

Board of Education Meeting Recap

The Township High School District 211 Board of Education met on Thursday, February 13, 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.

Recognitions

The Board of Education recognized the [James B. Conant High School Cheerleading Squad](#) for winning the state championship in the coed team division. Also recognized at the meeting were [Illinois Music Educators Association](#) all-state student honorees from Conant and William Fremd High Schools.

The Board recognized Conant High School student **Mohansrinivas Chennakesavalu** for achieving a score of 36 on the American College Test (ACT). On average, less than one-tenth of one percent of all ACT test takers earn a top score. Since 1998, District 211 has now had 61 students earn a score of 36 on the ACT.

Fremd High School Music Teacher and Orchestra Director **Marla Caballero** was honored by the Board for receiving the Outstanding School Teacher Award for 2014 from the Illinois Chapter of the American String Teachers Association. This award recognizes a teacher who has achieved and maintained excellence in their orchestra program.

Approval of Minutes

The Board of Education approved the minutes from its regular meeting on [January 16, 2014](#).

Combined Charities Campaign Report

This school year, High School District 211 employees contributed \$35,821 to the 2013-2014 Combined Charities Campaign. This program offered employees the opportunity to donate to the charity of their choice. In addition to the United Way, the Combined Charities program includes over 1,000 organizations serving our communities, including the High School District 211 Foundation and several District 211 school-based charitable causes. The contributions made this year helped benefit numerous local, state, and national charities.

The success of this campaign would not have been possible without the outstanding efforts of the Combined Charities Campaign coordinators/representatives at each District 211 building. The following individuals assisted in coordinating District 211's fundraising efforts: Palatine High School Assistant Principal **Michael Alther**, Fremd High School Dean of Students **Kim Glaser**, Conant High School Assistant Principal **Talbott Behnken**, Schaumburg High School Assistant Principal **Marchel Rogers**, Hoffman Estates High School Assistant Principal **Brigid Tileston**, Academy-North Program Administrator **Francesca Anderson**, Academy-South Program Administrator **Amy Friel**, Director of Transportation **Raymond Gawron**, Publications Assistant **Rebecca Rolph**, and Director of Community Relations **Thomas Petersen**.

Site Lease Agreement – AT&T Wireless

The Board of Education approved a site lease agreement with AT&T Wireless for the southeast stadium light pole at William Fremd High School. The light pole will house a cellular antenna location, with AT&T agreeing to pay District 211 a total of \$725,501 for a 20-year site lease at the school. Currently, there are no lease agreements or antennas at Fremd High School, and granting the site lease does not adversely affect the school district's use of the property.

Additional information on the site lease agreement is available [here](#).

Village of Palatine Intergovernmental Agreement

The Board of Education approved the Village of Palatine Intergovernmental Agreement, requesting fueling access for fire engines and ambulances at Palatine High School. The Fire District will only access pumps during non-peak transportation working hours and will be invoiced monthly for actual fuel usage. District 211 will not see any adverse effects from the approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement.

Additional information on the Intergovernmental Agreement is available [here](#).

Life Safety Survey Amendment

The Board of Education accepted the life safety amendments for Fremd and Conant High Schools, and authorized that the appropriate documents be filed with the Cook County Regional Office of Education and the Illinois State Board of Education.

The architectural firm of Arcon Associates, Incorporated conducted a brief survey amendment of District facilities and submitted a report on the compliance status

of each building. Special attention was paid to the Conant High School roof and a Fremd High School skylight. Through the survey, these areas were found in need of repair due to their existing condition for the risk of potential leaks. These items were not identified in the 2010 life safety survey. The amendment contains no recommendations that pose an immediate danger or require immediate action. However, due to the nature of existing conditions and the scope of the projects, the anticipated timeline of work would be this summer to ensure repairs are completed before conditions worsen. The estimated cost associated with the projects is \$1,462,000 for the Conant High School roof, and \$248,000 for the Fremd High School skylight.

Administrative Appointments

Superintendent-Elect **Daniel Cates** is pleased to announce the following administrative appointments:

The Board of Education approved the appointment of **Robert Small** as 12-month assistant principal for buildings and grounds at Conant High School, effective July 1, 2014. Dr. Small is currently student services director at Conant High School. Previously, Dr. Small had also served as a 12-month assistant principal in the discipline office at Conant High School, a position he began with the 2009-2010 school year. In 2005, Dr. Small was the District's director of educational technology prior to being appointed 12-month assistant principal at Conant High School. Previously he served as technology coordinator at both Conant and Hoffman Estates High Schools. Prior to that, Dr. Small taught mathematics at Hoffman Estates High School. Dr. Small received his bachelor's degree in secondary mathematics education from Indiana University, and a master's degree in secondary mathematics education from DePaul University. He earned a certificate of advanced study and his Type 75 Administrative Certificate from National Louis University, and, most recently, his doctorate in curriculum and instruction from Loyola University in Chicago.

The Board approved the appointment of **Craig Kersemeier** as 12-month assistant principal for discipline at Fremd High School, effective July 1, 2014. Mr. Kersemeier is currently a 10-month assistant principal at Palatine High School, a position he has held since 2007. Mr. Kersemeier started his career in education at Palatine High School in 1994 as an English and Spanish teacher. From 2002-2007, Mr. Kersemeier served as the school's English department chair. Mr. Kersemeier received his bachelor's degree in English literature from Stanford University in Palo Alto, CA, where he also received his master's degree in education. Mr. Kersemeier completed coursework for his Type 75 Administrative Certificate through National Louis University in Chicago and is currently working on his doctorate through Loyola University in Chicago.

