

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
LEMONT-BROMBEREK CSD 113A
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
OLD QUARRY MIDDLE SCHOOL – GYM
LEMONT, ILLINOIS 60439
Monday, August 21, 2023**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Damon Ascolani called to order the Business Meeting of the Lemont-Bromberek CSD 113A Board of Education at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 21, 2023 in the Old Quarry Middle School Gym.

A. Roll Call

Upon roll being called, the following board members were present: Damon Ascolani, President, Al Malley, Vice President, Bethany Martino, Secretary, Angela Andrus, Patrick Kerrigan, and Joseph Pogvara.

Board Members Absent: Kevin Collins.

Administration present: Dr. Anthony McConnell, Superintendent, Dr. Daniela Fountain, Assistant Superintendent, Heidi Rudy, Assistant Director of Student Services, Megan Mundt, Assistant Director of Student Services, Pat Crean, Director of Operations, Dr. Tracey Miller, Director of Teaching and Learning, Jake Smith, Director of Technology, Dimitra Georganas, Principal/Oakwood, Ryan Talaga, Assistant Principal/Oakwood, Kate Koch, Principal/River Valley, Sara Weeks, Assistant Principal/River Valley, Shirley Kleehammer, Principal/Central, Ali Lincoln, Assistant Principal/Central, Joe Sweeney, Principal/Old Quarry, Jennifer LaCombe, Assistant Principal/Old Quarry, and Dave Jones, Assistant Principal/Old Quarry.

Staff Present: Lauren Lysy, Carla McCowan, Kim Darche, Amanda Borchert, Peyton Schulz, Deb Jilek, Bev Orozco, Megan Wilson, Ali Marten, Colleen Hanson, and Andrea Parr.

Audience Members (from sign in sheet, if legible): None.

B. Pledge of Allegiance: Damon Ascolani.

C. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Bethany Martino, to approve the agenda as submitted.

Upon the voice vote called, the members voted as follows:

Angela Andrus	yes	
Damon Ascolani	yes	
Kevin Collins		absent
Patrick Kerrigan	yes	
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	yes	
Joseph Pogvara	yes	

With a vote of Yeas 6, Absent 1, the President declared the motion passed.

D. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Angela Andrus, to approve the open and closed session minutes dated July 26, 2023, as submitted.

Upon the voice vote called, the members voted as follows:

Angela Andrus	yes	
Damon Ascolani	yes	
Kevin Collins		absent
Patrick Kerrigan	yes	
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	yes	
Joseph Pogvara	yes	

With a vote of Yeas 6, Absent 1, the President declared the motion passed.

E. Recognition

- The Board of Education recognized Joe Sweeney, OQ Principal, for this publication of JJ's Toad-Ally Great Adventure.
- The Board of Education recognized Dave Jones, OQ Assistant Principal and Athletic Director, and the entire OQ athletic department as the recipient of the IESA Sportsmanship Award.
- The Board of Education and 113A Educational Foundation recognized and presented awards to the Foundation grant recipients.

2. COMMUNICATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ADMINISTRATION REPORTS AND SCHEDULES

A. President's Report

B. Board Committee Reports

- Policy – The Policy Committee met on August 10, 2023 to review and discuss PRESS Issue 112.
- Facilities – The Facilities Committee is scheduled to meet on September 25, 2023.

C. Union Representation Reports

D. Principals' Reports

- Oakwood School – Mrs. Georganas provided an update on the new family tours that took place at Oakwood School as well as Meet and Greet Night. Mrs. Georganas also reported that Oakwood was the recipient of a "Welcome Back to School" yard sign display from Kiki's Yard Party.
- River Valley School – Mrs. Koch provided an update on the New Family Night and Meet and Greet at River Valley School. Mrs. Koch also reported that registration for Fall clubs will open on August 29th.
- Central School – Mrs. Kleehammer provided an update on Meet and Greet at Central School as well as the first week of school. In addition, club registration will open for families on August 30th.
- Old Quarry Middle School – Mr. Sweeney provided an update on Meet and Greet at Old Quarry Middle School as well as the first week of school for staff and students.

E. Assistant Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Daniela Fountain provided the Board with an update on new staff orientation as well as the district's participation in the job fair at The CORE.

