

# BOARD BRIEFS

A report of items discussed and actions taken at the October 25, 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 softball team for their 3rd place finish at the IESA State Softball Tournament.
- The Board of Education recognized Pat Crean, Director of Operations, as the recipient of the Lemont Fire Department's Life Safety Award.
- Dr. Fountain provided the Board with an update on federal and state grants.
- Dr. McConnell provided the Board with an update on parent-teacher conferences and Bagels with the Board. Dr. McConnell also reported on the preschool program's Gold Circle of Quality recognition.
- The Board of Education held a discussion regarding the IASB resolutions.
- Dr. Tracey Miller presented to the Board an update on the 2023 Illinois School Report Card.

## Personnel

- The Board approved the hiring of the following:
- Nicole Steffen, OW Paraprofessional, effective September 25, 2023
- Nicole Aubuchon, OW Sign Language Club Sponsor, effective October 26, 2023
- Nicole Matson, OW P/T Paraprofessional, effective October 23, 2023

**Future Agenda Items****NOVEMBER**

- Acceptance of Audit
- Proposed Tax Levy Presentation
- Adopt Tentative Levy
- Establish Public Hearing for Tax Levy
- School Board Members' Day

**DECEMBER**

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

**Personnel Continued**

- The Board approved the resignation of:
  - Joann Sworan, RV Lunchroom Supervisor, effective September 27, 2023
  - James Cieslik, Bus Driver, effective September 28, 2023
  - Renee Altmann, OQ 7th Grade Teacher, effective November 8, 2023
  - Lisa Kross, CE Learning Resource Center (LRC) Assistant, effective November 3, 2023
- The Board approved the leave of absence of:
  - Teacher, 6 week FMLA leave, effective November 3, 2023
  - Administrator, 10 week FMLA leave, effective December 17, 2023
  - Teacher, 6 week FMLA leave, effective January 8, 2024
  - Teacher, 12 week FMLA leave followed by Parental Leave, effective January 29, 2024

**Board Action**

- The Board approved the open session minutes dated September 20, 2023 and October 5, 2023.
- The Board approved the September 2023 Bills Payable and the September 2023 Financial Reports.
- The Board approved extracurricular proposals.
- The Board approved the contract with SWCCCASE for leased space for 2023-2024.
- The Board approved the intergovernmental agreement with the Lemont Park District.
- The Board approved the National Principals Month Resolution.
- The Board approved the administration's recommendation to go out to bid for life-safety work at Old Quarry, Oakwood, and River Valley.
- The Board approved the filing of the 2024 Round 1 School Maintenance Grant.

**Upcoming Meetings**

- Wednesday, November 29, 2023:** Business Meeting of the Board of Education at 6:30 p.m. in the Old Quarry LRC.