

Welcome ...

to a
Meeting
of the
Board
of
Education

As your representatives in the policy making decisions which guide the operation of the district's schools, we appreciate your interest and attendance.

This brochure explains how the Board of Education functions.



TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 211

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS OF EXCELLENCE



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Meet Your Board of Education ...



President
Robert LeFevre, Jr.

Robert LeFevre, Jr. was elected to the Board of Education in April, 2005, and re-elected in April, 2009. He has served as Board president since May, 2007. Mr. LeFevre has been practicing public accounting as principal of LeFevre & Associates since 1990. Mr. LeFevre, a 1985 graduate of William

Fremd High School, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Northern Illinois University, a Master of Business Administration from NIU, and a Master of Science degree in Taxation from DePaul University. He is a licensed Certified Public Accountant, a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER practitioner, and a Registered Investment Advisor. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Illinois CPA Society, and has co-authored and published several cost management articles. Mr. LeFevre is an active volunteer and PTA member in District 15.



Anna Klimkowicz

Anna Klimkowicz was elected to the Board of Education in 1997 and re-elected in 2001, 2005, and 2009. She twice served as Board secretary from 1999-2001 and 2007-2009. She has been recognized by the Illinois Association of School Boards as a "Master School Board Member." She served on the governing board of the Northwest Suburban

Special Education Organization as the District representative from 1998-2008 and vice president from 2000-2006. Mrs. Klimkowicz is employed by Schaumburg Township as an executive assistant for Welfare Services. She earned her associate's degree in general arts from Oakton Community College, holds a bachelor's degree in business education from Northern Illinois University, and earned a master's degree in public administration from Roosevelt University. She serves as the chairperson of the Village of Schaumburg Peer Jury Oversight Committee. Mrs. Klimkowicz has served as the Schaumburg Township Council of PTA's president and treasurer. In addition, she has served as president of Jane Addams Junior High School and Blackwell Elementary PTAs. Mrs. Klimkowicz continues to serve the Girl Scouts in an advisory role. She received the organization's Outstanding Volunteer Award in 2002, Beaman/Denoyer Award in 2003, and the Outstanding Leader Award in 2004. She also served three years as vice president of Boy Scouts Learning for Life Program. She has served on various Schaumburg High School V.I.P. Club committees. Mrs. Klimkowicz received a "Those Who Excel" award from the Illinois State Board of Education in 2002.

Responsibilities

The Board of Education has complete and final control over local school matters subject only to limitations imposed by State and Federal law. No one member or group of members may act in the name of the Board.

Major responsibilities of the Board of Education are to express and represent the view of the community in matters affecting education, determine education standards and goals, adopt policies for the administration of the school system, employ a Superintendent of Schools, authorize the appointment of teachers and other staff members, approve curriculum, secure money for school operational needs and building programs, and authorize expenditures.



Vice President
George Brandt

George Brandt was elected to the Board of Education in April, 2007, and elected Board vice president in April, 2009. Mr. Brandt is president of American Sod Corp. He has been involved with several educational foundations: served for nine years on the District 15 Foundation Board of Trustees, including

three years as an officer; was a founding member of the University of Wisconsin's Foundation (W.T.F.) and served on the Board of Trustees for six years; and has been a board member for three years and is currently an officer in L.I.F., a foundation that provides research grants to universities world-wide. He has been a Board member for the Fremd High School Viking Boosters for five years, serving as an officer for three years and is currently president. Mr. Brandt, his wife, and all three of their children attended District 211 schools.



Lynn Davis

Lynn Davis was elected to the Board of Education in April, 1999 and was re-elected in 2003 and 2007. She served as Board vice president from April, 2007 to April, 2009, and served as Board secretary from April, 2003 to April, 2005. Mrs. Davis serves as the Board bid representative and the Board representative to the special education co-operatives

N.S.S.E.O. and L.I.C.A., as well as having served previously on the Board policy and facility committees. She has been recognized by the Illinois Association of School Boards with a "LeaderShop Academy" membership and as a "Master School Board Member." Mrs. Davis has worked for many years in companies and associations including United Airlines, BMW Auto Finance, and the Society of the Plastics Industry. She is currently working at a community hospital. She has been a member of Phi Theta Kappa Junior College Honor Society since 1988. Mrs. Davis completed her associate's degree in liberal arts from Harper College. In 2004, Mrs. Davis was nominated for a "Those Who Excel" award from the Illinois State Board of Education.



Theresa Tracy

Theresa Tracy was appointed a Board of Education member in March 2009, filling a vacant seat. A journalist and publishing professional with nearly 20 years of experience, Ms. Tracy focused her career on education issues. Currently, Ms. Tracy is employed as a personnel and outreach coordinator at

the University of Illinois Extension. In this role, she coordinates recruitment and hiring, designs and delivers professional development workshops, and implements promotional strategies that increase public awareness of Extension's educational programs. Most recently, she served as Managing Editor of Medical Journals at the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) where she oversaw the editing, production, translation, and distribution of continuing education publications for pediatricians. Prior to AAP, Ms. Tracy was a staff reporter at the Chicago Tribune for two years, covering education issues, and still is a freelance education reporter for the newspaper. In 1995, Ms. Tracy founded Shades, a self-esteem magazine for young women of color, which she continues to publish in print and online. Ms. Tracy has been active in community groups including Girl Scouts of Chicago, the Chicago Coalition for Girls, YMCA, and YWCA. She earned her bachelor's degree in print journalism from Roosevelt University's College of Communications in 1998, and has since completed coursework at the University Of Chicago Graham School Of Publishing.



Secretary
Debra Strauss

Debra Strauss was elected to the Board of Education in April, 1999 and re-elected in 2003 and 2007. She was elected Board secretary in April, 2009, having previously served in that capacity from 2001-2003. She served as Board president from 2003-2007.

