

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
LEMONT-BROMBEREK CSD 113A  
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES  
VIRTUAL MEETING  
Wednesday, December 16, 2020**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Damon Ascolani called to order the Business Meeting of the Lemont-Bromberek CSD 113A Board of Education at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 virtually.

**A. Roll Call**

Upon roll being called, the following board members were present: Damon Ascolani, President, Al Malley, Vice President, Cindy Kelly, Patrick Kerrigan, and Dave Molitor. Bethany Martino arrived at 6:31 p.m. Kevin Collins, Secretary, arrived at 6:32 p.m.

Board Members Absent: None.

Administration present: Dr. Anthony McConnell, Superintendent, Dr. Daniela Fountain, Assistant Superintendent, Barbara Germany, Business Manager, Susan Wulczyn, Director of Student Services, Pat Crean, Director of Operations, Kate Kwasny, Principal/Oakwood, Ryan Talaga, Assistant Principal/Oakwood, Debby Lynch, Principal/River Valley, Maggi Burkhardt, Assistant Principal/River Valley, Joe Sweeney, Principal/Old Quarry, Shirley Kleehammer, Assistant Principal/Old Quarry, and Steve Nendza, Assistant Principal/Old Quarry.

Staff Present: None.

Audience Members: None.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance:** Damon Ascolani.

**C. Approval of the Agenda:**

Motion made by Dave Molitor, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, to approve the agenda as submitted.

Upon the voice vote called, the members voted as follows:

Damon Ascolani	yes	
Kevin Collins		absent
Cindy Kelly	yes	
Patrick Kerrigan	yes	
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	yes	
Dave Molitor	yes	

With a vote of Yeas 6, Absent 1, the President declared the motion passed.

**D. Approval of Minutes:**

Motion made by Cindy Kelly, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, to approve the open and closed session minutes dated November 18, 2020, as submitted.

Upon the voice vote called, the members voted as follows:

Damon Ascolani	yes	
Kevin Collins		absent
Cindy Kelly	yes	
Patrick Kerrigan	yes	
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	yes	
Dave Molitor	yes	

With a vote of Yeas 6, Absent 1, the President declared the motion passed.

**2. ADJOURN TO PUBLIC HEARING**

**A. Motion to Adjourn to Public Hearing to Hear Comments on the Tentative Levy for FY20**

Motion made by Cindy Kelly, seconded by Dave Molitor, to adjourn to hold the Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing public comments on the tentative levy for FY20 per School Code and State Statute (35 ILCS 200/18-72).

Upon the voice vote called, the members voted as follows:

Damon Ascolani	yes
Kevin Collins	yes
Cindy Kelly	yes
Patrick Kerrigan	yes
Al Malley	yes
Bethany Martino	yes
Dave Molitor	yes

With a vote of Yeas 7, the President declared the motion passed.

**3. PUBLIC HEARING**

**A. Motion to Convene the Public Hearing**

Motion made by Dave Molitor, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, to convene the Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing public comments on the tentative FY20 levy.

Upon the voice vote called, the members voted as follows:

Damon Ascolani	yes
Kevin Collins	yes
Cindy Kelly	yes
Patrick Kerrigan	yes
Al Malley	yes
Bethany Martino	yes
Dave Molitor	yes

With a vote of Yeas 7, the President declared the motion passed.

**B. Information**

In November, Ms. Germany provided the Board of Education with information outlining the need for the tentative levy. The levy process will take place according to School Code and State Statute.

**C. Public Comments**

Mr. Ascolani invited members of the audience to address the Board regarding the Public Hearing. No one came forward at this time.

**D. Motion to Adjourn Public Hearing**

Motion made by Dave Molitor, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, to adjourn the Public Hearing.

Upon the voice vote called, the members voted as follows:

Damon Ascolani	yes
Kevin Collins	yes
Cindy Kelly	yes
Patrick Kerrigan	yes
Al Malley	yes
Bethany Martino	yes
Dave Molitor	yes

With a vote of Yeas 7, the President declared the motion passed.

**4. RECONVENE TO OPEN MEETING**

**A. Motion to Reconvene to the Open Meeting**

Motion made by Dave Molitor, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, to reconvene the open meeting of the Board of Education.

Upon the voice vote called, the members voted as follows:

Damon Ascolani	yes
Kevin Collins	yes
Cindy Kelly	yes
Patrick Kerrigan	yes
Al Malley	yes
Bethany Martino	yes
Dave Molitor	yes

With a vote of Yeas 7, the President declared the motion passed.

**5. COMMUNICATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ADMINISTRATION REPORTS AND SCHEDULES**

**A. President's Report**

- President Ascolani wished the administration a happy holiday and thanked them for all of the work they have done.

