

MINUTES

The Minutes of the First Business Meeting
of the Month of December of the Board of Education
Township High School District 214 held on December 9, 2021
at the Forest View Educational Center,
2121 S. Goebbert Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois
at 7:00 p.m.

President Dussling called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and L. Keyes called the roll. The following members were present:

William Dussling	President
Mildred Palmer	Vice President
Mark Hineman	Member
Alva Kreutzer	Member
Dan Petro	Member
Andrea Rauch	Member

Absent at roll call:

Lenny Walker	Member
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Also present at the meeting were: D. Schuler, superintendent; C. Johnson, associate superintendent for finance and operations; K. Kraft, associate superintendent for human resources; L. Lopez, associate superintendent for teaching and learning; M. Johnson, assistant superintendent for student services; J. Wardle, principal, BGHS; P. Kelly, principal, EGHS; G. Minter, principal, PHS; V. Norris, principal, specialized programs; P. Mogge, director of community engagement and outreach; T. Schlorff, director of instructional technology and technology services; L. Keyes, executive assistant to the school board and superintendent; staff members; parents; students; and citizens.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Dussling led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE

President Dussling led a moment of silence in support of Oxford High School, Michigan and offered condolences to everyone affected by the tragedy.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by A. Kreutzer and seconded by D. Petro that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 11, 2021 and the closed session of November 11, 2021.

Upon roll call, the motion carried.

Ayes: Hineman, Kreutzer, Palmer, Petro, Rauch, Dussling

Nays: None

4. STUDENT, STAFF AND COMMUNITY PARTNER RECOGNITION

The following students were recognized for their achievements in the areas indicated:

Prospect High School

IHSA State Girls XC Meet - 2nd Place

Sophia Anast

Bridget Derengowski

Head Coach - Pete Wintermute

Asst. Coaches - Lisa Cottrell and Kenny Johnson

Hailey Erickson
Sophie Fransen
Audrey Ginsberg
Lily Ginsberg
Cam Kalaway
Samantha Patterson
Jillian Sawadski
Emma Skelton
Kaitlin Skelton
Ireland Wildhart
Veronica Znajda

JEA/NSPA Journalism Convention - Superior Rating, Sports Writing

Cameron Sullivan, senior Adviser - Jason Block

National Scholastic Press Assn. - Best of Show/5th Place, TV News Program

Juliet Aquino Adviser - Jason Block
Emma Letzig
Nolan Hamilton
Matthew Niemczyk
Henry Kauke
Katherine Lytle
Jacob Siciliano
Alyssa Degan
Tito Gavin

NSPA Pacemaker Award - Finalist

Charlie Dahlgren Adviser - Jason Block
Joey Delahunty
Alexis Esparza
Kailie Foley
Olivia Kim
Kevin Lynch
Marina Makropoulos
Abby McKenna
Alyssa Schulz
Cameron Sullivan

The following Community Partners were recognized:

- Postsecondary Partners

Arizona State University

Julie Hester, Director of Partnership Operations, ASU Prep Digital
Kimberly Merritt, Vice President and Deputy, ASU Learning Enterprise

Harper College

Dr. Travaris Harris, Interim Associate Provost for Academics
Jaime Riewerts - Dean of Liberal Arts
Sharon Rainbolt - Dual Credit Coordinator

National Louis University

Aarti Dhupelia, Vice President, Undergraduate Education & Dean, Undergraduate College
Chrissy Hart, Director of General Education
Pauline DeGrazia, Director of Undergraduate Programming
Marty Mickey, Vice President of Finance

Lewis University

Ray Kennelly, Senior Vice President for Enrollment Management and Chief Strategy Officer
Dr. Ryan Phillips, Department Chairman of Aviation & Transportation
Chris Stevens, Director of Aviation Admission

- Transportation Partner

IDOT traffic engineer, John Janikowski
Cook County Commissioner, 14th District, Scott Britton

5. PUBLIC HEARING, TAX LEVY

President Dussling called the Tax Levy Public Hearing to order at 7:23 p.m.
Associate Superintendent Cathy Johnson reviewed the proposed Tax Levy.

