



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

ELMHURST COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 205

April 26, 2022 Board Meeting Highlights

Students Honored for PTA Reflections Awards

The board [recognized students](#) who placed in the PTA Reflections program. Delilah Kamins, an eighth grade student at Churchville Middle School is advancing to the nationals and honorable mentions were given to Elorah Kamins, third grade student at Fischer Elementary, for her entry "Elorah's Blood Adventure" in the Film Production category, Zack Smith, first grade student at Jackson Elementary, for his entry "Drums in the Dark" in the Music category, Nathan Martinez, fifth grade student at Field Elementary, for his entry "Staying Strong and Positive" in the Music category, Samantha Casper, third grade student at Hawthorne Elementary, for her entry "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" in the Visual Arts category.



IHSAE Recognition

York High School [students were recognized](#) for being selected to represent District 205 in the 2022 Illinois High School Art Exhibition (IHSAE). Caroline Dorion (drawing), Nikita Sidoryk (painting), Mary Braden (photography), Nicole Niemi (design) and Dana

Delaney (mixed media) will have their work featured in the Northern Regional Exhibition. Students Jake Barnhart, Caroline Dorion, Ava Eisa, Abby LaMorte, Nikita Sidoryk and Emma Wheatland received over \$1 million in art scholarship offers combined. Caroline, Jake, Ava and Nikita also have their pieces featured in the Senior Scholarship Exhibition.



York Badminton Coach Recognized for Induction into the IABC Hall of Fame

Gena Fite, Head Badminton Coach at York High School, was [recognized](#) for being inducted into the Illinois Association of Badminton Coaches (IABC) Hall of Fame. Coach Fite has coached the York Badminton team since 2018, and also coached at York from 1998-2006.



Student Services Presentation

Staff from Student Services provided an [update](#) to the Board regarding department updates and district services.

Approval of the 2022-2023 Board and Committee Calendar

The Board approved the proposed [2022-2023 Board and Committee meetings schedule](#).

ESSER Fund Update Presented

Staff provided an [update](#) regarding the funds provided by the federal government to state and local school districts through the CARES Act, the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Act (ESSER), and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Facility Rental Usage Fees for 22/23 School Year Approved

The Board of Education approved the [facility usage fees](#) for the 2022-2023 school year.

Student Fees Approved

The [EC-8 student fees for 2022-2023](#) as well as the [York High School student fees](#) for 2022-2023 were approved by the Board.

2022-2023 Summer Crew Hourly Rates Approved

The Board of Education approved the hourly rates for the 2022-2023 Summer Crews. The new rate, set at \$14.55/hr. To apply for a summer crew position, [click here](#).

Equal Opportunity Schools Agreement

The Board of Education approved the agreement to continue services with the provider, [Equal Opportunity Schools](#), for the school year 2022-2023.

Thiems Instructional Grants

The Board of Education approved a [donation from Foundation 205](#) in the amount of \$337,545 to support 36 Thiems Grants submitted by D205 educators, administrators and community members to advance educational opportunities for all students.

- Over \$118,000 to support 15 innovative education projects in K-5, including funding that impacts all 8 elementary schools.
- Nearly \$35,000 for 9 grants to advance opportunities across all middle schools.
- Over \$152,000 for 5 innovative grants at York High School.
- Nearly \$15,000 to support 5 social-emotional learning grants at Madison and the Transition Center
- \$7,000 for 2 grants to fund diverse books across all schools.