High School; and Debate students from Fremd, Conant, and Schaumburg High Schools is available here.

The Board recognized three Fremd High School students for earning the highest possible composite score on a recent American College Test (ACT) college entrance examination: **Sidharth Addepalli, Anmol Desaim,** and **Aditya Prathap.** The ACT is taken by 60% of college-bound students each year, with less than one-tenth of one percent earning a top score. The complete list of District 211 students recognized for ACT achievements can be found here/.

The Board also recognized two District 211 staff members. Hoffman Estates High School Mathematics Teacher and Girls Bowling Coach **Daniel Pfligler** was honored for being named Girls Bowling Illinois State Coach of the Year. Conant High School Business Education Department Chair and Business Professionals of America (BPA) Sponsor **Patricia Ertl** was recognized for receiving the Ronald Ciastko Outstanding Illinois BPA Advisor Award.

The Board honored one individual from several local businesses for each District 211 high school who has given their time as part of the Northwest Educational Council for Student Success (NECSS) career trek program. Each year, District 211 reaches out to local businesses to host career treks allowing students to have a "behind the scenes" tour of different businesses that are connected to students' future career choices. The NECSS Business Partnership honorees included:

- Rosa Botello, Motorola Solutions
- Kathleen Burley, Golden Corridor Advanced Manufacturing Partnership
- John Jobst, Schaumburg Automedics, Inc.
- Cathy Kirin, Residential Construction Employers Council
- Ramya Vijay, Cisco Systems

Public Hearing on the Proposed Reduction-in-Force of Teaching Positions

In accordance with ILCS 5/24-12, the Board of Education conducted a public hearing to receive input on the administration's proposal for a reduction-in-force of teaching positions. After the public hearing, the following action on this agenda item was taken by the Board:

- Resolution Authorizing the Reduction-in-Force and Release of Non-Tenured Teachers
- Release of Sign Language Interpreters and First-Year Teacher Assistants

Presentation: Continuing Education and Evening Services

High School District 211 operates one of the area's longest-running continuing education programs. Opportunities for adults are offered in the areas of personal enrichment, English as a second language, and alternative evening high school coursework.

Personal enrichment courses are offered during the evening in arts and crafts, business and finance, real estate, fashion, home and garden, music and dance, and recreation and fitness. Also included are English as a second language courses for adults in all stages of language acquisition. The Continuing Education program includes an Alternative Night School for individuals who left high school and want to earn a high school diploma. While these continuing education programs support the enrichment of the adult community, evening services are offered at Higgins Education Center through Partners for Our Community (POC) that help families break barriers in basic health and family needs through a network of social services.

Associate Superintendent for Instruction **Lisa Small**, Director of Summer School and Community Outreach **Jerry Treviño**, Director of Human Resources **James Britton**, and Director of Administrative Services **Matthew Hildebrand** presented information to the Board of Education on the many opportunities and support services that District 211 and local contributing agencies offer community members ages 18 and older.

A copy of the presentation is available here.

Approval of Minutes

The Board of Education approved the minutes from its regular meeting on March 14, 2019.

Student-Built Homes

Since fall 2017, students across the District enrolled in the Building Construction program have worked building two homes that will be listed for sale in the coming weeks. The Board of Education took action to list the homes with Re/Max upon their substantial completion, but not later than May 3, 2019. One home, located at 155 E. Glade Street in Palatine, is approximately 3,100 square feet with four bedrooms and two and one-half bathrooms, and will be listed at \$740,000. The second home, located at 12N475 Berner Road in Elgin, has five bedrooms and three bathrooms, and will be listed at \$465,000. An open house for the Palatine home will be held on April 14, 2019, from 1:00-4:00 p.m., while an open house for the Elgin home will be held on April 28, 2019, from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Next Board of Education Meeting

The next scheduled regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2019, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Anne Koller Board Meeting Room at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center.