

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
LEMONT-BROMBEREK CSD 113A
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
OLD QUARRY MIDDLE SCHOOL – LRC
LEMONT, ILLINOIS 60439
Wednesday, December 22, 2021**

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 22, 2021 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, Brian Bushnell, Cindy Kelly, Patrick Kerrigan, and Bethany Martino.

Board Members Absent: Kevin Collins, Secretary

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

Staff Present: None.

Audience Members (from sign in sheet, if legible): Ed McManus, Carrie Eckberg, and Jody Benson.

B. Approval of Secretary Pro Tempore

Motion made by Damon Ascolani to nominate Mr. Patrick Kerrigan as the appointed Secretary Pro Tempore was approved unanimously.

C. Pledge of Allegiance: Damon Ascolani.

D. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Brian Bushnell, to approve the agenda as submitted.

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

Damon Ascolani	yes	
Brian Bushnell	yes	
Kevin Collins		absent
Cindy Kelly	yes	
Patrick Kerrigan	yes	
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	yes	

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

E. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Brian Bushnell, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, to approve the open and closed session minutes dated November 17, 2021 and December 1, 2021, as submitted.

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

Damon Ascolani	yes	
Brian Bushnell	yes	
Kevin Collins		absent
Cindy Kelly	yes	
Patrick Kerrigan	yes	
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	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 FY21

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Brian Bushnell, to adjourn the Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing public comments on the tentative levy for FY21 per School Code and State Statute (35 ILCS 200/18-72).

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

Damon Ascolani	yes	
Brian Bushnell	yes	
Kevin Collins		absent
Cindy Kelly	yes	
Patrick Kerrigan	yes	
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	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 Cindy Kelly, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, to convene the Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing public comments on the tentative FY21 levy.

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

Damon Ascolani	yes	
Brian Bushnell	yes	
Kevin Collins		absent
Cindy Kelly	yes	
Patrick Kerrigan	yes	
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	yes	

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

B. Information

C. Public Comments

Mr. Ascolani invited members of the audience to address the Board regarding the Public Hearing.

- A community member addressed the Board regarding the tentative FY21 levy.

D. Motion to Adjourn Public Hearing

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Brian Bushnell, to adjourn the Public Hearing.

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

Damon Ascolani	yes	
Brian Bushnell	yes	
Kevin Collins		absent
Cindy Kelly	yes	
Patrick Kerrigan	yes	
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	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 Brian Bushnell, to reconvene the open meeting of the Board of Education.

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

Damon Ascolani	yes	
Brian Bushnell	yes	
Kevin Collins		absent
Cindy Kelly	yes	
Patrick Kerrigan	yes	
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	yes	

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

5. COMMUNICATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ADMINISTRATION REPORTS AND SCHEDULES

A. President's Report

- President Ascolani reported that he and Dr. McConnell plan on meeting with the Mayor and Village Manager of Palos Park.

B. Board Committee Reports

- Finance and Audit – Mr. Malley reported that the Finance Committee met on December 14, 2021. Mr. Malley provided an update in Board Action.
- Facilities – Mr. Kerrigan reported that the Facilities Committee met in conjunction with the Finance Committee on December 14, 2021. Mr. Kerrigan provided an update in Board Action.

C. Union Representation Reports

D. Principals' Reports

- Oakwood School – Mrs. Koch reported on the holiday festivities held at Oakwood School as well as the upcoming MAP testing to be held in January following Winter Break. Mrs. Koch also reported on the staff's Reading Horizons training.
- River Valley School – Mrs. Lynch reported on the River Valley School band performance as well as the virtual Gingerbread Night in which students and families participated. Mrs. Lynch also reported on the staff's Reading Horizons training.
- Old Quarry Middle School – Mr. Sweeney reported on Old Quarry Middle School's musical as well as the band concert. Mr. Sweeney also reported that MAP testing will be conducted in January following Winter Break.

E. Assistant Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Fountain provided the Board with an update on the ELA Steering Committee as well as e-Learning.

F. Superintendent's Report

- Dr. McConnell provided the Board with an update on SHIELD testing as well as the musical and band concerts held at Old Quarry Middle School. In addition, Dr. McConnell provided an update on the meeting held with Chief Maton and Lemont Village representatives regarding safety and security.

G. Treasurer's Reports

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Al Malley, 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 2021, as presented.

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

Damon Ascolani	yes	
Brian Bushnell	yes	
Kevin Collins		absent
Cindy Kelly	yes	
Patrick Kerrigan	yes	
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	yes	

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

6. PRESENTATIONS, SPECIAL EVENTS, DISCUSSION

A. Discussion – Old Quarry PSAT Update

- Mr. Sweeney provided the Board with an update on Old Quarry Middle School's PSAT results.

