

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
LEMONT-BROMBEREK CSD 113A  
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES  
OLD QUARRY MIDDLE SCHOOL – LRC  
LEMONT, ILLINOIS 60439  
Wednesday, March 22, 2023**

**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, March 22, 2023 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, and Bethany Martino. Kevin Collins, Secretary, and Patrick Kerrigan arrived at 6:31 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, Megan Steelman, Assistant Director of Student Services, Pat Crean, Director of Operations, Jake Smith, Director of Technology, Laura Gilmartin, Director of Teaching and Learning, Dimitra Georganas, 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, and Dave Jones, Assistant Principal/Old Quarry.

Staff Present: Catherine Burch, Kaylyn Brothers, Amanda Grochowski, and Brianna Paczkowski.

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

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

**C. Approval of the Agenda:**

Motion made by Cindy Kelly, seconded by Al Malley, 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		absent
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	yes	

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

**D. Approval of Minutes:**

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March 22, 2023 Business Meeting Minutes  
Lemont-Bromberek CSD113A  
Prepared and submitted by Katie Krop

Motion made by Al Malley, seconded by Cindy Kelly, to approve the open and closed session minutes dated February 22, 2023, 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	yes
Bethany Martino	yes

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

**E. Recognition**

- The Board of Education recognized the Old Quarry Varsity Dance Team and Varsity Cheer Team for their accomplishments at the state competitions.

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

**A. President's Report**

**B. Board Committee Reports**

- Insurance – Barbara Germany reported that the Insurance Committee met on March 22, 2023 to review insurance rate increases for the PPO and HAS plans and to discuss options to reduce the rate of increase. The Insurance Committee plans to meet again after Spring Break.
- Wellness – Dr. McConnell reported that the Wellness Committee met on March 22, 2023 and discussed the district's recent Wellness Symposium as well as staff wellness initiatives and offerings.

**C. Union Representation Reports**

**D. Principals' Reports**

- Oakwood School – Mrs. Georganas provided an update on the Parent Coffee Chat held at Oakwood School, student celebrations and field trips, and sessions led by the K-5 instructional coaches related to the Reading Horizons program.
- River Valley School – Mrs. Koch provided an update on an author visit at River Valley, the Prokids Assembly for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students, and IAR testing and celebrations.
- Central School – Mrs. Kleehammer provided an update on the upcoming band dinner/dance, the Family Reading Night at Central School, and the 4<sup>th</sup> grade students' participation in the Lemont Historical Society's walking tour.
- Old Quarry Middle School – Mr. Sweeney provided an update on IAR testing at Old Quarry, extracurriculars, and the upcoming disability awareness assembly that will take place at Old Quarry before Spring Break.

**E. Assistant Superintendent's Report**

- Dr. Daniela Fountain provided the Board with an update on professional development opportunities for staff, strategic planning and the SEL Committee, and a visit from CITGO to the district.

**F. Superintendent's Report**

- Dr. McConnell provided the Board with an update on the wellness symposium that took place on February 25<sup>th</sup>, the River Valley LRC and STEM Lab, and upcoming events throughout the district.

**G. Treasurer's Reports**

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Cindy Kelly, 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 February 2023, 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. PRESENTATIONS, SPECIAL EVENTS, DISCUSSION**

**A. Discussion – Chromebook Purchase Model**

- Jake Smith, Director of Technology, presented to the Board various Chromebook purchase model options.

**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 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 Resignation of:
  - Ciara Cooper, OW Kindergarten Teacher, effective May 31, 2023
  - Jason Smith, Custodian, effective March 31, 2023
- The Leave of Absence of:
  - Teacher, 6 week FMLA leave, effective April 17, 2023
  - Teacher, 1 year Parental Leave, effective August 14, 2023
- Monthly Report – Enrollment
- Monthly Report – Discipline
- Monthly Report – Food Service
- Second Reading – PRESS 110
- Approval of Contract with ProCare Therapy for Paraprofessional

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:**

2/24/2023

Regular: \$729,473.74

Stipend: \$32,919.58

3/10/2023

Regular: \$723,257.28

**Bills/Accounts Payable:**

Bills dated March 16, 2023 in the amount of \$865,649.89.