F. Superintendent's Report

- Dr. McConnell provided the Board with an update on Teacher Institute Days, the first week of school, and the upcoming Curriculum Nights at the schools. Dr. McConnell also reported that he will be a juror for this year's IASB Educational Environments competition.

G. Treasurer's Reports

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Angela Andrus, to approve the Treasurer's Report, Reconciliation Schedule, Variance Explanation, Bank Statement and PMA Analysis, Revenue and Expenditure Detail, Balance Sheet, Investment Structure, and FRIS Report for the Month of July 2023, as presented.

Upon the voice vote called, the members voted as follows:

Angela Andrus	yes	
Damon Ascolani	yes	
Kevin Collins		absent
Patrick Kerrigan	yes	
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	yes	
Joseph Pogvara	yes	

With a vote of Yeas 6, Absent 1, the President declared the motion passed.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Board President Ascolani asked if there was anyone on the Board that would like any item(s) removed from the consent agenda. No one had any requests at this time.

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Bethany Martino, to approve the consent agenda which includes the following:

- Monthly Report of Open Accounts Payable/Bills and Payroll
- The hiring of listed employees pending compliance with applicable Board policy and State and Federal law:
 - Edward Fijol, Bus Driver, effective September 25, 2023
 - John Sons, Bus Driver, effective July 31, 2023
 - Jessica Pignotti, OW Paraprofessional, effective August 11, 2023
 - Emily Simpson, CE Temporary 1 Year Special Education Teacher, effective August 11, 2023
 - Isabella Triantafel, OW Kindergarten Teacher, effective August 11, 2023
 - Jonathan Williams, Bus Driver, effective July 31, 2023
 - Colin Curatolo, CE Music Teacher, effective August 11, 2023
 - Michael Dombkowski, CE Paraprofessional, effective August 11, 2023
 - Jonathon Lorenz, CE Lunchroom Supervisor, effective August 16, 2023
 - Sonia Kinst, CE Lunchroom Supervisor, effective August 16, 2023
 - Beatriz Lappay, OW Special Education Teacher, effective August 11, 2023
 - Christopher Raimbault, Bus Driver, effective August 16, 2023
- The Resignation of:
 - Nancy Calderon, Bus Driver, effective July 21, 2023
 - Marissa Moleterno, OW Paraprofessional, effective July 26, 2023
 - Michelle Murrin, OW Lunchroom Supervisor, effective August 1, 2023
 - Brianna Imgruet, CE Music Teacher, effective August 3, 2023
 - Ronald Levin, Bus Driver, effective August 4, 2023

- Jonathan Williams, OQ Lunchroom Supervisor, effective July 31, 2023
- The Leave of Absence of:
 - Speech and Language Pathologist, 12 week FMLA leave followed by Parental Leave, effective October 9, 2023
 - Teacher, 6 week FMLA leave, effective August 28, 2023
- Monthly Report – Enrollment
- Monthly Report – Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
- Approval of Contract with New ERA for School Psychology Services
- Approval of Contract for District Support Team Services

Upon the voice vote called, the members voted as follows:

Angela Andrus	yes	
Damon Ascolani	yes	
Kevin Collins		absent
Patrick Kerrigan	yes	
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	yes	
Joseph Pogvara	yes	

With a vote of Yeas 6, Absent 1, the President declared the motion passed.

B. Monthly Report – Open Accounts Payable/Bills and Payroll

Payroll:

7/28/2023

Regular: \$647,215.48

8/11/2023

Regular: \$652,851.49

Bills/Accounts Payable:

Bills dated August 16, 2023 in the amount of \$1,478,607.57.

C. Monthly Report – Personnel

The hiring of listed employees pending compliance with applicable Board policy and State and Federal law:

- Edward Fijol, Bus Driver, effective September 25, 2023
- John Sons, Bus Driver, effective July 31, 2023
- Jessica Pignotti, OW Paraprofessional, effective August 11, 2023
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The Leave of Absence of:

- Speech and Language Pathologist, 12 week FMLA leave followed by Parental Leave, effective October 9, 2023
- Teacher, 6 week FMLA leave, effective August 28, 2023

D. Monthly Report – Enrollment

- As of August 16, 2023, starting enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year is 2,540 students.