B. Discussion – Strategic Planning Timeline

- Dr. McConnell facilitated a discussion regarding the timeline for strategic planning.

7. 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 Cindy Kelly, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, 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:
 - Deana Clay, Bus Driver, effective December 23, 2021
 - Clark McDowell, Custodian, effective December 23, 2021
- The Transfer of:
 - Kate Koch, from OW Principal to RV Principal, effective July 1, 2022
- The Leave of Absence of:
 - Social Worker, Intermittent 12 week FMLA leave, effective October 20, 2021
- The Resignation of:
 - Alexandra Teklemariam, OW Special Education Teacher, effective December 31, 2021
- The Retirement of:
 - Ward Hall, Bus Driver, effective January 28, 2021
 - Darlene Klosak, OW Paraprofessional, effective June 1, 2022
- Monthly Report – Enrollment
- Monthly Report - Discipline
- Monthly Report – Food Service
- Monthly Report – Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
- Approval of Decommissioning Words Their Way Consumables

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

Damon Ascolani	yes	
Brian Bushnell	yes	
Kevin Collins		absent
Cindy Kelly	yes	
Patrick Kerrigan	yes	
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	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:

11/19/2021

Regular: \$645,146.16

12/3/2021

Regular: \$644,810.78

12/17/2021

Regular: \$646,465.62

Stipend: \$72,614.31

Bills/Accounts Payable:

Bills dated December 16, 2021 in the amount of \$1,320,158.55.

C. Monthly Report – Personnel

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

- Deana Clay, Bus Driver, effective December 23, 2021
- Clark McDowell, Custodian, effective December 23, 2021

The Transfer of:

- Kate Koch, from OW Principal to RV Principal, effective July 1, 2022

The Leave of Absence of:

- Social Worker, Intermittent 12 week FMLA leave, effective October 20, 2021

The Resignation of:

- Alexandra Teklemariam, OW Special Education Teacher, effective December 31, 2021

The Retirement of:

- Ward Hall, Bus Driver, effective January 28, 2022
- Darlene Klosak, OW Paraprofessional, effective June 1, 2022

D. Monthly Report – Enrollment

As of December 15, 2021, enrollment has increased by 1 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)

1. FOIA – Michael Wilson – Library Materials
2. FOIA – Michael Wilson – Communication regarding Trespass Notice

H. Consider Approval of Decommissioning Words Their Way Consumables

The following titles from Words Their Way:

- Emergent: 16
- Letter Name Vol. #1: 299
- Letter Name Vol. #2: 700
- Within Word Vol. #1: 39
- Within Word Vol. #2: 325
- S+A Vol. #1: 151
- S+A Vol. #2: 297
- Derivational: 38

8. 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 that allowed for our allowed CPI increase at 5%, new property, as well as a portion of the approved referendum amount. After further discussion and planning, it was agreed by the Board and administration that an additional amount of \$500,000 would be added to that tentative approval. 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 Al Malley, seconded by Cindy Kelly, to approve the Final FY21 Tax Levym as presented.

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

Damon Ascolani	yes	
Brian Bushnell	yes	
Kevin Collins		absent
Cindy Kelly	yes	
Patrick Kerrigan	yes	
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	yes	

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

B. Consider Approval of CITGO Grant Agreement

District 113A has applied for the CITGO STEM Talent Pipeline grant this school year. We are pleased to share that we have been awarded a 50,000 grant from CITGO through this program. The CITGO STEM Talent Pipeline program aims to increase access to Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) related educational opportunities by supporting and encouraging students to pursue STEM degrees and career prospects, so they can become a qualified pool of job candidates to join the CITGO workforce. Our goal is to create a learning environment that fosters the growth of future innovators.

Currently, Old Quarry Middle School is an Innovation Academy along with Lemont High School, one of four communities across the nation with this honor. Through collaboration with LHS, we have developed an aligned STEAM program for students in grades six through eight. With the additional grant, we are proposing the adoption of Central School Innovation Academy to establish a greater foundation in STEAM for students in 4th and 5th grade at Central School. Attached is the grant agreement on the agenda for approval tonight.

Recommended Motion:

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Brian Bushnell, to approve the CITGO Grant Agreement as presented.

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

Damon Ascolani	yes	
Brian Bushnell	yes	
Kevin Collins		absent
Cindy Kelly	yes	
Patrick Kerrigan	yes	
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	yes	

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

C. Consider Approval to Solicit Bids for Old Quarry Boiler

The Old Quarry boiler is in need of replacement. We are seeking the Board's approval to solicit bids on this boiler project, beginning the process in January

Recommended Motion:

Motion made by Cindy Kelly, seconded by Brian Bushnell, to approve the administrative request to solicit bids for a replacement boiler at Old Quarry Middle School.