**C. Monthly Report – Personnel**

The Resignation of:

- Ciara Cooper, OW Kindergarten Teacher, effective May 31, 2023
- Jason Smith, Custodian, effective March 31, 2023

The Leave of Absence of:

- Teacher, 6 week FMLA leave, effective April 17, 2023
- Teacher, 1 year Parental Leave, effective August 14, 2023

**D. Monthly Report – Enrollment**

- As of March 14, 2023, enrollment has increased by 7 students, with 8 new students entering the district and 1 student transferring out of the district.

**E. Monthly Report – Discipline**

**F. Monthly Report – Food Service**

**G. Second Reading – PRESS 110**

**H. Consider Approval of Contract with ProCare Therapy for Paraprofessional**

**5. BOARD ACTION**

**A. Consider Approval of Student Fees for the 2023-2024 School Year**

Annually, the administration prepares a recommendation for student fees for the upcoming school year. Historically, the administration has recommended an increase in fees to match the current CPI. For the last 3 years, we have recommended no increase to school fees. Given the current rate of CPI and rate of inflation, opening of a new school, and increased enrollment, we are recommending an increase of 3% to the fees for this coming school year. 1:1 technology fees will remain the same as the previous year until we finish our 1:1 leasing agreement at the end of next school year.

School fees cover such items as:

- Annual licenses
- Internet security server/web content filter
- Equipment purchases and replacement parts
- Teaching supplies
- Copying costs

- Workbooks
- Textbooks
- Classroom equipment
- Supplementary materials
- Paper
- Art supplies and music supplies
- Health room supplies
- Student planner

The student registration fee covers approximately 35% of these classroom costs.

The 1:1 technology fee covers costs associated with the usage of the selected student device for the school year. It's anticipated that based on current enrollment, we will receive approximately \$575,000 in revenue associated with school fees (including student fee waivers).

It is recommended the school fees for the 2023-24 school year be as follows:

	<b>2023-24</b>
	<b>Fee      Technology</b>
EC	\$ 109
Grades K-2	\$ 234
Grades 3-8	\$ 245
1st Child	\$ 80
Additional child(ren)	\$ 40

**Recommended Motion:**

Motion made by Cindy Kelly, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, to approve the school fees for the 2023-24 school year 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.

**B. Consider Approval of Vendor of Special Education Transportation Services**

Last month, we held an RFP opening for our special education transportation services for out-of-district students. It has been several years since we have put this service out for RFP. After doing significant research and due diligence and holding an additional meeting

with the anticipated vendor, we feel very comfortable in making the recommendation to move forward with a new firm, SAFEWAY, for transporting our special education students.

After speaking with other school districts and garnering additional information, we feel that this recommendation will benefit our students receiving special education services and provide them with a higher level of service. This includes online district access to video footage and an app for parents and the school district to be able to follow their students' progress on the bus. In addition, we questioned many aspects of special education transportation including harnessing practices, confidentiality, staffing and availability of drivers, age of buses, turnaround time on new routing needs, and handling of parental concerns. Our conversations with current clients of SAFEWAY, as well as discussion with the vendor, affirmed our decision on making this recommendation.

This recommendation will be for 3 years including 2023-24 through 2025-26 with optional extension years for 2026-27 and 2027-28 (years 2025-26 and 2026-27 will require board action at that time).

The costs associated with the various levels of service with SAFEWAY are as follows:

<b>Safeway</b>		
<b>Bus Type</b>	per day for 4 hours of service excess hourly rate	
10 Passenger	\$231.45	\$57.50
29 Passenger	\$251.40	\$62.50
Suburban	\$185.16	\$46.25
Wheelchair Lift Add on	\$23.00	n/a
Air Conditioning Add on	\$23.00	n/a

**Extracurricular**            \$72.61/hour  
    minimum charge \$145.22

**Summer School**            0

**Bus Aides Daily Rate**    \$128.00                            \$32.00

**Years 2 and 3**

24-25	3.00%
25-26	3.00%
Extension year 26-27	3.00%
Extension year 27-28	3.00%

**Recommended Motion:**

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Cindy Kelly, to approve SAFEWAY Transportation as the district's Special Education Transportation service for the 2023-2024 school year at the referenced rates, and a rate increase of 3% per year for years 2024-25 and 2025-26.

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.

**C. Consider Approval of Vendor for Oakwood Door Project**

The door frames at Oakwood school are original to the building and are in disrepair. Our Life-Safety audit requires a changeout of all doors to fire-rating. These doors have been deteriorating due to age and salt. We sought the Board's permission to seek rfp's on this project in the fall.

