

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
LEMONT-BROMBEREK CSD 113A
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
OLD QUARRY MIDDLE SCHOOL – LRC
LEMONT, ILLINOIS 60439
Tuesday, January 16, 2024**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Damon Ascolani called to order the Special Meeting of the Lemont-Bromberek CSD 113A Board of Education at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 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, Kevin Collins, Patrick Kerrigan, and Joseph Pogvara.

Board Members Absent: None.

Administration present: Dimitra Georganas, Principal/Oakwood, Ryan Talaga, Assistant Principal/Oakwood, Kate Koch, Principal/River Valley, Sara Weeks, Assistant Principal/River Valley, Shirley Kleehammer, Principal/Central, Alison Lincoln, Assistant Principal/Central, and Joe Sweeney, Principal/Old Quarry.

Staff Present: None.

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

B. Pledge of Allegiance: Damon Ascolani.

C. Approval of the Agenda:

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

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

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

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

2. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

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

3. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

A. Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session

Motion made by Al Malley, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, at 7:31 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.

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	yes
Patrick Kerrigan	yes
Al Malley	yes
Bethany Martino	yes
Joseph Pogvara	yes

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

4. CLOSED SESSION

5. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

A. Motion to Reconvene to Open Session

Motion made by Al Malley, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, at 7:47 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	yes
Patrick Kerrigan	yes
Al Malley	yes
Bethany Martino	yes
Joseph Pogvara	yes

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

6. ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION

A. Consider Acceptance of Resignation of Superintendent Dr. McConnell

Motion made by Al Malley, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, to accept the resignation of Superintendent Dr. Anthony McConnell, effective March 31, 2024.

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

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

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

B. Consider Rescission of Prior Administrator Resignation

Motion made by Al Malley, seconded by Angela Andrus, to allow Dr. Daniela Fountain to rescind her prior resignation and return to employment by the Board in her prior position of Assistant Superintendent under her current contract. Her employment will take effect January 29, 2024.

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

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

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

C. Consider Appointment of New Superintendent

Motion made by Al Malley, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, to appoint Dr. Courtney Orzel as the new Superintendent to begin July 1, 2024, under a new 5 year contract with a salary of \$249,000 for the 2024-2025 school year.

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

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

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

7. ADJOURNMENT

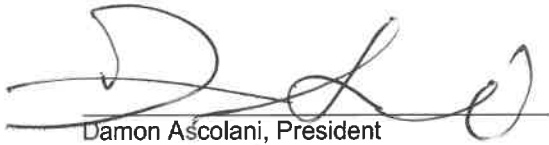
The motion was made by Al Malley, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board of Education at 7:50 p.m.

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

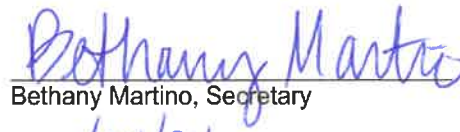
Angela Andrus yes
Damon Ascolani yes

Kevin Collins yes
Patrick Kerrigan yes
Al Malley yes
Bethany Martino yes
Joseph Pogvara yes

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



Damon Ascolani, President
Date 1/24/24



Bethany Martino, Secretary
Date 1/24/24