



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

ELMHURST COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 205

February 8, 2022 Board Meeting Highlights

Fischer Classroom Addition/Renovations Bids

The Board approved, on consent portion of the agenda, bids that were submitted for the classroom addition and renovations for Fischer Elementary School. The project includes three phases of work that will begin at the end of March with the addition of six classrooms, new restrooms and classroom/hallway reconfiguration. The next two phases, inclusive of the renovation of the media center, a makerspace, corridor renovations and more are slated for completion at the end of August.

Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement for 435 West Fullerton Avenue, Elmhurst, Illinois

The Board Approved the Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement for 435 West Fullerton Avenue, Elmhurst, Illinois for the creation of a maintenance storage facility for large equipment and other tools that are used by the district. You can hear the Board's discussion regarding this purchase [here](#).

Abatement Resolution

The Board did not move forward with the resolution to transfer funds from the operations and maintenance fund to the bond and interest fund and abate a portion of the taxes levied for the year 2021 to pay debt service on the General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2015. Click [here](#) for more.

Elmhurst Police Education and Outreach Program

This year, Elmhurst District 205 is excited to continue to partner with the Elmhurst Police Department by offering the Elmhurst Police outreach and education program for students in 5th Grade for the Spring 2022 semester.

Similar to past practice with the D.A.R.E. program, Elmhurst Police Officers trained in this programming will engage with 5th Grade students at each elementary school for three (3) 60-minute sessions focusing on the following topics:

- Bullying/Dealing with Stressful Situations;
- Proper Decision Making/Risks and Consequences/Emotional Learning; and,
- Drug Abuse and Awareness.

Sessions are anticipated to begin in late February and March.

Superintendent's Communication

Dr. Campbell [reported](#) on the current status regarding a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) that was recently issued in the case known as *Austin vs. Pritzker* regarding masking and quarantine guidelines in some Illinois schools. In her update she shared that the importance of respect and kindness remain key as we move forward. We know that the pandemic has created challenges for all of us. We will continue to echo the necessity of fostering a climate of respect and acceptance for all community members, regardless of vaccination status or views on masking. Dr. Campbell also shared that we will move forward together with grace in service to our students and all D205 families.

Dr. Campbell then took a moment to recognize the hard work of our team members who are working countless hours, often behind the scenes, to provide every student with a remarkable experience. Our nurses in particular, continue to go above and beyond for every student every day in service to our community and we are so thankful to have them as a part of Team 205!