She has been recognized by the Illinois Association of School Boards as a "Master School Board Member." Mrs. Strauss served as chair of the District 15 Educational Foundation from 2002-2004. She has been active as a community volunteer since 1988. From 1993-1997, she was the administrative assistant to the dean of National College of Education at National-Louis University. She graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in child development and education. Mrs. Strauss served as the Illinois PTA leadership development chair from 1997-1999 and the legislation chair from 1999-2003. In 1998, the Northwest Suburban Council PTA/PTSA awarded her an Illinois PTA honorary lifetime membership award. She served as Plum Grove Junior High School PTA president from 1994-1996 and was Northwest Suburban Council PTA president from 1996-1998. In 1992 and again in 2005, she was recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education with a "Those Who Excel" award. In 2007, she was elected president-elect for Illinois PTA and will begin serving as president July 1, 2009, completing her term on July 1, 2011. Mrs. Strauss served as vice chair of Education Research Development/Legislative (Ed-Red) during the 2005-2006 school year, and has served as chair since July 2006.



Edward M. Yung

Edward Yung was elected to the Board of Education in April, 2009. Mr. Yung is a licensed architect in the State of Illinois and is certified as a rehabilitation construction specialist by the National Association of Housing & Redevelopment Officials. Since 1990, he has operated an architectural firm, Yung Architects

LLC, involved in rehabilitation and renovation of residential, commercial, religious, and educational projects. His educational clients have included the University of Chicago and Northeastern Illinois University. His architectural career includes serving as staff architect at CNA insurance, as well as working for the Illinois Housing Development Authority and the Chicago Housing Authority. Mr. Yung earned his bachelor's degree in architectural studies in 1975, and a master of architecture degree in 1981, both from the University of Illinois. Mr. Yung served on the District 15 Board of Education from 1997-2005. He has been recognized by the Illinois Association of School Boards as a "Master School Board Member," and was named a "Those Who Excel" award-winner by the Illinois State Board of Education in 2001. He also received the "Distinguished Service to Public Education" award by the National School Board Association in 2005.

Membership

The Board of Education is composed of seven members elected by citizens of the school district. A Board member receives no salary and may seek reelection to any number of terms.

School board elections are held and regulated by State mandates. To be a qualified candidate, a person must be a registered voter, 18 years old or older, and a resident of the State and the district for at least one year immediately preceding the election. Board officers are chosen by the members.

Meetings

The Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center, 1750 South Roselle Road, in Palatine. A Board of Education meeting schedule is posted at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center, at each of the district's five high schools, and on the District's web site (www.d211.org). Special meetings may be called by the president or by any three Board of Education members by giving a 48-hour notice stating the time, place, and purpose of the meeting.

A copy of the agenda for all regular meetings is available at the Administration Center two days before each meeting.

Meetings are open to the public so that the citizens of our district may view the work of the Board of Education. Closed sessions, which are not open to the public, are convened to allow the Board of Education to discuss collective bargaining negotiations; real estate; pending litigation; sale or purchase of securities and investments; employment of individuals; matters relating to individual students; and security.

Voting on all issues, including those matters discussed in closed session, is completed in public. To be approved, an issue must receive a favorable majority vote.

Citizen Participation

The Board of Education provides time at its regular meetings for citizens to express interest in and concerns about the district's schools. However, matters concerning an individual school should be discussed first with the principal of that school. If the problem cannot be resolved at the school, it should be brought to the Superintendent.

Individuals or groups who wish to speak to the Board of Education are recognized near the start of the meeting, as set forth in the Board of Education agenda. After recognition, spokespersons must identify themselves and the topic on which they wish to speak. Generally, the presentation is limited to five minutes. The chair reserves the right to limit the number of individuals or groups recognized to speak.

Individuals or groups who wish a reply, discussion, data, or study of a subject should submit their requests in writing to the Superintendent by 4:30 p.m. on the third working day before the Board of Education meeting. Each request must state purposes and topics to be presented.

Members of the audience may not address the Board of Education during its deliberation of issues.

Superintendent of Schools



Nancy N. Robb

Nancy N. Robb was named High School District 211's sixth superintendent of schools on May 15, 2008, by the Board of Education, effective January 1, 2009. Prior to being named superintendent, she was the District's associate superintendent for instruction, a position she held since 2004. Dr. Robb joined District 211 in 1980 as career counselor at Schaumburg High School. She served as the school's student services director from 1983 to 1990, when she was named principal at Palatine High School. Dr. Robb served as the school's principal for 12 years until being named assistant superintendent in 2002. Dr. Robb graduated with a bachelor's degree in physical education and health from Wittenberg University (Springfield, Ohio) in 1973. She earned her master's degree in education with certification in guidance and counseling from the University of Pittsburgh in 1974, and her doctorate in educational administration and supervision from Roosevelt University in 2000. During her principalship, Palatine High School was named a "New American High School" (2000), received the Character Education Award (2000), and two Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Awards (1993 and 2000) from the U.S. Department of Education. Palatine High School also was named among the nation's "Top 99" high schools by *U.S. News & World Report* (1999). As associate superintendent, she directed development of the District 211 Freshman, Sophomore, and ESL Summer Academy programs and provided leadership in the creation of the Academy-North alternative school. Dr. Robb was honored by the Illinois State Board of Education with a *Those Who Excel* Award in 1993, and received a Distinguished Alumni Citation from her alma mater, Wittenberg University, in 1997.

Mission Statement

The Mission of Township High School District 211 is to serve the educational needs of the community by developing and implementing quality programs which challenge students to achieve their potential to become contributing, informed citizens capable of meeting the demands of a changing world."

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