

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
LEMONT-BROMBEREK CSD 113A  
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES  
OLD QUARRY MIDDLE SCHOOL – LRC  
LEMONT, ILLINOIS 60439  
Wednesday, May 25, 2022**

**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, May 25, 2022 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, Kevin Collins, Secretary, Patrick Kerrigan, and Bethany Martino. Brian Bushnell arrived at 6:39 p.m.

Board Members Absent: Cindy Kelly.

Administration present: Dr. Anthony McConnell, Superintendent, Dr. Daniela Fountain, Assistant Superintendent, Barbara Germany, Business Manager, Susan Wulczyn, Director of Student Services, Heidi Rudy, Assistant Director of Student Services, Pat Crean, Director of Operations, Kate Koch, Principal/Oakwood, 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: Gayle Litsogannis, Amanda Borchert, Rebecca Taylor, and Colleen McNaughton.

Audience Members (from sign in sheet, if legible): Thomas Grunert and Anelia Gonzalez-Castillo.

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

**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		absent
Kevin Collins	yes	
Cindy Kelly		absent
Patrick Kerrigan	yes	
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	yes	

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 April 27, 2022 and May 11, 2022, as submitted.

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

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

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

#### **E. Recognition**

- The Board of Education recognized the TREP Safety Poster Contest Winners, the Special Olympics Participants, and Francisco Castillo, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student.

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

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

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

- Finance – Barbara Germany reported that the Finance Committee met on May 9, 2022 to review the District's financials through March 31<sup>st</sup> as well as Central School expenditures.
- Wellness/Behavior & Discipline – Patrick Kerrigan reported that the Wellness/Behavior & Discipline Committee met on May 25, 2022 to review the discipline data for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

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

- Oakwood School – Mrs. Koch provided the Board with an update on activities at Oakwood School, including Field Day, 1<sup>st</sup> grade's field trip to Blackberry Farms, the visit from the Reptile Man, and Preschool Night.
- River Valley School – Mrs. Lynch and Mrs. Burkhardt thanked the Board of Education for their support throughout the years.
- Old Quarry Middle School – Mr. Sweeney reported on 8<sup>th</sup> grade's Great America trip as well as the upcoming 8<sup>th</sup> grade Graduation. In addition, Mr. Sweeney provided an update on Old Quarry's extracurriculars.

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

- Dr. Daniela Fountain provided the Board with an update on K-8 STEM experiences in the District as well as the ELA Steering Committee.

#### **F. Superintendent's Report**

- Dr. McConnell provided the Board with an update on 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation, the last day of school, the District's End of the Year Celebration, and Kindergarten Round-Up.

#### **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 April 2022, as presented.

Upon the voice vote 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.

### 3. DISCUSSION

#### A. Discussion – Central School Update

- Pepper Construction provided the Board with an update on Central School.

### 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 Al Malley, seconded by Kevin Collins, 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:
  - Elizabeth Hill, Custodian, effective date to be determined
- The hiring of listed employees for the 2022-2023 school year pending compliance with applicable Board policy and State and Federal law:
  - Victoria Bass, Central STEAM Teacher, effective 2022-2023 school year
  - Zoe Kohnke, OQ 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Teacher, effective 2022-2023 school year
  - Shannon Kula, RV Differentiation Specialist, effective 2022-2023 school year
  - Bridget McCafferty, OW Art Teacher, effective 2022-2023 school year
  - Joseph Rigg, OW Physical Education Teacher, effective 2022-2023 school year
  - Cheryl Benoit, Central 10-month Secretary, effective August 1, 2022
  - Allison Walsh, OW 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher, effective 2022-2023 school year
- The Transfer of listed employees for the 2022-2023 school year:
  - Lauren Sanders, from RV 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher to Central Differentiation Specialist, effective 2022-2023 school year
  - Corryn McCloskey, OW Kindergarten Teacher to OW Instructional Coach, effective 2022-2023 school year
  - Kendall Nepote, OW 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher to OW Differentiation Specialist, effective 2022-2023 school year
  - Kim Darche, from OQ Instructional Coach to RV 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher, effective 2022-2023 school year
  - Michelle Anderson, from OQ 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Teacher to OQ STEAM Teacher, effective 2022-2023 school year
  - Lisa Crispo, from OW 12-month Secretary to OW 10-month Secretary, effective August 1, 2022

- Mary Haughey, from OW Technology Assistant to RV 10-month Secretary, effective August 1, 2022
- Jennifer Gould, from RV LRC Assistant to Central 12-month Secretary, effective July 1, 2022
- Lisa Kross, from OQ Paraprofessional to Central LRC Assistant, effective August 8, 2022
- The Resignation of:
  - Brooke Polonus, OQ 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, effective June 1, 2022
  - Krystina Borowski, RV/OQ EL Teacher, effective June 1, 2022
  - Kathy Mateja, OQ Paraprofessional, effective June 1, 2022
- The Leave of Absence of:
  - Teacher, 12 week FMLA leave, effective August 15, 2022
- Monthly Report – Enrollment
- Monthly Report - Discipline
- Monthly Report – Food Service
- Monthly Report – Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

Upon the voice vote 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.

