

# BOARD BRIEFS

A report of items discussed and actions taken at the November 29, 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  
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 of Education recognized the OQ Cross Country athletes and their achievements at the IESA State Cross Country Meet.
- The Board of Education recognized OQ student Kiara O'Connor, who was named a 2023 State Art Show Winner by the Illinois Art Education Association.
- The Board of Education recognized board member Patrick Kerrigan for his Annual Merit Recognition by the Illinois Association of School Boards.
- Dr. Fountain provided the Board with an update on ESSER 3 funding and after-school programming, the district's upcoming Family Learning Night, and the work of the SEL Committee.
- Dr. McConnell recognized the Board for School Board Members Day as well as Jarrod Russotto, OQ staff member, as the Educator of the Year. Dr. McConnell reported on bagels with the board and the "holiday presence" giveaway for staff. He also thanked Dr. Fountain for her service to the 113A school community.
- Dr. Tracey Miller presented to the Board an update on Fall assessments. Each building principal also presented school improvement strategies that target the needs of students.

## Future Agenda Items

### DECEMBER

- Tax Levy Hearing
- Adopt Final Tax Levy
- Resolution of Fund Levies

### JANUARY

- Six-Month Review of Closed Session Minutes/Tapes

## Personnel

- The Board approved the hiring of the following:
  - Patricia Lofky, RV Paraprofessional, effective November 30, 2023
  - Maxwell Garbis, OQ Wrestling Coach, effective November 27, 2023
  - Jonathan Williams, OQ Wrestling Coach, effective November 27, 2023
- The Board approved the resignation of:
  - Michael Harmening, Bus Driver, effective October 27, 2023
  - Daniela Fountain, Assistant Superintendent, effective January 1, 2024
- The Board approved the leave of absence of:
  - Teacher, 6 week FMLA leave, effective December 18, 2023
  - Teacher, 6 week FMLA leave, effective March 17, 2024
- The Board approved the retirement of:
  - Catherine Aguirre, Accounts Payable Assistant, effective June 28, 2024
  - Julie Serpe, OW LRC Assistant, effective end of 23-24 SY

## Board Action

- The Board approved the open and closed session minutes dated October 25, 2023.
- The Board approved the October 2023 Bills Payable and the October 2023 Financial Reports.
- The Board approved the FY23 Audit.
- The Board approved the tentative 2023 Tax Levy Resolution.
- The Board approved the CITGO Grant Agreement.
- The Board approved the purchase of district copiers.

## Upcoming Meetings

- Wednesday, December 20, 2023:** Business Meeting of the Board of Education at 6:30 p.m. in the Old Quarry LRC.