**B. Board Committee Reports**

- Finance and Audit – Mr. Malley (Chairperson) and Mrs. Martino, Member – Mrs. Germany reported that the Finance Committee met on December 10, 2020 to discuss the process associated with the upcoming referendum and to review the resolution language. A Finance Committee meeting will be scheduled for the end of January to review six-month financials and five-year projections.

**C. Union Representation Reports**

**D. Principals' Reports**

- Oakwood School – Ms. Kwasny reported that Oakwood is almost done completing the Panorama Screener. In addition, Oakwood's social workers

organized "Oakwood Ornaments," which provided holiday support to 25 families.

- River Valley School – Mrs. Lynch reported that River Valley is finishing up the Panorama Screener. In addition, River Valley worked with the Lemont Women's Club and the Lemont Police Department to support families in need during the holiday season. Over 35 families were provided support from this initiative.
- Old Quarry Middle School – Mr. Sweeney reported that Old Quarry is in the process of completing the Panorama Screener. Mr. Sweeney also commented that the Old Quarry staff has done a great job delivering instruction remotely. In addition, Mr. Sweeney reported that informal observations will be conducted via Zoom.

**E. Assistant Superintendent's Report**

- Dr. Fountain provided an update on the Panorama Screener along with an implementation timeline. Once complete, Dr. Fountain will report back on the data gathered from the screener, which will be analyzed by the each school's teams.

**F. Superintendent's Report**

- Dr. McConnell reported on the COVID-19 vaccine and how it will affect SD113A's personnel. In addition, Dr. McConnell reviewed the new quarantine guidance as well as onsite COVID testing, which will be conducted by the school nurses.

**G. Treasurer's Reports**

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Cindy Kelly, to approve the Treasurer's Report, Reconciliation Schedule, Variance Explanation, Bank Statement and PMA Analysis, Revenue and Expenditure Detail, Balance Sheet, Investment Structure, and FRIS Report for the Month of November 2020, as presented.

Upon the voice vote called, the members voted as follows:

Damon Ascolani	yes
Kevin Collins	yes
Cindy Kelly	yes
Patrick Kerrigan	yes
Al Malley	yes
Bethany Martino	yes
Dave Molitor	yes

With a vote of Yeas 7, the President declared the motion passed.

**6. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Mr. Ascolani invited members of the audience to address the Board. No one came forward at this time.

**7. DISCUSSION**

**A. Portrait of a Graduate**

- Dr. McConnell and the Board of Education discussed a "Portrait of a Graduate," which represents a district's vision for the skills, traits, and competencies that students need to succeed. Examples were shared as well as a timeline for development.

**B. Future Planning Considerations for District 113A**

- Dr. McConnell presented to the Board of Education the November 3<sup>rd</sup> referendum results and feedback received. A special meeting will take place

on January 6, 2021 to take action on a new resolution for the April 6, 2021 Consolidated Election.

## 8. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Board President Ascolani asked if there was anyone on the Board that would like any item(s) removed from the consent agenda. No one had any requests at this time.

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Dave Molitor, to approve the consent agenda which includes the following:

- Monthly Report of Open Accounts Payable/Bills and Payroll
- The hiring of listed employees pending compliance with applicable Board policy and State and Federal law:
  - Janice Reynolds, Bus Driver, effective January 4, 2021
- The Resignation of:
  - Sarah Wiertel, OW Kindergarten Teacher, effective January 11, 2021
- The Leave of Absence of:
  - Lauren Sanders, RV 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher, 6 week FMLA leave, effective April 15, 2021
  - Brianna Paczkowski, OQ Special Education Teacher, 12 week FMLA leave, effective February 1, 2021
- Monthly Report – Enrollment
- Monthly Report – Discipline
- Monthly Report – Food Service
- Monthly Report – Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
- Second Reading – Policy 5:30, 5:100, 6:50, 6:60, 6:190, 7:190, 7:260, and 7:310
- Approval to Seek Bids for Upcoming Work

Upon the voice vote called, the members voted as follows:

Damon Ascolani	yes
Kevin Collins	yes
Cindy Kelly	yes
Patrick Kerrigan	yes
Al Malley	yes
Bethany Martino	yes
Dave Molitor	yes

With a vote of Yeas 7, the President declared the motion passed.

## B. Monthly Report – Open Accounts Payable/Bills and Payroll

### Payroll:

12/4/2020

Regular: \$641,017.39

12/18/2020

Regular: \$637,723.40

Stipend: \$19,369.75

**Bills/Accounts Payable:**

Bills dated December 9, 2020 in the amount of \$571,773.07.

