

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
LEMONT-BROMBEREK CSD 113A
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
OLD QUARRY MIDDLE SCHOOL – LRC
LEMONT, ILLINOIS 60439
Wednesday, August 25, 2021**

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 Wednesday, August 25, 2021 in the Old Quarry Middle School LRC.

A. Roll Call

Upon roll being called, the following board members were present: Damon Ascolani, President, Al Malley, Vice President, Kevin Collins, Secretary, Brian Bushnell, Cindy Kelly, Patrick Kerrigan, and Bethany Martino.

Board Members Absent: None.

Administration present: Dr. Anthony McConnell, Superintendent, Dr. Daniela Fountain, Assistant Superintendent, Barbara Germany, Business Manager, Susan Wulczyn, Director of Student Services, Heidi Rudy, Assistant Director of Student Services, Pat Crean, Director of Operations, Steve Davis, Director of Technology, Kate Koch, Principal/Oakwood, Ryan Talaga, Assistant Principal/Oakwood, Debby Lynch, Principal/River Valley, Maggi Burkhardt, Assistant Principal/River Valley, Joe Sweeney, Principal/Old Quarry, Shirley Kleehammer, Assistant Principal/Old Quarry, and Steve Nendza, Assistant Principal/Old Quarry.

Staff Present: Cindy Coyle.

Audience Members (from sign in sheet, if legible): Patti Bulanda, Dan Mitchell, Kathy Mitchell, Georgia Giannakopoulos, Mike Wilson, Ashlan Budz, Scott Bulanda, Ernest Swierk, Ed McManus, Kathryn McManus, Zofia Szaflarski, Iwona Bakowski, Carrie Eckberg, Josh Sanders, Robyn Wilms, Jeff Wilms, Laura Comiso, Beata Drozda, Scott Swiderski, Andrea Swiderski, Jody Benson, Stephanie Lemay, Mary Lisowski, Judy Techman, Kathy Dziedzina, Monika Krogulski, Skyla Jones, David Molitor, Marta Obrochta, Agnes Bielski, Agnieszka Kuza, Agnieszka Witek, Angela Paros Giannakopoulos, Dorle Wilkinson, Helena Wojciak, Monika Kaczmarczyk, Katarzyna Kubeczko, Tom Kubeczko, Pawel Sunak, and Kinga Wrobel.

B. Pledge of Allegiance: Damon Ascolani.

C. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion made by Cindy Kelly, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, to approve the agenda as submitted.

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

Damon Ascolani	yes
Brian Bushnell	yes
Kevin Collins	yes
Cindy Kelly	yes

Patrick Kerrigan yes
Al Malley yes
Bethany Martino yes

With a vote of Yeas 7, the President declared the motion passed.

D. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Cindy Kelly, to approve the open and closed session minutes dated July 28, 2021, as submitted.

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

Damon Ascolani yes
Brian Bushnell yes
Kevin Collins yes
Cindy Kelly yes
Patrick Kerrigan yes
Al Malley yes
Bethany Martino yes

With a vote of Yeas 7, the President declared the motion passed.

2. PRESENTATIONS, SPECIAL EVENTS, DISCUSSION

A. Discussion – Central School Update – Pepper Construction and STR Architects

- Pepper Construction and STR Architects provided the Board of Education with an update on Central School.

B. Discussion – ESSER III Grant Allocation

- Dr. Daniela Fountain provided the Board of Education with information regarding ESSER III fund allocation.

3. CONSNT 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 Brian Bushnell, 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:
 - Stephanie Glowicki, RV Paraprofessional, effective 2021-2022 school year
 - Alison Lincoln, OQ Temporary 1-Year Title I Reading Specialist, effective 2021-2022 school year
 - Peggy Karkula, OW Lunchroom Supervisor, effective August 18, 2021
 - Agnes Sodo, OW Secretary, effective August 10, 2021
- The Transfer of:
 - Cathy Marino, from OQ Title I Paraprofessional to OQ Paraprofessional, effective 2021-2022 school year
- The Leave of Absence of:
 - Teacher, 12 week FMLA leave, effective September 13, 2021
 - Custodian, 3 week FMLA leave, effective August 10, 2021
 - Paraprofessional, 12 week FMLA leave, effective September 3, 2021
- Monthly Report – Enrollment

- Monthly Report - Discipline
- Monthly Report – Food Service
- Monthly Report – Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

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

Damon Ascolani	yes
Brian Bushnell	yes
Kevin Collins	yes
Cindy Kelly	yes
Patrick Kerrigan	yes
Al Malley	yes
Bethany Martino	yes

With a vote of Yeas 7, the President declared the motion passed.

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

Payroll:

7/30/2021
Regular: \$624,670.73

8/13/2021
Regular: \$633,462.07

Bills/Accounts Payable:

Bills dated August 20, 2021 in the amount of \$1,030,474.13.

