

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
LEMONT-BROMBEREK CSD 113A  
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES  
OLD QUARRY MIDDLE SCHOOL – LRC  
LEMONT, ILLINOIS 60439  
Wednesday, January 24, 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, January 24, 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, and Patrick Kerrigan.

Board Members Absent: Kevin Collins and Joseph Pogvara.

Administration present: Dr. Anthony McConnell, 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, 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, Joe Sweeney, Principal/Old Quarry, Dave Jones, Assistant Principal/Old Quarry, and Jennifer LaCombe, Assistant Principal/Old Quarry.

Staff Present: Aimee Sternisha and Janice Reynolds

Audience Members (from sign in sheet, if legible): Jason Sternisha

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

With a vote of Yeas 5, Absent 2, the President declared the motion passed.

**D. Approval of Minutes:**

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Al Malley, to approve the open and closed session minutes dated December 20, 2023; January 10, 2024; and January 16, 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		absent

With a vote of Yeas 5, Absent 2, the President declared the motion passed.

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

### **A. President's Report**

### **B. Board Committee Reports**

- The Finance Committee is scheduled to meet on February 6, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

### **C. Union Representation Reports**

### **D. Principals' Reports**

- Oakwood School – Mr. Talaga reported on the PBIS Expectation Stations at Oakwood as well as profession development opportunities for staff. Mr. Talaga also provided an update on MAP and Aims Web testing, ACCESS testing, and ECRA data meetings with teachers.
- River Valley School – Mrs. Koch reported on the ProKids Assembly at River Valley and also provided an update on MAP and Aims Web testing as well as ACCESS testing. Mrs. Koch also thanked the PTO for the Monarch Book Collection.
- Central School – Mrs. Kleehammer reported on the PBIS student committee at Central and also provided an update on Battle of the Books and the presentation of the Too Good for Drugs program by Officer Lauricella. Mrs. Kleehammer also reported on the upcoming performance of Central's jazz band.
- Old Quarry Middle School – Mr. Sweeney provided an update on MAP testing as well as an update on extracurriculars at Old Quarry. Mr. Sweeney reported on the recent cheerleading competition held at Old Quarry and the band's first place finish at Purdue's competition.

### **E. Superintendent's Report**

- Dr. McConnell thanked the operations department for their hard work during the inclement weather and also recognized Kate Koch, River Valley Principal, for her recent book publication.

### **F. 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 December 2023, as presented.

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

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

With a vote of Yeas 5, Absent 2, the President declared the motion passed.

### 3. 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 Al Malley, 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:
  - Janet Connelly, RV Paraprofessional, effective January 23, 2024
  - Ashley Czerwiec, RV Paraprofessional, effective January 24, 2024
- The Transfer of:
  - Joan Lenz, OW Secretary to OW Learning Resource Center (LRC) Assistant, effective 2024-2025 school year
- The Resignation of:
  - John Sons, Bus Driver, effective December 30, 2023
- The Leave of Absence of:
  - Paraprofessional, Intermittent FMLA Leave, effective December 21, 2023
  - Teacher, 6 week FMLA Leave, effective February 29, 2024
  - Bus Driver, Intermittent Leave of Absence, effective December 26, 2023
- Monthly Report – Enrollment
- Monthly Report – Discipline
- Monthly Report – Food Service
- Second Reading – PRESS 113

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		absent

With a vote of Yeas 5, Absent 2, the President declared the motion passed.

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

#### Payroll:

12/29/2023

Regular: \$781,180.31  
Other: \$4,886.37

1/12/2024  
Regular: \$735,514.51

**Bills/Accounts Payable:**

Bills dated January 19, 2024 in the amount of \$1,108,079.95.

**C. Monthly Report – Personnel**

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

- Janet Connelly, RV Paraprofessional, effective January 23, 2024
- Ashley Czerwiec, RV Paraprofessional, effective January 24, 2024

The Transfer of:

- Joan Lenz, OW Secretary to OW Learning Resource Center (LRC) Assistant, effective 2024-2025 school year

The Resignation of:

- John Sons, Bus Driver, effective December 30, 2023

The Leave of Absence of:

- Paraprofessional, Intermittent FMLA Leave, effective December 21, 2023
- Teacher, 6 week FMLA Leave, effective February 29, 2024
- Bus Driver, Intermittent Leave of Absence, effective December 26, 2023

**D. Monthly Report – Enrollment**

- As of January 16, 2024, enrollment has increased by 3 students, with 7 new students entering the district and 4 students transferring out of the district.

**E. Monthly Report – Discipline**

**F. Monthly Report – Food Service**

**G. Second Reading – PRESS 113**

**4. BOARD ACTION**

**A. Consider Approval of 2024-2025 School Calendar**

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Angela Andrus, to approve the 2024-2025 school calendar 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		absent

With a vote of Yeas 5, Absent 2, the President declared the motion passed.

**B. Consider Approval of Summer 2024 Life Safety Work**

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Al Malley, to approve Metropolitan Corp. to complete the Life Safety Work at River Valley, Oakwood, and Old Quarry Schools in the amount of \$621,000.

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		absent

With a vote of Yeas 5, Absent 2, the President declared the motion passed.

**C. Consider Re-Employment of Assistant Superintendent and Appointment of Interim Superintendent**

Motion made by Al Malley, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, to re-employ Dr. Daniela Fountain as Assistant Superintendent pursuant to her current employment contract and appoint her Interim Superintendent for the period of April 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024 with a stipend of \$20,000 for performing such additional duties.

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		absent

With a vote of Yeas 5, Absent 2, the President declared the motion passed.

**5. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

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

**6. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

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

Motion made by Al Malley, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, at 6:45 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 placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10).
- d) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21).

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		absent

With a vote of Yeas 5, Absent 2, the President declared the motion passed.

## 7. CLOSED SESSION

### 8. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

#### A. Motion to Reconvene to Open Session

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Al Malley, at 7:50 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		absent

With a vote of Yeas 5, Absent 2, the President declared the motion passed.

### 9. ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION

#### A. Consider Approval to Open or Keep Closed the Closed Session Minutes

Motion made by Al Malley, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, to approve keeping closed session minutes closed.

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

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

With a vote of Yeas 5, Absent 2, the President declared the motion passed.

**10. ADVANCED PLANNING**

**FEBRUARY**

- Resolution to Designate a Person to Prepare Preliminary Budget

**MARCH**

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

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The motion was made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Al Malley, to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education at 7:52 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		absent

With a vote of Yeas 5, Absent 2, the President declared the motion passed.



Damon Ascolani, President

2/28/24  
Date



Bethany Martino, Secretary

2/28/24  
Date