

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
LEMONT-BROMBEREK CSD 113A
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
OLD QUARRY MIDDLE SCHOOL – LRC
LEMONT, ILLINOIS 60439
Wednesday, December 20, 2023**

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 20, 2023 in the Old Quarry Middle School LRC.

A. Roll Call

Upon roll being called, the following board members were present: Damon Ascolani, President, Al Malley, Vice President, Bethany Martino, Secretary, Angela Andrus, Patrick Kerrigan, and Joseph Pogvara.

Board Members Absent: Kevin Collins.

Administration present: Dr. Daniela Fountain, Assistant Superintendent, Barbara Germany, Business Manager, Heidi Rudy, Assistant Director of Student Services, Dr. Tracey Miller, Director of Teaching and Learning, Jake Smith, Director of Technology, Pat Crean, Director of Operations, Dimitra Georganas, Principal/Oakwood, Ryan Talaga, Assistant Principal/Oakwood, Kate Koch, Principal/River Valley, Sara Weeks, Assistant Principal/River Valley, Shirley Kleehammer, Principal/Central, Ali Lincoln, Assistant Principal/Central, and Joe Sweeney, Principal/Old Quarry.

Staff Present: Adrian Ramirez.

Audience Members (from sign in sheet, if legible): Lauren Logeman, Monika Ulrich, and Michael Pensinger.

B. Pledge of Allegiance: Damon Ascolani.

C. Approval of the Agenda:

Damon Ascolani proposed to amend the agenda, moving public comments to after the public hearing.

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Al Malley, to approve the agenda as amended.

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

Angela Andrus	yes	
Damon Ascolani	yes	
Kevin Collins		absent
Patrick Kerrigan	yes	
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	yes	
Joseph Pogvara	yes	

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

D. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Al Malley, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, to approve the open and closed session minutes dated November 29, 2023, as submitted.

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

Angela Andrus	yes	
Damon Ascolani	yes	
Kevin Collins		absent
Patrick Kerrigan	yes	
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	yes	
Joseph Pogvara	yes	

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

E. Recognition:

- The Board of Education recognized Central student Kaitlyn Pensinger as a winner of the STR Annual Holiday Card Contest.

2. ADJOURN TO PUBLIC HEARING

A. Motion to Adjourn to Public Hearing to Hear Comments on the Tentative Levy for FY23

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Al Malley, to adjourn to hold the Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing public comments on the tentative levy for FY23 per School Code and State Statute (35 ILCS 200/18-72).

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

Angela Andrus	yes	
Damon Ascolani	yes	
Kevin Collins		absent
Patrick Kerrigan	yes	
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	yes	
Joseph Pogvara	yes	

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

3. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Motion to Convene the Public Hearing

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Angela Andrus, to convene the Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing public comments on the tentative FY23 levy.

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

Angela Andrus	yes	
Damon Ascolani	yes	
Kevin Collins		absent
Patrick Kerrigan	yes	
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	yes	
Joseph Pogvara	yes	

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

B. Information

Barbara Germany provided a summary of the FY23 tax levy.

C. Public Comments

D. Motion to Adjourn Public Hearing

Motion made by Al Malley, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, to adjourn the Public Hearing.

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

Angela Andrus	yes	
Damon Ascolani	yes	
Kevin Collins		absent
Patrick Kerrigan	yes	
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	yes	
Joseph Pogvara	yes	

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

4. RECONVENE TO OPEN MEETING

A. Motion to Reconvene to the Open Meeting

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

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

Angela Andrus	yes	
Damon Ascolani	yes	
Kevin Collins		absent
Patrick Kerrigan	yes	
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	yes	
Joseph Pogvara	yes	

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

5. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mr. Ascolani invited members of the audience to address the Board. Two community members addressed the Board regarding enrichment opportunities at the elementary level.

6. COMMUNICATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ADMINISTRATION REPORTS AND SCHEDULES

A. President's Report

- Mr. Ascolani expressed his condolences to the Minetti family on the loss of OQ custodian, Bob Minetti. Mr. Ascolani also thanked Dr. Daniela Fountain for her service to the district.

B. Board Committee Reports

- Policy – Mr. Ascolani reported that the Policy Committee met on December 12, 2023 to review PRESS Issue 113, which will be discussed further with the Board under New Business.

C. Union Representation Reports

D. Principals' Reports

- Oakwood School – Mrs. Georganas reported on Mitten Tree Day at Oakwood School, the all-school assembly with Matt Wilhelm, and winter classroom parties.
- River Valley School – Mrs. Koch reported that River Valley was able to support 28 families in need this holiday season. Mrs. Koch also reported on the assembly with Matt Wilhelm as well as holiday parties.
- Central School – Mrs. Kleehammer reported on Central's recent band concert and the assembly held on December 8th. Mrs. Kleehammer also provided an update on MAP assessments.
- Old Quarry Middle School – Mr. Sweeney reported on the musical at Old Quarry and the assembly with Matt Wilhelm. Mr. Sweeney also provided an update on Old Quarry's redesignation for Schools to Watch.

E. Assistant Superintendent's Report

F. Superintendent's Report

G. Treasurer's Reports

Motion made by Al Malley, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, 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 2023, as presented.

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

Angela Andrus	yes	
Damon Ascolani	yes	
Kevin Collins		absent
Patrick Kerrigan	yes	
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	yes	
Joseph Pogvara	yes	

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

7. PRESENTATIONS, SPECIAL EVENTS, DISCUSSION

- The Board discussed the proposed calendar for the 2024-2025 school year, which will be submitted for approval at the January Board Meeting.

