

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
LEMONT-BROMBEREK CSD 113A  
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES  
OLD QUARRY MIDDLE SCHOOL – LRC  
LEMONT, ILLINOIS 60439  
Wednesday, February 28, 2024**

**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, February 28, 2024 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. Anthony McConnell, Superintendent, 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, Dave Jones, Assistant Principal/Old Quarry, and Jennifer LaCombe, Assistant Principal/Old Quarry.

Staff Present: Claudia DeSantis and Kristen Cook.

Audience Members (from sign in sheet, if legible): None.

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

**C. Approval of the Agenda:**

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Angela Andrus, to approve the agenda 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.

**D. Approval of Minutes:**

Motion made by Al Malley, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, to approve the open and closed session minutes dated January 24, 2024, 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 recognized the Old Quarry Cheerleading Team for their 1<sup>st</sup> place finish at the IESA State Cheerleading Competition.

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

**A. President's Report**

**B. Board Committee Reports**

- Finance Committee – Mr. Malley reported that the Finance Committee met on February 6, 2024 to review and discuss the second quarter financials, 5-year financial projection, and staffing plans.
- The Insurance Committee is scheduled to meet on March 20, 2024.

**C. Union Representation Reports**

**D. Principals' Reports**

- Oakwood School – Mr. Talaga provided an update on ECRA meetings with teachers at Oakwood as well as Preschool screenings. Mr. Talaga also reported on Preschool Family Night, spring after-school clubs, and the PTO Cookie Decorating Night.
- River Valley School – Mrs. Weeks reported on the upcoming choir performance at the Wolves hockey game and the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade music show. Mrs. Weeks also provided an update on the special education students' field trip to We Rock the Spectrum gym, the donations collected by the Early Act Club, and data meetings with staff.
- Central School – Mrs. Kleehammer reported on the upcoming author visit at Central, the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade music shows, and presentation by the Attorney General's office on internet safety. Mrs. Kleehammer also provided an update on IAR testing.
- Old Quarry Middle School – Mrs. LaCombe provided an update on extracurriculars as well as the recent disability awareness assembly presented by SEASPAR. Mrs. LaCombe also reported on IAR testing and Old Quarry's re-designation as an Illinois School to Watch.

**E. Assistant Superintendent's Report**

- Dr. Fountain provided the Board with an update on the curriculum review process as well as the recent Wellness Symposium held at Lemont High School.

**F. Superintendent's Report**

- Dr. McConnell congratulated Old Quarry on their re-designation as a School to Watch. Dr. McConnell also provided an update on the IAEA traveling state student art show and Kindergarten and new student registration.

**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 January 2024, 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.

**3. PRESENTATIONS, SPECIAL EVENTS, DISCUSSION**

**A. Presentation – Lemont Park District**

- Louise Egofske, Lemont Park District Executive Director, presented to the Board information regarding their upcoming capital improvement projects and referendum.

**4. 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 Joseph Pogvara, 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:
  - Anthony Minneci, Bus Driver, effective February 29, 2024
  - Joshua Pack, Custodian, effective February 29, 2024
  - Brianna McKinley, CE School Psychologist, effective 2024-2025 school year
  - Anthony Coleman, Maintenance, effective February 29, 2024
- The Resignation of:
  - Joseph Gloeckle, Custodian, effective February 2, 2024
  - Jonathon Lorenz, CE Lunchroom Supervisor, effective February 21, 2024
  - MacKenzie Pollastrini, RV Art Teacher, effective June 30, 2024
  - Megan Mundt, Assistant Director of Student Services, effective June 30, 2024
- The Leave of Absence of:
  - Teacher, 2 week FMLA leave, effective March 28, 2024
  - Teacher, 2 week Leave of Absence, effective February 22, 2024
  - Teacher, 1 year Parental Leave, effective August 12, 2024 through the end of the 2024-2025 school year

- The Retirement of:
  - Wendy Feddersen, RV 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher, effective June 30, 2028
  - Donna Mazzotti, OW Paraprofessional, effective end of 2023-2024 school year
- Monthly Report – Enrollment
- Monthly Report – Discipline
- Monthly Report – Food Service
- Monthly Report – Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
- Approval of Job Descriptions
- Approval of Contract with CESO Communications
- Approval of Student Educational Services Agreement

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:**

1/26/2024  
Regular: \$760,038.25

2/9/2024  
Regular: \$779,611.96

2/23/2024  
Regular: \$771,332.17  
Stipend: \$39,516.28

**Bills/Accounts Payable:**

Bills dated February 23, 2024 in the amount of \$1,200,532.87.

**C. Monthly Report – Personnel**

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

- Anthony Minneci, Bus Driver, effective February 29, 2024
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**D. Monthly Report – Enrollment**

- As of February 20, 2024, enrollment has increased by 10 students, with 10 new students entering the district.

**E. Monthly Report – Discipline**

**F. Monthly Report – Food Service**

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

- FOIA – IRTA

**H. Consider Approval of Job Descriptions**

**I. Consider Approval of Contract with CESO Communications**

**J. Consider Approval of Student Educational Services Agreement**

**5. BOARD ACTION**

**A. Consider Approval of Resolution Designating a Person to Prepare Preliminary Budget**

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Joseph Pogvara, to approve the resolution to designate the Acting Superintendent and Chief School Business Official as authorized persons to prepare the 2024-2025 tentative budget for Lemont-Bromberek CSD 113A.

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. Consider Approval of Energy Contract for Natural Gas**

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Joseph Pogvara, to direct the administration to secure a price not to exceed \$.46/therm for the July 2024-June 2026 term for natural gas pricing.

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.

**6. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

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

**7. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

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

Motion made by Angela Andrus, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, at 7:11 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) Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representative, or deliberation concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).
- c) 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).
- d) 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 NOT 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.

**8. CLOSED SESSION**

**9. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

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

Motion made by Angela Andrus, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, at 8:45 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.

**10. ADVANCED PLANNING**

**MARCH**

- Resolutions for Dismissal of Non-Tenured Teachers
- Approval of Upcoming Year School Fees

**APRIL**

- School Board Reorganization


**11. ADJOURNMENT**

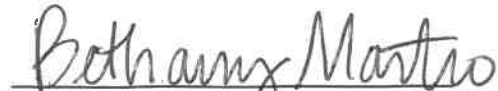
The motion was made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Angela Andrus, to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education at 8:56 p.m.

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  
3/20/24  
Date

  
Bethany Martino, Secretary  
3.20.24  
Date