

BOARD BRIEFS

A report of items discussed and actions taken at the February 22, 2023
Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Board of Education.

Board of Education

Mr. Damon Ascolani, President
Mr. Al Malley, Vice President
Mr. Kevin Collins, Secretary
Mr. Brian Bushnell
Mrs. Cindy Kelly
Mr. Patrick Kerrigan
Mrs. Bethany Martino

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 Steelman, 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 the Old Quarry 7th and 8th grade boys basketball teams for their achievements during the 22-23 basketball season.
- Dr. Gineen O'Neil, Superintendent of the Southwest Cook County Cooperative Association for Special Education, shared with the Board the current status of the cooperative.
- Dr. McConnell and the 113A Principals provided the Board with a mid-year update on MAP progress and also discussed strategies for the remainder of the school year.
- Kate Koch, Principal of River Valley School, and Pat Crean, Director of Operations, shared with the Board proposed plans for the River Valley Innovation Lab and Library.
- Dr. Fountain provided the Board with an update on registration for new and current students as well as the Wellness Symposium taking place at Old Quarry on Saturday, February 25th.
- Dr. McConnell provided the Board with an update on extracurriculars at Old Quarry, the AASA National Conference, and progress on the district's strategic plan.

Future Agenda Items**MARCH**

- Approval of Upcoming Year School Fees

APRIL

- Staffing Recommendations for Next School Year
- School Board Reorganization

Personnel

- The Board approved the hiring of:
 - Vicky Cahill, OW Lunchroom Supervisor, effective February 13, 2023
 - Alison Walker, OQ Paraprofessional, effective February 21, 2023
 - Tracey Staley, OQ Paraprofessional, effective February 23, 2023
 - Joshua Handley, OQ Drama Crew Club Sponsor, effective February 23, 2023
- The Board approved the resignation of:
 - Barbara Wegrzyniak, OQ Paraprofessional, effective January 17, 2023
 - John Stimac, CE Lunchroom Supervisor, effective January 17, 2023
 - Molly Bell, OW Paraprofessional, effective January 30, 2023
 - Christine O'Keefe, CE School Psychologist, effective May 31, 2023
 - La'Tanga Williams Gavin, Bus Driver, effective February 12, 2023
 - Nicole McKenzie, Bus Driver, effective January 17, 2023
- The Board approved the leave of absence of:
 - Teacher, 12 week FMLA leave, effective April 11, 2023
 - Administrative Assistant, Intermittent FMLA leave, effective September 16, 2022
 - Secretary, 12 week FMLA leave, effective February 1, 2023
- The Board approved the retirement of:
 - Shirley Kleehammer, CE Principal, effective June 30, 2027
 - Pat Crean, Director of Operations, effective June 30, 2026

Board Action

- The Board approved the open and closed session minutes dated January 18, 2023.
- The Board approved the January 2023 Bills Payable and the January 2023 Financial Reports.
- The Board approved the SWCCCASE Articles of Joint Agreement.
- The Board approved the 2023-2024 school calendar.
- The Board approved the resolution to designate Dr. Anthony McConnell and Barbara Germany as authorized persons to prepare the 23-24 tentative budget.
- The Board approved the retirement contract for Pat Crean, Director of Operations.
- The Board approved the contract to upgrade to the Openpath Swipe Card System at River Valley, Oakwood, and Old Quarry Schools.
- The Board approved the administrative request to seek bids for window repair and window replacement at Central School.
- The Board approved the renewal of the agreement with Skyward.

Upcoming Meetings

- **Wednesday, March 22, 2023:** Business Meeting of the Board of Education at 6:30 p.m. in the Old Quarry LRC.