C. Monthly Report – Personnel

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

- Stephanie Glowicki, RV Paraprofessional, effective 2021-2022 school year
- Alison Lincoln, OQ Temporary 1-Year Title I Reading Specialist, effective 2021-2022 school year
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D. Monthly Report – Enrollment

As of August 19, 2021, starting total enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year is 2,360.

E. Monthly Report – Discipline

F. Monthly Report – Food Service

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

- 1. FOIA – Eagle 3 Analytics – Correspondence with the Office of the DuPage County Clerk

4. BOARD ACTION

A. Consider Approval of Revised Agreement for Food Services

Attached please find a revised contract from Chartwells for the 2021-2022 school year. We were informed by ISBE that the contract required for this school year needed to be revised to be the COVID-19 Emergency Contract Amendment 21-22. This contract is inclusive of a modified rate that is \$.07 higher than the previously allowable CPI-U price rate increase due to the pandemic. As a reminder, this rate is fully reimbursable by the Federal Government for the 21-22 school year. Lunches remain free for the 21-22 school year to families of the district.

Recommended Motion:

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Cindy Kelly, to approve the COVID-19 Emergency Contract Amendment 21-22 from Chartwells as presented.

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

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| Damon Ascolani | yes |
| Brian Bushnell | yes |
| Kevin Collins | yes |
| Cindy Kelly | yes |
| Patrick Kerrigan | yes |
| Al Malley | yes |
| Bethany Martino | yes |

With a vote of Yeas 7, the President declared the motion passed.

B. Consider Approval of Project Work Order #1 for Central School Renovation

The opening for Bid Group 1 for Central School Renovations was held on Tuesday, August 17. The work bid out in this group was for demolition, excavation, concrete, and steel. We had several bidders for each category. The lowest, responsive bidder for each category is as follows:

1. Bid Package 1 - Demolition - Break-Thru Enterprises for \$108,900.
2. Bid Package 2 - Excavation - Hoppy's Landscaping for \$164,441.
3. Bid Package 3 - Concrete - Tor Construction for \$226,900.
4. Bid Package 4 - Steel - K&K Iron Works for \$395,000.

The total of work for Bid Group 1 is \$895,241. The original projected budget for these items was \$901,452; the bid group came in \$6,211 below budget. The bid package was reviewed on Wednesday evening with the Finance Committee.

In addition, there are fees associated with this package including the following:

Temporary Construction	\$5,000
Temporary Site Construction	\$3,683
Field Engineering & Layout	\$1,758

OSHA Safety	\$2,905
Testing Services	\$2,500
Winter Projection	\$2,500
General Requirements	\$11,178
Contingency	\$46,238
Performance Bond	\$319
General Liability Insurance	\$9,713
CM Fee	<u>\$18,149</u>
	\$103,942

Plus Bid Group 1 Total	<u>\$895,241</u>	Demolition, Excavation, Concrete, and Steel
General Construction	\$999,183	
Construction Management Services	\$75,861	
Preconstruction	<u>\$75,000</u>	
Total	\$1,150,044	

It is the administrative recommendation to approve the Project Work Order #1 from Pepper Construction in the amount of \$1,150,044 as presented.

Recommended Motion:

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Al Malley, to approve the Project Work Order #1 from Pepper Construction in the amount of \$1,150,044 as presented.

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

Damon Ascolani	yes
Brian Bushnell	yes
Kevin Collins	yes
Cindy Kelly	yes
Patrick Kerrigan	yes
Al Malley	yes
Bethany Martino	yes

With a vote of Yeas 7, the President declared the motion passed.

C. Consider Approval of Agreement with Darktrace

We are asking the board to approve a contract with Darktrace for a product called The Enterprise Immune System. This system will protect our network against advanced security

threats like ransomware and zero day exploits. School districts are increasingly being targeted by hackers because network security is generally lacking in schools. It is important that we start to invest more in products and services that ensure critical network infrastructure and data are protected. The Enterprise Immune System by Darktrace is one component of an overall security enhancement strategy that will help to protect our networks and data. Several local Illinois school districts use this product, and I've also communicated with Dekalb School District 428 who had nothing but good things to say about The Enterprise Immune System.

Traditional security products based on rules and signatures are not able to detect and act on zero day threats. The Enterprise Immune System uses artificial intelligence to analyze and respond to anomalous network traffic that isn't defined by a signature or rule. This system will also respond and take action immediately and autonomously without the need for a human being sitting in a SOC(security operations center). The ability to respond to novel security threats immediately without the need for human intervention differentiates this product from other security offerings. I compared this product against offerings from Sentinel and Dyopath and I believe EIS by Darktrace represents the best and most cutting edge technology available in this area. We have also been piloting this product in our district for several months, so I have a lot of experience using it myself. I have been impressed with the system, and it has already alerted me to several security threats that I otherwise would not have known about.

