

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
LEMONT-BROMBEREK CSD 113A  
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES  
OLD QUARRY MIDDLE SCHOOL – LRC  
LEMONT, ILLINOIS 60439  
Wednesday, July 28, 2021**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Damon Ascolani called to order the Business Meeting of the Lemont-Bromberek CSD 113A Board of Education at 6:31 p.m. on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 in the Old Quarry Middle School LRC.

**A. Roll Call**

Upon roll being called, the following board members were present: Damon Ascolani, President, Kevin Collins, Secretary, Brian Bushnell, Cindy Kelly, Patrick Kerrigan, and Bethany Martino. Al Malley, Vice President, arrived at 6:36 p.m.

Board Members Absent: None.

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, Steve Davis, Director of Technology, Ryan Talaga, Assistant Principal/Oakwood, Debby Lynch, Principal/River Valley, Maggi Burkhardt, Assistant Principal/River Valley, Joe Sweeney, Principal/Old Quarry, Shirley Kleehammer, Assistant Principal/Old Quarry, and Steve Nendza, Assistant Principal/Old Quarry.

Staff Present: Cindy Coyle.

Audience Members (from sign in sheet, if legible): Colby Lewis, Timothy Alvis, Whitney Wilda, Ben Swiercz, Sam Giannakopoulos, Angela Giannakopoulos, Thomas Nicholas, Laura Burt-Nicholas, Katie Boyle, Susan Cahill, Julie Hodek, Ellie Morgan-Hodek, Jared Butler, Anna Bukowski, Monika Kaczmarczyk, Iwona Zyskowska, Helena Wojciak, Ewa Gubala, Amy Rendina, Ed McManus, and Zofia Szaflarski, .

**B. Pledge of Allegiance:** Dr. Anthony McConnell.

**C. Approval of the Agenda:**

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Kevin Collins, to approve the agenda as submitted.

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

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

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

**D. Approval of Minutes:**

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Bethany Martino, to approve the open and closed session minutes dated June 16, 2021; June 19, 2021; June 23, 2021; July 2, 2021; and July 14, 2021, as submitted.

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

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

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

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

**A. President's Report**

**B. Board Committee Reports**

**C. Union Representation Reports**

**D. Principals' Reports**

- Oakwood School – Mrs. Koch reported on the Reading Horizons training that the instructional coaches and administration participated in recently. Mrs. Koch also recognized MacKenzie Pollastrini, OW Art Teacher, for receiving the IAEA's 2021 Early Professional of the Year award.
- River Valley School – Mrs. Lynch reported that the River Valley administration is finishing class lists and scheduling for the 2021-2022 school year. Mrs. Lynch also reported on the Reading Horizons training.
- Old Quarry Middle School – Mr. Sweeney reported on the completion of scheduling for the 2021-2022 school year as well as the new mural inside of Old Quarry Middle School.

**E. Assistant Superintendent's Report**

- Dr. Daniela Fountain provided the Board with an update on professional development opportunities for staff.

**F. Superintendent's Report**

- Dr. McConnell provided the Board with an update on return to school plans for the 2021-2022 school year.

**G. Treasurer's Reports**

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Brian Bushnell, 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 June 2021, as presented.

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

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

Al Malley            yes  
Bethany Martino    yes

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

### 3. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

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

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

### 4. PRESENTATIONS, SPECIAL EVENTS, DISCUSSION

#### A. Presentation – Tentative Budget for FY22

- Barbara Germany presented the tentative budget for FY22 to the Board of Education.

#### B. Discussion – Central School Update – Pepper Construction and STR Architects

- Colby Lewis from STR Architects and representatives from Pepper Construction provided the Board of Education with an update on Central School.