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 Al Malley 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:
 - Bridgette Iwanski, OQ Temporary 1-Year 7th Grade Science Teacher, effective January 8, 2024

- Anna Brandt, RV Temporary 1-Year 3rd Grade Teacher, effective January 8, 2024
- Claudia DeSantis, OQ Speech and Language Pathologist, effective January 8, 2024
- The Resignation of:
 - Jennifer O'Neil, RV 3rd Grade Teacher, effective January 1, 2024
 - Patricia Lofky, RV Paraprofessional, effective December 14, 2023
 - Larry Anderson, Maintenance Engineer, effective December 15, 2023
 - Molly Cleary, OQ Speech and Language Pathologist, effective January 8, 2024
- The Leave of Absence of:
 - Teacher, 12 week FMLA leave, effective February 20, 2024
 - Teacher, 12 week FMLA leave, effective March 19, 2024
- Monthly Report – Enrollment
- Monthly Report – Discipline
- Monthly Report – Food Service
- Monthly Report – Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
- Approval of Disposal of Equipment

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

Angela Andrus	yes	
Damon Ascolani	yes	
Kevin Collins		absent
Patrick Kerrigan	yes	
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	yes	
Joseph Pogvara	yes	

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

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

Payroll:

12/1/2023
Regular: \$757,651.09

12/15/2023
Regular: \$782,228.48
Stipend: \$75,352.98

Bills/Accounts Payable:

Bills dated December 14, 2023 in the amount of \$877,068.17.

C. Monthly Report – Personnel

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

- Bridgette Iwanski, OQ Temporary 1-Year 7th Grade Science Teacher, effective January 8, 2024
- Anna Brandt, RV Temporary 1-Year 3rd Grade Teacher, effective January 8, 2024

- Claudia DeSantis, OQ Speech and Language Pathologist, effective January 8, 2024

The Resignation of:

- Jennifer O’Neil, RV 3rd Grade Teacher, effective January 1, 2024
- Patricia Lofky, RV Paraprofessional, effective December 14, 2023
- Larry Anderson, Maintenance Engineer, effective December 15, 2023
- Molly Cleary, OQ Speech and Language Pathologist, effective January 8, 2024

The Leave of Absence of:

- Teacher, 12 week FMLA leave, effective February 20, 2024
- Teacher, 12 week FMLA leave, effective March 19, 2024

D. Monthly Report – Enrollment

- As of December 11, 2023, enrollment has increased by 1 student, with 4 new students entering the district and 3 students transferring out of the district.

E. Monthly Report – Discipline

F. Monthly Report – Food Service

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

- FOIA – Patrick Lee

H. Consider Approval of Disposal of Equipment

In accordance with Policy 4:80, Accounting and Audits, please find attached lists of District property that has become either obsolete or too costly to maintain. The hardware is old computer equipment that is either obsolete, damaged beyond the price of repair, or no longer serves a need in our current environment. This equipment is currently taking up large amounts of storage space that we would like to free up.

We would like the Board to approve the disposal of this equipment. Upon Board approval, we will dispose of the assets in the most appropriate and ecologically friendly manner possible. There are several local electronics recyclers that pick up the surplus free of charge and can offer money for some equipment, although this is unlikely with this current collection.

9. BOARD ACTION

A. Consider Approval of Tax Levy

Motion made by Al Malley, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, to approve the Final FY23 Tax Levy, as presented.

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

Angela Andrus	yes	
Damon Ascolani	yes	
Kevin Collins		absent
Patrick Kerrigan	yes	
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	yes	
Joseph Pogvara	yes	

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

10. NEW/OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. First Reading – PRESS 113

- Mr. Ascolani reviewed PRESS Issue 113 and the recommended policy updates with the Board.

11. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

A. Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Bethany Martino, at 7:02 p.m. to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of:

- a) Discussion on the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors, or specific volunteers of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor, or a volunteer of the District or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), amended by P.A. 101-459.
- b) The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10).

The Board of Education DOES anticipate action as a result of closed session.

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

Angela Andrus	yes	
Damon Ascolani	yes	
Kevin Collins		absent
Patrick Kerrigan	yes	
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	yes	
Joseph Pogvara	yes	

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

12. CLOSED SESSION

13. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

A. Motion to Reconvene to Open Session

Motion made by Al Malley, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, at 8:02 p.m. to reconvene the Open Session Meeting of the Board of Education.

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

Angela Andrus	yes	
Damon Ascolani	yes	
Kevin Collins		absent
Patrick Kerrigan	yes	
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	yes	
Joseph Pogvara	yes	

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

14. ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION

A. Consider Approval of Notice to Remedy

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Angela Andrus, to approve the Notice to Remedy for tenured teacher Lisa Kybartas, as discussed in closed session.

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

Angela Andrus	yes	
Damon Ascolani	yes	
Kevin Collins		absent
Patrick Kerrigan	yes	
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	yes	
Joseph Pogvara	yes	

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

15. ADVANCED PLANNING

JANUARY

- Six-Month Review of Closed Session Minutes/Tapes

FEBRUARY

- Resolution to Designate a Person to Prepare Preliminary Budget
- Approve Next Year's Calendar


16. ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Al Malley, to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education at 8:03 p.m.

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

Angela Andrus	yes	
Damon Ascolani	yes	
Kevin Collins		absent
Patrick Kerrigan	yes	
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	yes	
Joseph Pogvara	yes	

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



Damon Ascolani, President

1/24/24
Date



Bethany Martino, Secretary

1/24/24
Date