E. Monthly Report – Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

- FOIA – Stacie Walton
- FOIA – Katherine Smyser

F. Consider Approval of Contract with New ERA for School Psychology Services

The New Era Contract is for an independent psychologist who will assist the district in completing evaluations for the parochial and out of district placed students.

G. Consider Approval of Contract for District Support Team Services

The Weil Special Education Services contract is for an independent special education teacher to provide special education services to the parochial and homebound students in the district.

4. BOARD ACTION

A. Consider Approval to Solicit Bids for Central School Drainage Modifications

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Angela Andrus, to direct administration to seek bids for Central School Drainage Modifications as presented.

Upon the voice vote called, the members voted as follows:

Angela Andrus	yes	
Damon Ascolani	yes	
Kevin Collins		absent
Patrick Kerrigan	yes	
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	yes	
Joseph Pogvara	yes	

With a vote of Yeas 6, Absent 1, the President declared the motion passed.

B. Consider Approval of Foundation Grant Awards

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Al Malley, to accept the award of grants from the 113A Educational Foundation in the amount of \$26,155.00 as presented.

Upon the voice vote called, the members voted as follows:

Angela Andrus	yes	
Damon Ascolani	yes	
Kevin Collins		absent
Patrick Kerrigan	yes	
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	yes	
Joseph Pogvara	yes	

With a vote of Yeas 6, Absent 1, the President declared the motion passed.

5. NEW/OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. First Reading – PRESS 112

- Dr. McConnell reviewed with the Board the policy updates in PRESS Issue 112.

6. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mr. Ascolani invited members of the audience to address the Board. No one came forward at this time.

7. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

A. Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session

Motion made by Angela Andrus, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, at 6:58 p.m. to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of:

- Discussion on the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors, or specific volunteers of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor, or a volunteer of the District or against legal counsel for the District 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 this Act. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), amended by P.A. 101-459.
- Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representative, or deliberation concerning salary schedules for one or more classes or employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).

The Board of Education DOES anticipate action as a result of closed session.

Upon voice vote being called, the members voted as follows:

Angela Andrus	yes	
Damon Ascolani	yes	
Kevin Collins		absent
Patrick Kerrigan	yes	
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	yes	
Joseph Pogvara	yes	

With a vote of Yeas 6, Absent 1, the President declared the motion passed.

8. CLOSED SESSION

9. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

A. Motion to Reconvene to Open Session

Motion made by Angela Andrus, seconded by Joseph Pogvara, at 7:09 p.m. to reconvene the Open Session Meeting of the Board of Education.

Upon voice vote being called, the member voted as follows:

Angela Andrus	yes	
Damon Ascolani	yes	
Kevin Collins		absent
Patrick Kerrigan	yes	
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	yes	
Joseph Pogvara	yes	

With a vote of Yeas 6, Absent 1, the President declared the motion passed.

10. ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION

A. Consider Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Support Staff Association

Motion made by Al Malley, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, to approve the memorandum of understanding with the Support Staff Association regarding temporary driver services.

Upon voice vote being called, the member voted as follows:

Angela Andrus	yes	
Damon Ascolani	yes	
Kevin Collins		absent
Patrick Kerrigan	yes	
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	yes	
Joseph Pogvara	yes	

With a vote of Yeas 6, Absent 1, the President declared the motion passed.

11. ADVANCED PLANNING

SEPTEMBER

- Public Hearing for Budget
- Adopt Budget
- Annual Posting of Administrator Compensation
- Administrator/Teacher Salary Report for Posting

OCTOBER

- Acceptance of Audit
- Tax Levy Discussion
- Recognition of Principals

- Approve E-Rate Consultants

12. ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Al Malley, to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education at 7:23 p.m.

Upon voice vote being called, the members voted as follows:

Angela Andrus	yes	
Damon Ascolani	yes	
Kevin Collins		absent
Patrick Kerrigan	yes	
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	yes	
Joseph Pogvara	yes	

With a vote of Yeas 6, Absent 1, the President declared the motion passed.



Damon Ascolani, President

9/20/23
Date



Bethany Martino, Secretary

9.20.23
Date