

# BOARD BRIEFS

A report of items discussed and actions taken at the February 28, 2024  
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  
Dr. Tracey Miller, 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 LaCombe, 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 recognized the OQ Cheerleading Team for their 1st place finish at the IESA State Cheerleading Competition.
- Dr. Fountain provided the Board with an update on the curriculum review process as well as the recent Wellness Symposium held at LHS.
- Dr. McConnell congratulated OQ on their re-designation as a School to Watch. Dr. McConnell also provided an update on the IAEA traveling state student art show and Kindergarten and new student registration.
- Louise Egofske, Lemont Park District Executive Director, presented to the Board information regarding their upcoming capital improvement projects and referendum.

## Personnel

- The Board approved the hiring of:
- Anthony Minneci, Bus Driver, effective February 29, 2024
- Joshua Pack, Custodian, effective February 29, 2024
- Brianna McKinley, CE School Psychologist, effective 2024-2024 school year
- Anthony Coleman, Maintenance, effective February 29, 2024

## Future Agenda Items

### MARCH

- Approval of Upcoming Year School Fees

### APRIL

- School Board Reorganization

## Personnel Continued

- The Board approved the resignation of:
  - Joseph Gloeckle, Custodian, effective February 2, 2024
  - Jonathon Lorenz, CE Lunchroom Supervisor, effective February 21, 2024
  - MacKenzie Pollastrini, RV Art Teacher, effective June 30, 2024
  - Megan Mundt, Assistant Director of Student Services, effective June 30, 2024
- The Board approved the leave of absence of:
  - Teacher, 2 week FMLA leave, effective March 28, 2024
  - Teacher, 2 week Leave of Absence, effective February 22, 2024
  - Teacher, 1 year Parent Leave, effective August 12, 2024 through the end of the 2024-2025 school year
- The Board approved the retirement of:
  - Wendy Feddersen, RV 2nd Grade Teacher, effective June 30, 2028
  - Donna Mazzotti, OW Paraprofessional, effective end of 2023-2024 school year

## Board Action

- The Board approved the open and closed session minutes dated January 24, 2024.
- The Board approved the January 2024 Bills Payable and the January 2024 Financial Reports.
- The Board approved two job descriptions: Director of Transportation and Network & Infrastructure Manager.
- The Board approved the contract with CESO Communications.
- The Board approved a student educational services agreement.
- The Board approved the resolution to designate the Acting Superintendent and Chief School Business Official as authorized persons to prepare the 2024-2025 tentative budget.
- The Board approved the energy contract for natural gas.

## Upcoming Meetings

- Wednesday, March 20, 2024:** Business Meeting of the Board of Education at 6:30 p.m. in the Old Quarry LRC.