Public School Districts are seeing ransomware attacks along with data breach incidents at an alarming rate. Our insurance cooperative, CLIC has placed emphasis on the growing importance of adequate Cyber coverage to protect against these perils. Each year, our liability carrier requests information on measures we have taken to prevent these attacks. This additional measure to protect our networks and data will be included in our application.

This is a four year agreement with an annual cost of \$24,994.

Recommended Motion:

Motion made by Brian Bushnell, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, to approve the agreement with Darktrace as presented.

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

Damon Ascolani	yes
Brian Bushnell	yes
Kevin Collins	yes
Cindy Kelly	yes
Patrick Kerrigan	yes
Al Malley	yes
Bethany Martino	yes

With a vote of Yeas 7, the President declared the motion passed.

5. COMMUNICATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ADMINISTRATION REPORTS AND SCHEDULES

A. President's Report

- President Ascolani thanked the SD113A administration and staff for a successful groundbreaking ceremony at Central School.

B. Board Committee Reports

- Finance and Audit – Mr. Malley reported that the Finance Committee met on August 18, 2021, to discuss the tentative budget for 21-22 as well as Central School and the most recent bid opening. The Finance Committee will meet monthly to discuss Central School.
- Policy – Mr. Ascolani reported that the Policy Committee will meet on September 7, 2021, to discuss PRESS 107.

C. Union Representation Reports

D. Principals' Reports

- Oakwood School – Mrs. Koch reported on the start of the 2021-2022 school year as well as the two Meet and Greet nights held at Oakwood School. In addition, Mrs. Koch reported on the Reading Horizons training received by staff.
- River Valley School – Mrs. Lynch reported on the successful Meet and Greet nights at River Valley School as well as the activity that staff and students participated in regarding the impression and legacy they want to leave.
- Old Quarry Middle School – Mr. Sweeney provided the Board of Education with an update on extracurricular activities at Old Quarry Middle School. Mr. Sweeney also reported that MAP testing will begin on September 8, 2021.

E. Treasurer's Reports

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Al Malley, 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 2021, as presented.

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

Damon Ascolani	yes
Brian Bushnell	yes
Kevin Collins	yes
Cindy Kelly	yes
Patrick Kerrigan	yes
Al Malley	yes
Bethany Martino	yes

With a vote of Yeas 7, the President declared the motion passed.

F. Assistant Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Daniela Fountain provided the Board of Education with an update on back to school activities.

G. Superintendent's Report

- Dr. McConnell provided the Board of Education with a back to school update in addition to information regarding mandates and guidance and their impacts on the District.

6. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mr. Ascolani invited members of the audience to address the Board.

- Community members addressed the Board regarding the District's mask policy for the 2021-2022 school year.

7. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

A. Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session

Motion made by Cindy Kelly, seconded by Brian Bushnell, at 8:24 p.m. to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of:

- a. The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5).

The Board of Education DOES NOT anticipate action as a result of closed session.

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

Damon Ascolani	yes
Brian Bushnell	yes
Kevin Collins	yes
Cindy Kelly	yes
Patrick Kerrigan	yes
Al Malley	yes
Bethany Martino	yes

With a vote of Yeas 7, the President declared the motion passed.

8. CLOSED SESSION

9. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

A. Motion to Reconvene to Open Session

Motion made by Brian Bushnell, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, at 8:48 p.m. to reconvene the Open Session Meeting of the Board of Education.

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

Damon Ascolani	yes
Brian Bushnell	yes
Kevin Collins	yes
Cindy Kelly	yes
Patrick Kerrigan	yes
Al Malley	yes
Bethany Martino	yes

With a vote of Yeas 7, the President declared the motion passed.

10. ADVANCED PLANNING

SEPTEMBER

- Presentation and Approval of School Improvement Plans
- Public Hearing for Budget
- Adopt Budget
- Annual Posting of Administrator Compensation
- Administrator/Teacher Salary Report for Posting
- Introduce New Staff to the Board
- Quarterly Progress Report on Strategic Plan

OCTOBER

- Acceptance of Audit
- Tax Levy Discussion
- Recognition of Principals
- Approve E-Rate Consultants


11. ADJOURNMENT


The motion was made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Brian Bushnell, to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education at 9:00 p.m.

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

Damon Ascolani	yes
Brian Bushnell	yes
Kevin Collins	yes
Cindy Kelly	yes
Patrick Kerrigan	yes
Al Malley	yes
Bethany Martino	yes

With a vote of Yeas 7, the President declared the motion passed.


 Damon Ascolani, President
 22 SEP 21
 Date


 Kevin Collins, Secretary
 22 SEP 21
 Date