### 5. 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:
  - Denisse Murillo, RV Social Worker, effective 2021-2022 school year
  - Sarah Cruitt, RV 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, effective 2021-2022 school year
  - Aimee Starnisha, Bus Driver, effective July 30, 2021
  - Karen Breszach, RV Paraprofessional, effective 2021-2022 school year
  - Robert Wals, OQ Math Teacher and Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach, effective 2021-2022 school year
  - Ian Welke, Head JV Baseball Coach, effective 2021-2022 school year
  - Timothy McElhaney, Head Varsity Baseball Coach, effective 2021-2022 school year
- The Continuation of:
  - Jamie Henry, OW Temporary 1-Year Title I Math Specialist, effective 2021-2022 school year
  - Elizabeth Bogdanich, RV Temporary 1-Year Title I Math Specialist, effective 2021-2022 school year
  - Cora Cachat, OQ Temporary 1-Year Title I Math Specialist, effective 2021-2022 school year
  - Gina Mach, OW/RV Temporary 1-Year Title I Reading Specialist, effective 2021-2022 school year
  - Cathy Marino, OQ Temporary 1-Year Title I Paraprofessional, effective 2021-2022 school year
- The Transfer of:
  - Amanda Hozzian, from RV 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher to OW 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher, effective 2021-2022 school year

- Kendall Nepote, from OW Kindergarten Teacher to OW 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher, effective 2021-2022 school year
- The Resignation of:
  - Catherine Kikos, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math and Science Teacher, effective June 30, 2021 (Summer School Teacher – last day August 5, 2021)
  - Genevieve Holcomb, OQ Paraprofessional, effective May 28, 2021
- The Leave of Absence of:
  - Teacher, 12 week FMLA leave, effective August 18, 2021
  - Teacher, 12 week FMLA leave, effective August 16, 2021
- The Retirement of:
  - Tina Szulc, OW Secretary, effective July 30, 2021
- Monthly Report – Food Service
- Monthly Report – Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
- Approval of Hazardous Walking Routes Resolution
- Approval of Disposal of Equipment

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

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

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

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

### **Payroll:**

7/2/2021  
Regular: \$612,753.89

7/16/2021  
Regular: \$614,600.46

### **Bills/Accounts Payable:**

Bills dated July 23, 2021 in the amount of \$1,977,352.43.

## **C. Monthly Report – Personnel**

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- Aimee Starnisha, Bus Driver, effective July 30, 2021
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**D. Monthly Report – Food Service**

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

1. FOIA – Bernadette Soto – Documentation pertaining to facility improvements
2. FOIA – Ashley Witnik – Documentation regarding Lemont property
3. FOIA – Lavita Gayle – Construction Management Information
4. FOIA – Jared Butler – Correspondence with CCDPH and IDPH

**F. Consider Approval of Hazardous Walking Routes Resolution**

According to Public Act 094-0439, any school board may provide free transportation for any pupil residing within 1.5 miles from the school attended where conditions are such that walking, either to or from the school to which a pupil is assigned for attendance or to or from a pick-up point or bus stop, constitutes a serious hazard to the safety of the pupil due to vehicular traffic or rail crossings.

The determination of what is a serious safety hazard is made by the school board, in accordance with guidelines promulgated by the IDOT. Each year, the District is required to certify its Hazardous Walking Routes by Resolution to determine if the list remains unchanged. This current list is unchanged from last year. If a Serious Safety Hazard is suggested for any student living within 1.5 miles from their attendance center, the local school board may make application for a serious safety hazard determination as outlined in Section 29-3 of the Illinois School Code.

Once a serious safety hazard has been determined, then the local school board shall annually review the conditions and determine whether or not such hazardous conditions remain unchanged.

**G. Consider Approval of Disposal of Equipment**

It is the administrative recommendation to dispose of the following:

- 145 sled desks from Old Quarry
- (1) 2004 Cargo Mate enclosed trailer (VIN 5NHTCM2124NO43004)
- (1) 2007 Chevrolet K2500HD Silverado pick up truck (VIN 1GCHK24U37E152339)
- (1) 2009 Ford F250 Super Duty pick up truck (VIN 1FTNF21539EA140333)

These items are no longer in use, or of use to the district. The desks will be donated to Lemont High School as they have indicated that these desks can be used in their building. The trucks will be sold for any residual value that they might have.