The Board approved the appointment of **Russell Cumings** as 12-month assistant principal for buildings and grounds at Schaumburg High School, effective July 1, 2014. Mr. Cumings will be returning to a position he held from 2006 to 2010, before transferring to his current position at Hoffman Estates High School as 12-month assistant principal for buildings and grounds. From 2001 to 2006, Mr. Cumings was an assistant principal in the Independence 30 School District in Independence, MO. Mr. Cumings began his teaching career in Independence 30 School District as a physical education teacher in 1997. Mr. Cumings received both his bachelor's and master's degrees in physical education from Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, KS. He received a doctorate degree in Sport Pedagogy from the University of Georgia in Athens and completed his coursework in educational leadership from the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

The Board approved the appointment of **Joshua Schumacher** as 12-month assistant principal for buildings and grounds at Hoffman Estates High School, effective July 1, 2014. Mr. Schumacher has been the lead disciplinarian at Hoffman Estates High School since 2012. Previously, Mr. Schumacher served as a 10-month assistant principal at Hoffman Estates High School during the 2011-2012 school year. Mr. Schumacher has been at Hoffman Estates since 2002, teaching biology and physical science, and served as dean of students during the 2009-2010 school year. Mr. Schumacher received his bachelor's degree in biological science from Illinois State University in Normal and his master's degree in curriculum and instruction from Olivet Nazarene University in Kankakee, IL. Mr. Schumacher also received a master's degree in educational administration from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb and is working on his doctorate in curriculum and instruction from Illinois State University.

The Board approved the appointment of **Brigid Tileston** as 12-month assistant principal for discipline at Hoffman Estates High School, effective July 1, 2014. Mrs. Brigid Tileston is currently a 10-month assistant principal at the school, a position she has held since 2012. Mrs. Tileston began her career in District 211 as the English department chair at Fremd High School in 2009. Previously, she taught English and was a level leader at Neuqua Valley High School in Naperville Community Unit School District 204 from 2002 to 2009. Mrs. Tileston began her teaching career as an English teacher in Elmbrook School District in Brookfield, WI, from 1998 to 2002. Mrs. Tileston received her bachelor's degree in secondary education from Marquette University in Milwaukee, WI, in 1998. In 2006, she earned her master's degree in educational leadership from Concordia University in River Forest, IL.

The Board approved the appointment of **Mark Langer** as 10-month assistant principal at Palatine High School, effective August 12, 2014. Mr. Langer is currently a 10-month assistant principal at Conant High School. Previously, Mr. Langer served as dean of students at Palatine High School. He began his teaching career in 2003 as a science teacher at Palatine High School, and also

served as the school's Title I coordinator. Mr. Langer received his bachelor's degree in food sciences and human nutrition from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1999. He completed his master's degree in secondary education from National Louis University in 2003. In 2011, he completed a second master's degree in educational administration from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb.

The Board approved the appointment of **Courtney Buss** as 10-month assistant principal at Conant High School, effective August 12, 2014. Ms. Buss is currently an applied technology teacher at Conant High School, and she is currently serving as the school's dean of students. Ms. Buss began her teaching career in High School District 211 in 2009 as an applied technology teacher at Conant High School. She earned her bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Illinois-Chicago and earned a master's degree in education from National Louis University in Chicago. Ms. Buss also completed her administrative coursework at Concordia University in River Forest, IL.

The Board approved the appointment of **Kimberly Glaser** as 10-month assistant principal at Fremd High School, effective August 12, 2014. Mrs. Glaser, an English teacher at Fremd High School, is serving in her first year as the school's dean of students. Mrs. Glaser began her career as an English teacher at Neuqua Valley High School in Naperville, Ill., and remained there for six years before moving to Fremd High School in 2012. Mrs. Glaser earned her bachelor's degree in English from the University of Iowa in Iowa City, and she earned her master's degree in school improvement leadership from Olivet Nazarene University in Kankakee, IL.

The Board approved the appointment of **Luis Arroyo** as 10-month assistant principal at Hoffman Estates High School, effective August 12, 2014. Mr. Arroyo will be joining the Hoffman Estates High School administrative team from his current position as dean of students at Elmwood Park High School, a position he has held since 2007. Mr. Arroyo began his teaching career at Alexander Graham School in Chicago in 2000 as a physical education instructor, before moving to Elmwood Park High School. Mr. Arroyo earned his bachelor's degree in physical education and his master's degree in educational leadership from Concordia University in River Forest, IL.

The Board approved the appointment of **Daniel Andersen** as 10-month assistant principal at Hoffman Estates High School, effective August 12, 2014. Mr. Andersen is currently a science teacher at Hoffman Estates High School. He began his teaching career in District 211 in 2003 as a science teacher at Hoffman Estates High School and also served as the school's dean of students during the 2011-2012 school year. Mr. Andersen earned his bachelor's degree in environmental biology from Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, his master's degree in teaching from National Louis University in Chicago, and a second

master's degree in educational administration from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb.

The Board approved the appointment of **Brigit Cain** as student services director at Conant High School, effective July 1, 2014. Mrs. Cain is currently a school psychologist at Hoffman Estates High School and has served as the District Response to Intervention (RtI) coordinator. Mrs. Cain began her career in District 211 in 2009. She earned her bachelor's degree in psychology and her master's degree in school psychology from the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign. Mrs. Cain completed her educational administrative coursework at Concordia University in River Forest, IL.

Next Board of Education Meeting

The next scheduled regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, March 20, 2014, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Anne Koller Board Meeting Room at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center.