

BOARD BRIEFS

A report of items discussed and actions taken at the April 26, 2023 Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Board of Education.

Board of Education

Mr. Damon Ascolani, President
Mr. Al Malley, Vice President
Mrs. Bethany Martino, Secretary
Mrs. Angela Andrus
Mr. Kevin Collins
Mr. Patrick Kerrigan
Mr. Joseph Pogvara

Administration

Dr. Anthony McConnell,
Superintendent
Dr. Daniela Fountain, Assistant
Superintendent
Laura Gilmartin, Director of Teaching
and Learning
Barbara Germany, CSBO
Heidi Rudy, Director of Student
Services
Megan Mundt, Asst. Director of
Student Services
Pat Crean, Director of Operations
Jake Smith, Director of Technology
Joseph Sweeney, Principal
Jennifer Hughes, Asst. Principal
Dave Jones, Asst. Principal
Shirley Kleehammer, Principal
Ali Lincoln, Asst. Principal
Kate Koch, Principal
Sara Weeks, Asst. Principal
Dimitra Georganas, Principal
Ryan Talaga, Asst. Principal



Reports to the Board

- The Board of Education recognized OQ student Ethan Bell for qualifying for the IESA State Wrestling Tournament. Board Members Cindy Kelly and Brian Bushnell were also recognized for their service to the district and 113A community.
- Barbara Germany provided the Board with an update on the selection of a food service management company.
- Dr. Fountain, Kate Koch, and Joe Sweeney presented the Board with information regarding a continuing agreement with ECRA.
- Dr. Fountain provided the Board with an update on the district's April Institute Day as well as summer learning opportunities for students in grades K-8.
- Dr. McConnell provided the Board with an update on celebrations and events throughout the district, the upcoming End of the Year Celebration for staff, and Old Quarry Graduation to be held on May 22nd at LHS.

Personnel

- The Board approved the hiring of:
- Katherine Collins, OQ Paraprofessional, effective April 14, 2023
- Justin Hall, Bus Driver, effective April 4, 2023
- Cora Savu, OQ Dance Coach, effective April 27, 2023
- Claudia DeSantis, OQ Cheerleading Coach, effective April 27, 2023

Future Agenda Items

MAY

- Approve End of Year Calendar
- Approve District 113A Consolidated Plan
- High School Math Program Agreement
- Tentative Amended Budget (If Necessary)

JUNE

- Prevailing Wage Resolution
- Budget Assumptions
- Set Public Hearing Date for Budget
- Administrative Contracts
- OMA Designee
- Public Hearing and Final Amended Budget (If Necessary)

Personnel Continued

•The Board approved the transfer of:

- Angela Pawola, CE SPED Teacher to CE 5th Grade Teacher (Leave of Absence), effective 23-24 school year

- Anne Blickhahn, Bus Driver to Custodian, effective April 27, 2023

- Lisa Crispo, OW Secretary to OW Paraprofessional, effective 23-24 school year

•The Board approved the resignation of:

- Gema Barajas, OQ Paraprofessional, effective March 20, 2023

- Brianna Paczkowski, OQ SPED Teacher, effective end of 22-23 school year

- Terry Xydakis, Custodian, effective April 21, 2023

- Alexis Aguilera, CE Paraprofessional, effective April 21, 2023

- Kelsey Bischoff, OW EC Teacher, effective end of 22-23 school year

- Jessica Romanelli, OQ Spanish Teacher, effective end of 22-23 school year

- Colleen Knapik, OW School Psychologist, effective end of 22-23 school year

- Jill Hentrich, RV 2nd Grade Teacher, effective end of 22-23 school year

•The Board approved the leave of absence of:

- Teacher, 1 year Parental Leave, effective August 14, 2023

- Teacher, 12 week FMLA leave, effective May 15, 2023

- Teacher, 8 week FMLA leave, effective April 14, 2023

- Paraprofessional, 6 week FMLA leave, effective May 2, 2023

•The Board approved the retirement of:

- Linda Palmer, Bus Driver, effective June 30, 2023

- Sandra Westlund, Bus Driver, effective June 30, 2023

Board Action

- The Board approved the open and closed session minutes dated March 22, 2023.
- The Board approved the March 2023 Bills Payable and the March 2023 Financial Reports.
- The Board approved the MOU with the Support Staff Association regarding bus driver recruitment and retention.
- The Board approved the MOU with the Teacher and Support Staff Unions regarding bus driver recruitment and retention.
- The Board approved to rescind prior action on March 22, 2023 to award the school door project to Door Systems.
- The Board approved to reject all bids submitted on March 10, 2023 and rebid the school door project.
- The Board approved the plan changes to the PPO and HSA health insurance plans.
- The Board approved the purchase of student chromebooks for the 23-24 school year.
- The Board completed their reorganization and voted the following: Damon Ascolani - President, Al Malley - Vice President, Bethany Martino - Secretary, and Barbara Germany - Treasurer.
- The Board approved the committee members for the 23-24 school year.
- The Board approved the meeting calendar for the 23-24 school year.

Upcoming Meetings

- **Wednesday, May 31, 2023:** Business Meeting of the Board of Education at 6:30 p.m. in the Old Quarry LRC.