**6. BOARD ACTION**

**A. Consider Approval of Tentative Budget for FY22**

Attached please find the tentative budget for FY22 for Board approval. This tentative budget must be on public display for no less than 30 days and the BOE must notify the public and hold a hearing to hear public comment on the tentative budget. A public notice will be placed in the Lemont Reporter in the next week to provide this notification. At last month's meeting, the public hearing date was set for September 22, 2021.

We will continue to review this budget over the next month to update where necessary, and as more current revenue information becomes available, make adjustments accordingly.

**Recommended Motion:**

Motion made by Al Malley, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, to approve the tentative budget for FY22 as presented.

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

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

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

**B. Consider Approval of Agreement with ECRA Group, Inc.**

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Brian Bushnell, to approve the professional services agreement with ECRA Group, Inc. as presented.

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

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

Al Malley            yes  
Bethany Martino    yes

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

**C. Consider Approval of Construction Management Contract**

Attached please find:

- AIA Document A 201 – General Conditions of the Contract for Construction
- Exhibit 2.1.2
- Document A134 – Stand Form of Agreement Between Owner and Construction Manager as Constructor
- AIA Document A134 Exhibit A – Insurance and Bonds

These documents represent the District's agreement for construction and renovation of Central School. AIA Document 134 includes a Substantial Completion date of August 5, 2022, with a penalty of \$2,000 per day commencing August 2, 2022.

It is the administrative recommendation to approve this contract as presented.

**Recommended Motion:**

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Brian Bushnell, to approve the contract with Pepper Construction to provide construction management services for the Central School renovation project.

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

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

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

**D. Consider Approval of MacBook Air Computers**

We are due to refresh our MacBook computers. These computers are used by our administrators, certified staff, and select support personnel. We are seeking approval to purchase 176 MacBook Air computers at a total cost of \$177, 428.00.

**Recommended Motion:**

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Kevin Collins, to approve the purchase of 176 MacBook Air computers at a total cost of \$177,428.00.

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

Damon Ascolani    yes  
Brian Bushnell     yes  
Kevin Collins       yes

Cindy Kelly            yes  
Patrick Kerrigan      yes  
Al Malley                yes  
Bethany Martino      yes

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

**E. Consider Approval of COVID-19 Testing Support Agreement**

Motion made by Al Malley, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, to approve the COVID-19 Testing Support Agreement with the University of Illinois.

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

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

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

**7. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

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

Motion made by Al Malley, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, at 8:21 p.m. to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of:

- a. 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).
- b. 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).
- c. The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the District. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6).
- d. 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).
- e. Security procedures and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8).

The Board of Education DOES 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          yes  
Cindy Kelly            yes



Patrick Kerrigan    yes  
Al Malley            yes  
Bethany Martino    yes

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

**8. CLOSED SESSION**

**9. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

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

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Kevin Collins, at 9:31 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        yes  
Cindy Kelly                      absent  
Patrick Kerrigan    yes  
Al Malley            yes  
Bethany Martino    yes

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

**10. ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION**

**A. Consider Approval to Open or Keep Closed Minutes**

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

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

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

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

**11. ADVANCED PLANNING**

**AUGUST**

- Prepare Tentative Budget
- SWCCCASE Classroom Leases
- Lemont Athletic Club Lease

**SEPTEMBER**

- Presentation and Approval of School Improvement Plans
- Public Hearing for Budget
- Adopt Budget
- Annual Posting of Administrator Compensation
- Administrator/Teacher Salary Report for Posting
- Introduce New Staff to the Board
- Quarterly Progress Report on Strategic Plan


**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The motion was made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Brian Bushnell, to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education at 9:41 p.m.

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

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

05 AUG 2021  
 Date

  
 Kevin Collins, Secretary

25 AUG 21  
 Date