We received 5 rfp's for this door project. The lowest respondent to the rfp did not quote fire rated doors and frames as required. The second lowest rfp was incomplete, and third lowest was not including locks that matched the doors. Therefore, the 2nd highest responder, Door Systems, included all the specs as we had indicated to fulfill the project. Door Systems has performed work for us in the past on many repairs to our entry doors and we have been very pleased with their services. In addition, their references were all excellent.

It is the administrative recommendation to have Door Systems replace all entry doors, frames, and locks at Oakwood School in the amount not to exceed \$140,200.63.

**Recommended Motion:**

Motion made by Al Malley, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, to approve the replacement of all entry doors, frames, and locks at Oakwood School in the amount not to exceed \$140,200.63.

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 River Valley Playground**

The River Valley playground has been in need of a refresh on playground equipment. Pat Crean and Kate Koch have been working with the following companies: Landscape Structures, NuToys, and KD Landscape on incorporating a new structure that better suits the needs of the grade levels of 2 and 3 at River Valley School.

Landscape Structures provides playground equipment, NuToys provides the installation of the pour in place surface, and KD Landscape provides the installation of equipment and concrete curb services associated with this structure. All three of these services and equipment are pre-bid through Sourcewell. As we have done for Central School and Oakwood, we are recommending Landscape Structures supply the equipment for the addition of a new playground structure at River Valley school in the amount not to exceed \$97,226, NuToys to install the pour-in-place surface in the amount not to exceed \$101,379, and KD Landscape to install the equipment and concrete curb in the amount not to exceed \$88,277. The total for this project is \$286,882 and will come out of next year's budget.

**Recommended Motion:**

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Al Malley, to approve the River Valley playground as follows: Equipment from Landscape Structures for \$97,226, pour-in-place surface from NuToys in the amount of \$101,379, and installation and concrete curb from KD Landscape for 88,277 for a total amount not to exceed \$286,882.

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 Energy Recommendation**

If you will recall, last spring we renewed our energy contracts but did not include Central School as we were not sure what the usage would look like. Below is a recommendation for Central School's energy as well as an extension of electricity for all 4 schools. Also included is a recommendation for electricity to an additional meter that was added at River Valley to break that building's usage away from the Oakwood meter.

It is the administrative recommendation to engage with Energetics Management to lock in a fixed price for energy as follows:

- Electricity at River Valley and Central School at no higher than \$.0675/kWh covering the term of April 2023 through June 2024.
- Electricity for all 4 schools for the term of June 2024 through March 2028 at a not to exceed price of \$.0767/kWh for the 45 month term.
- Adding Central School to our natural gas supply agreement covering June 2023-June 2024 at a not to exceed price of \$.475/therm.



This would be the maximum price for each request. After Board approval, Energetics will help negotiate the fixed price and expects the contracted price to be close to the quotes, referenced above.

**Recommended Motion:**

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Brian Bushnell, to direct administration to engage with Energetics Management to lock in a fixed price electricity cost at River Valley and Central School at no higher than \$.0675/kWh for April 2023 through June 2024, electricity for all 4 schools for the term of July 2024 through March 2025 at a not to exceed price of \$.0767/kWh for the 45 month term, and the addition of Central School to our natural gas supply agreement covering June 2023-June 2024 at a not to exceed price of \$.475/therm.

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.

**6. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

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

- A District 113A parent addressed the Board regarding her student's experience at Central School.

**7. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

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

Motion made by Brian Bushnell, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, 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) Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representative, or deliberation concerning salary schedules for one or more classes or employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).

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	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 Brian Bushnell, at 8:39 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. ADVANCED PLANNING**

**APRIL**

- School Board Reorganization

**MAY**

- Approve End of Year Calendar
- Approve District 113A Consolidated Plan
- High School Math Program Agreement
- Tentative Amended Budget (If Necessary)

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

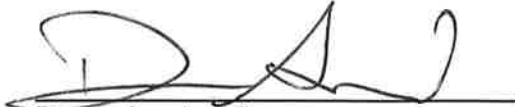
The motion was made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Kevin Collins, to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education at 9:01 p.m.

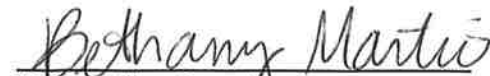
Upon voice vote being called, the members voted as follows:

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.

  
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Damon Ascolani, President  
4/26/2023  
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