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

Damon Ascolani	yes	
Brian Bushnell	yes	
Kevin Collins		absent
Cindy Kelly	yes	
Patrick Kerrigan	yes	
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	yes	

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

D. Consider Approval of Furniture Package for Central School

Over the last several months, the administrative team has been working with Frank Cooney and our architects on furniture options for Central School. Options and colors were run through the Central School Design Team, and sample classrooms were set up for students and staff to provide feedback. The attached quote for furniture has evolved over the last several months. The final quote from Frank Cooney is \$572,185.53. Frank Cooney is a member of the NCPA (National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance); the district is a member of this organization also. This means that these items being purchased are pre-bid and we are receiving the lowest price available on the products offered.

The administrative team met on Tuesday, December 14th, with the Facility Committee and Finance Committee to discuss this furniture bid.

It is the administrative recommendation to approve this quote for Central School furniture as presented in an amount not to exceed \$572,185.53.

Recommended Motion:

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Al Malley, to approve the quote for Central School furniture as presented in an amount not to exceed \$572,185.53.

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

Damon Ascolani	yes	
Brian Bushnell	yes	
Kevin Collins		absent
Cindy Kelly	yes	
Patrick Kerrigan	yes	
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	yes	

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

E. Consider Approval of Technology Package for Central School

Over the last several months, the administrative team has been working with Dyopath and other vendors to facilitate the best solutions for technology at Central School. This process has continuously evolved during this planning time until we were able to arrive at what we believe to be a perfect solution to fit the needs of the students and staff that will be housed in this newly renovated facility. We are still working with Sentinel on a possible solution that will cost less than presented here this evening, and we are only selecting portions of the Sentinel quote provided.

The team met on Tuesday, December 14th, with the Facility Committee and Finance Committee to discuss these options.

Below is a breakdown of these technology solutions:

Apple: Apple TVs	\$8,900.00
Dyopath: Switches, Access Points, UPS	\$131,374.31
Rex Electric: Classroom projectors installation/engineering and PM & Classroom Monitors	\$127,644.87
REX Electric - 32 Classroom Projectors	\$54,080.00
ITR Quote	\$21,885.00
Five Star Quote	\$109,478.00
Sentinel: Phones	\$38,364.83
Key Fobs (estimated cost for door security)	\$400.00
Total Technology	\$492,127.01

It is the administrative recommendation that the Board approve these above referenced technology solutions in the amount not to exceed \$492,127.01 as presented and direct the administration to engage with the vendors as selected accordingly.

Recommended Motion:

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Brian Bushnell, to approve the technology solutions for Central School, with the removal of the Sentinel quote, in the amount not to exceed \$453,762.18. The \$54,080.00 for 32 classroom projectors will be a direct purchase by the District from the vendor with the lowest quote.

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

Damon Ascolani	yes	
Brian Bushnell	yes	
Kevin Collins		absent
Cindy Kelly	yes	
Patrick Kerrigan	yes	

Al Malley yes
Bethany Martino yes

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

9. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mr. Ascolani invited members of the audience to address the Board.

- Community members addressed the Board regarding the District's policies for the 2021-2022 school year.

10. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

A. Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Brian Bushnell, at 7:20 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 purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5).
- c) The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the District. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6).
- d) 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
Brian Bushnell yes
Kevin Collins absent
Cindy Kelly yes
Patrick Kerrigan yes
Al Malley yes
Bethany Martino yes

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

11. CLOSED SESSION

12. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

A. Motion to Reconvene to Open Session

Motion made by Al Malley, seconded by Brian Bushnell, at 8:27 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	
Brian Bushnell	yes	
Kevin Collins		absent
Cindy Kelly	yes	
Patrick Kerrigan	yes	
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	yes	

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

13. ADVANCED PLANNING

JANUARY

- Six-Month Review of Closed Session Minutes/Tapes
- Superintendent Shall Notify Board of Upcoming Evaluation (On/Before Feb. 1st)
- Summer Project Bids (If Needed)

FEBRUARY

- Resolution to Designate a Person to Prepare Preliminary Budget
- Amend School Calendar (If Necessary)

14. ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Cindy Kelly, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education at 8:27 p.m.

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


Damon Ascolani	yes	
Brian Bushnell	yes	
Kevin Collins		absent
Cindy Kelly	yes	
Patrick Kerrigan	yes	
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	yes	

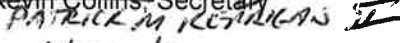
With a vote of Yeas 6, Absent 1, the President declared the motion passed.



 Damon Ascolani, President


 Date



 Kevin Collins, Secretary


 1/26/2022

 Date