Public comment:

- A. Boyer addressed the Board regarding the tax levy
- K. Murschel addressed the Board regarding the tax levy
- E. Bauer Addressed the Board regarding the tax levy

The Public Hearing closed at 7:33 p.m.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

D. Schuler reported that the district responded to the following Freedom of Information Act requests consistent with Illinois School Code:

- a. E. Bauer requested bid, financial and contract information
- b. R. Clark requested financial information
- c. T. Vuong requested operational information
- d. M. Leverenz/TK Elevator Corp requested maintenance agreements
- e. E. Wojcik requested curriculum info and vendor receipts
- f. R. Cortez/IFT requested personnel information

D. Schuler introduced Jason Coyle from Baker Tilly, the firm which conducted the D214 financial audit. He reviewed the financial statements presented to the Board and answered questions from the Board. He noted the District earned AA1 Moody's Bond Rating, the ISBE 4.0 out of 4.0 rating, the Excellence in Financial Reporting Award and the Illinois Association of School Business Officials Meritorious Budget Award and commended the district on their high level of transparency.

D. Schuler provided the Board a copy of the quarterly food service report.

D. Schuler provided the Board a copy of the annual bond record keeping letter.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- E. Bauer addressed the Board about concerns with curriculum and communication
- E. Battaglia addressed the Board regarding parent communication and parent involvement opportunities in schools

8. BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

M. Hineman reported the Prospect Service Club supported the annual “You Got Gobbled” Food Drive, the 52nd annual Food Drive at Hersey High School collected more than 40,000 cans, and the 28th annual Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive was organized by the RMHS Rotary Interact Club.

M. Hineman reported that Prep Hockey, made up of students from PHS, EGHS and RMHS are having a great year and are currently 10-0.

A. Kreutzer reported that in November, Elk Grove Village made the third installment of five \$100,000 donations to support the renovation of the Elk Grove High School advanced manufacturing lab.

A. Kreutzer reported the Hersey High Special Olympics team has been rebranded as a District 214 Special Olympics team, with students participating in everything from volleyball and snowshoeing to downhill skiing. The volleyball team won a second place trophy at a state competition in Rockford earlier this year.

Eleven Life program students earned college credit: two students successfully completed English 101 with amazing support of the Early College Center, and nine students successfully completed dual credit courses. Another Life student completed their US citizenship and can utilize adult services.

A. Kreutzer reported she attended the Elk Grove Village annual TIF meeting and there was discussion of the Busse farmland but no new proposed TIFs.

A. Kreutzer reported that she attended the Illinois Association of School Boards Conference in November in Chicago as the D214 delegate. There were 411 delegates in attendance, new officers were elected, and many resolutions were approved by the delegation. She will serve on the Audit Committee and will Chair the 2022 Conference Committee. Board members thanked her for her service.

M. Palmer reported that earlier tonight, Prospect student and sportswriter Cam Sullivan was recognized with a Superior rating in the annual National Student Media Contest held last month--the only student sportswriter to achieve that recognition this year. The Knight Media team took fifth place among TV news programs, the school's third straight top 10 finish at this national student journalism competition.

M. Palmer reported that the District celebrated National Apprenticeship Week in November, highlighting the 20 current seniors across the district who currently are in paid apprenticeship positions. Their positions range from athletic trainers to nursing assistants to multimedia, with jobs in the district and in local businesses.

M. Palmer reported that she participated in the annual Rotary Santa Run and many participants and volunteers were from District 214.

A. Rauch reported Buffalo Grove High School hosted the Hispanic Heritage Summit 2021 for 600 students who identify Spanish as their home language. The summit was designed by teachers and support staff. Students could choose from a variety of activities, including art activities, trivia, interactive displays and music. Arts Unlimited funding helped bring in the Academy of Salsa to teach dance, while Food Services created a special menu.

A. Rauch commented that she appreciated educators, administrators and support personnel for helping students prepare for finals and offering extra tutoring time. She also recognized the schools for educating students on the many different cultural traditions celebrating the holiday season.

B. Dussling reported that he had attended the Wheeling HS musical “Crybaby,” which was chosen for the Illinois Theater Festival. He has attended the holiday concerts at Hersey, Prospect and Wheeling and looks forward to performances at Rolling Meadows and Elk Grove this weekend.

9. APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR 2021-163 through 2021-169
 Items 2021-163 through 2021-169 appearing on the Consent Calendar were presented for the Board’s consideration. A. Kreutzer asked for items 2021-166 and 2021-167 be considered separately.

It was moved by A. Kreutzer and seconded by M. Palmer that the Board of Education approve Items 2021-163 through 2021-165 and items 2021-168 through 2021-169 appearing on the Consent Calendar as presented.

Upon roll call, the motion carried.

Ayes: Dussling, Hineman, Kreutzer, Palmer, Petro, Rauch

Nayes: None

A. Approve Accounts Payable 2021-163

Actual November 11, 2021 listing:	
Educational Fund Listing	\$1,104,702.48
Operations and Maintenance	476,619.44
Transportation Fund	459,790.57
Capital Projects	184,523.80
TOTAL	\$2,225,636.29

Checks Dated: November 11, 2021

Check Numbers: 748412-748907

Actual November 23, 2021 listing:	
Educational Fund Listing	\$736,118.00
Operations and Maintenance	134,798.79
Transportation Fund	951,350.00
Capital Projects	3,508.81
TOTAL	\$1,825,775.60

Checks Dated: November 23, 2021

Check Numbers: 748908-749308

The Board approved the accounts payable for November 11 and November 23, 2021

B. Personnel Transaction Report 2021-164

The Board approved the personnel transaction report.

The approved personnel transaction report attached to these minutes.

C. Destruction of Closed Meeting Audio Recordings 2021-165

The Board approved the destruction of closed session audio recordings for the following meetings: June 11, 2020

D. Student Photography and Memorabilia—RFP 2021-168
The Board approved the student photography and memorabilia RFP.

E. Intergovernmental Agreement, Rolling Meadows Park District 2021-169
The Board approved the Intergovernmental agreement with Rolling Meadows Park District, attached.

10. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL
Educational Tour, Spain, Hersey High School 2021-166
Educational Tour, France and Spain, Buffalo Grove High School 2021-167

It was moved by A. Kreutzer and seconded by M. Palmer that the Board of Education approve the educational tours to Spain and France.

A. Kreutzer asked about travel insurance and cancellation policies. D. Schuler explained the mandatory student insurance policy required for each trip. Board discussion followed.

Upon roll call, the motion carried.

Ayes: Hineman, Kreutzer, Palmer, Petro, Rauch, Dussling

Nays: None

11. 2021 TAX LEVY 2021-170
It was moved by A. Kreutzer and seconded by M. Hinemen that the Board of Education approve the 2021 Tax Levy as presented.

Discussion: A. Kreutzer asked C. Johnson to explain the property tax difference between undeveloped farmland and improved residential lots. The 6B property designation was also explained; the designation providing for a lesser taxation rate. Board discussion followed.

Upon roll call, the motion carried.

Ayes: Hineman, Kreutzer, Palmer, Petro, Rauch, Dussling

Nays: None

12. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL TAX LEVY TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON OUTSTANDING LIMITED BONDS OF TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 214, COOK COUNTY 2021-171

It was moved by M. Hineman and seconded by D. Petro that the Board of Education approve the resolution authorizing a supplemental tax levy to pay the principal and interest on outstanding limited bonds of Township High School District 214.

Upon roll call, the motion carried.

Ayes: Hineman, Kreutzer, Palmer, Petro, Rauch, Dussling

Nays: None

13. CLOSED SESSION
It was moved by A. Kreutzer and seconded by D. Petro that the Board of Education convene in Closed Session for the purpose of discussing:

- The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual

who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with [the Open Meetings Act]. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), amended by P.A. 101-459;

- The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(10)

Upon roll call, the motion carried.

Ayes: Hineman, Kreutzer, Palmer, Petro, Rauch, Dussling

Nays: None

The Board convened in Closed Session at 8:23 p.m.

14. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

It was moved by D. Petro and seconded by A. Rauch that the Board of Education reconvene in Open Session.

Upon roll call, the motion carried.

Ayes: Hineman, Kreutzer, Palmer, Petro, Rauch, Dussling

Nays: None

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 8:45 p.m.

15. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by A. Kreutzer and seconded by D. Petro to adjourn. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

William J. Dussling, president

Mildred Palmer, vice president