

# BOARD BRIEFS

A report of items discussed and actions taken at the September 20, 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 held a public hearing to hear comments on the proposed FY24 budget.
- The Board of Education held a public hearing to hear comments on the permanent transfer of money between funds.
- The Board of Education held a discussion regarding the intergovernmental agreement with the Lemont Park District.
- Dr. Fountain provided the Board with an update on assessments, professional development, and STEM Night.
- Dr. McConnell provided the Board with an update on his attendance at the recent School Law Seminar. In addition, Dr. McConnell reported on the district's recognition of October as National Principals Month and also wished the OQ softball team good luck as they head to the State Championship on Friday.

## Personnel

- The Board approved the hiring of the following:
- Kristina Masters, RV Lunchroom Supervisor, effective August 29, 2023
- Margaret Becker, OW Paraprofessional, effective August 30, 2023
- Jennifer Treanor, OQ Musical Director, effective August 28, 2023
- Lidia Marzec, OW Lunchroom Supervisor, effective September 1, 2023
- Daniel Mattson, Custodian, effective September 21, 2023
- Tina Finch, Bus Driver, effective September 11, 2023

## Future Agenda Items

### OCTOBER

- Acceptance of Audit
- Tax Levy Discussion
- Recognition of Principals
- Approve E-Rate Consultants

### NOVEMBER

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

### Upcoming Meetings

- **Wednesday, October 25, 2023:** Business Meeting of the Board of Education at 6:30 p.m. in the Old Quarry LRC.

## Personnel Continued

- The Board approved the hiring of the following:
  - James Watson, Bus Driver and OW Lunchroom Supervisor, effective September 12, 2023
  - Michael Harmening, Bus Driver, effective September 18, 2023
  - David Bernat, CE P/T Band Director, effective September 21, 2023
  - Todd Kayton, CE P/T Band Director, effective September 21, 2023
  - Timothy Jones, CE P/T Band Director, effective September 21, 2023
  - Debbie John, CE P/T Band Director, effective September 21, 2023
- The Board approved the resignation of:
  - Lashonda Cruz, Custodian, effective August 18, 2023
  - Christopher Raimbault, Bus Driver, effective September 14, 2023
- The Board approved the leave of absence of:
  - Bus Driver, 12 week FMLA leave, effective August 22, 2023
  - Teacher, 12 week FMLA leave, effective September 19, 2023
  - Teacher, 12 week FMLA leave, effective September 11, 2023

## Board Action

- The Board approved the open and closed session minutes dated August 21, 2023.
- The Board approved the August 2023 Bills Payable and the August 2023 Financial Reports.
- The Board approved the second reading of PRESS 112.
- The Board approved the administrative and teacher salary report.
- The Board approved the administrative salary report - PA-96-0434 compliance.
- The Board approved the IMRF salary report - PA-97-0609 compliance.
- The Board approved the Lemont Athletic Club One-Year Lease.
- The Board approved the FY24 budget.
- The Board approved the transfer from the Education Fund to the Capital Projects Fund.
- The Board approved the transfer from the Education Fund to the Transportation Fund.