**C. Monthly Report – Personnel**

The hiring of listed employees pending compliance with applicable Board policy and State and Federal law:

- Janice Reynolds, Bus Driver, effective January 4, 2021

The Resignation of:

- Sarah Wiertel, OW Kindergarten Teacher, effective January 11, 2021

The Leave of Absence of:

- Lauren Sanders, RV 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher, 6 week FMLA leave, effective April 15, 2021
- Brianna Paczkowski, OQ Special Education Teacher, 12 week FMLA leave, effective February 1, 2021

**D. Monthly Report – Enrollment**

As of December 9, 2020, enrollment has neither increased nor decreased.

**E. Monthly Report – Discipline**

**F. Monthly Report – Food Service**

**G. Monthly Report – Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)**

1. FOIA – Heidy Holloway, Citywide Building Maintenance Inc. – Custodial Services – 10 Minutes

**H. Second Reading – Policy 5:30, 5:100, 6:50, 6:60, 6:190, 7:190, 7:260, 7:310**

**I. Consider Approval to Seek Bids for Upcoming Work**

We are seeing Board approval to seek bids for upcoming work as outlined below:

1. Bipolar ionization systems for Oakwood, River Valley, and Old Quarry Schools
2. Second rooftop heating unit of five unit phase replacement project at River Valley School

It is the administrative recommendation to request the Board's approval of this request as presented.

**9. BOARD ACTION**

**A. Consider Approval of Tax Levy**

The adoption of the Final Tax Levy is a procedure that by statute is required to be completed and filed prior to the last Tuesday in December.

Last month, the Board of Education adopted the Tentative Levy at an increase of more than 5% over the previous year's extension. Attached is a copy of the proper documentation that the Board of Education must approve in order for the Levy to be submitted to the proper counties and then extended according to each county's deadline.

The Tax Levy accounts for over 80% of the total revenue received by the District. It is the recommendation of the administration to approve the Final Tax Levy, as presented.

**Recommended Motion:**

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Kevin Collins, to approve the Final FY20 Tax Levy, as presented.

Upon the voice vote called, the members voted as follows:

Damon Ascolani	yes
Kevin Collins	yes
Cindy Kelly	yes
Patrick Kerrigan	yes
Al Malley	yes
Bethany Martino	yes
Dave Molitor	yes

With a vote of Yeas 7, the President declared the motion passed.

**10. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

**A. Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session**

Motion made by Dave Molitor, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, at 7:32 p.m. to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of:

1. The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10).
2. Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the District finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

The Board of Education DOES NOT anticipate action as a result of closed session.

Upon voice vote being called, the members voted as follows:

Damon Ascolani	yes
Kevin Collins	yes
Cindy Kelly	yes
Patrick Kerrigan	yes
Al Malley	yes
Bethany Martino	yes
Dave Molitor	yes

With a vote of Yeas 7, the President declared the motion passed.

**11. CLOSED SESSION**

**12. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

**A. Motion to Reconvene to Open Session**

Motion made by Cindy Kelly, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, at 7:42 p.m. to reconvene the Open Session Meeting of the Board of Education.

Upon voice vote being called, the member voted as follows:

Damon Ascolani	yes
Kevin Collins	yes
Cindy Kelly	yes
Patrick Kerrigan	yes
Al Malley	yes
Bethany Martino	yes
Dave Molitor	yes

With a vote of Yeas 7, the President declared the motion passed.

**13. ADVANCED PLANNING**

JANUARY

- Six Month Review of Closed Session Minutes/Tapes
- Summer Project Bids (If Needed)

FEBRUARY

- Resolution to Designate a Person to Prepare Preliminary Budget
- Amend School Calendar (If Necessary)
- Approve Next Year's Calendar

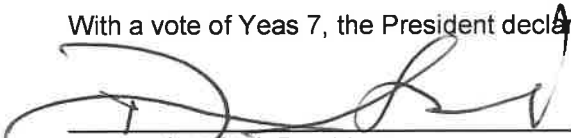
**14. ADJOURNMENT**

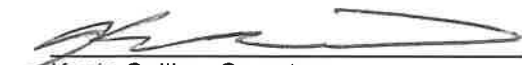
The motion was made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Cindy Kelly to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education at 7:51 p.m.

Upon voice vote being called, the members voted as follows:

Damon Ascolani	yes
Kevin Collins	yes
Cindy Kelly	yes
Patrick Kerrigan	yes
Al Malley	yes
Bethany Martino	yes
Dave Molitor	yes

With a vote of Yeas 7, the President declared the motion passed.

  
 Damon Ascolani, President  
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 January 27, 2021  
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 Kevin Collins, Secretary  
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