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

**Payroll:**

5/6/2022  
Regular: \$643,448.01

5/20/2022  
Regular: \$643,171.58  
Stipend: \$58,006.95

**Bills/Accounts Payable:**

Bills dated May 19, 2022 in the amount of \$2,802,713.89.

**C. Monthly Report – Personnel**

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

- Elizabeth Hill, Custodian, effective date to be determined

The hiring of listed employees for the 2022-2023 school year pending compliance with applicable Board policy and State and Federal law:

- Victoria Bass, Central STEAM Teacher, effective 2022-2023 school year
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The Leave of Absence of:

- Teacher, 12 week FMLA leave, effective August 15, 2022

#### **D. Monthly Report – Enrollment**

As of May 17 2022, enrollment has increased by 2 with 3 new students entering the district and 1 student transferring out of the district.

#### **E. Monthly Report – Discipline**

#### **F. Monthly Report – Food Service**

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

1. FOIA – Andrew Bambrick

### **5. BOARD ACTION**

#### **A. Consider Approval of Tentative Amended Budget for FY2021-22**

We are requesting that the Board consider the amendment of the 2021-22 budget.

The Board will consider starting the process of public notice to amend the budget per School Code 105 ILCS 5/17-1. This process begins with giving public notice of tentative changes to the budget, holding a public budget amendment hearing, and approval of the amended budget in June.

It is the administrative recommendation to approve the amended budget as presented and set a public hearing for June 29, 2022 after 6:30 p.m. and direct the administration to publicize said public board hearing and meeting accordingly.

A copy of the tentative amended budget will be available for viewing on the district web page.

**Administrative Recommendation:**

Approve the Tentative 2021-22 Amended Budget as presented and direct the administration to provide public notice of the same; establishing a public hearing for said budget on June 29, 2022 after 6:30 p.m.

**Recommended Motion:**

Motion made by Al Malley, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, to approve the Tentative FY 2021-22 Amended Budget as presented and direct the administration to provide public notice of the same; establishing a public hearing for said budget on June 29, 2022 after 6:30 p.m.

Upon the voice vote 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.

**B. Consider Approval of Agreement with Lemont High School for Advanced Math Instruction**

For many years, our district has participated in an inter-district agreement with Lemont High School District 210 to allow qualified Old Quarry Middle School students to take advanced math courses for high school credit. Because the high school level math course requires a high level of commitment and a significant academic workload for middle school students, high school credit has been considered a valuable factor for programming. The agreement is renewed each year to reflect updates related to programming, scheduling, staffing and/or budgetary considerations. Typically, seventh-grade students take a placement test during the spring. Based on the results of that test, students qualify to be enrolled in the high school math course. Preliminary data from the current testing indicate that programming will require two classes/sections.

After analysis of available instructional time, supervision alternatives and costs for both District 113A and District 210, the following items are recommended for 2022-2023:

1. The participating students will take their math class at Lemont High School on one of the high school's alternate G day schedule days (at the end of the day, every other day). This total time period includes what would have been their math class at Old Quarry.

2. On the days that the students are not scheduled for their high school class (every other day), the students will work independently (with supervision) in the LRC and have instructional support provided by an OQ teacher (see attached chart for cost details).
3. District 113A will transport the students from Old Quarry to the high school.
4. District 210 will provide bus transportation for some participating Old Quarry students (those who live on established high school routes) at the end of the advanced math class; the other students will be transported according to their parents' plans.

Additional Note: If we have any individual students who are qualified for a higher-level high school course (beyond Math 1 Honors), we work with the high school math department to plan for those students.

The total historical program costs and enrollments are listed in the attachments below. The projection for our district's proportionate share of the high school teachers' salaries for next year (\$23,812) and transportation costs are included in the attachment, as well. The salary projection is based on a full 90-day program; however, the invoice for the teacher's salary will be calculated on the actual number of days the program operates during the year. The projection also includes an estimate of the cost for texts for the course. The cost for the high school math program has been included in the 2022-2023 budget.

**Recommended Motion:**

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Brian Bushnell, to approve the agreement with Lemont High School for advance math instruction for the 2022-2023 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		absent
Patrick Kerrigan	yes	
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	yes	

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

**C. Consider Approval of District 113A Consolidated Plan**

Illinois school districts must develop a new Consolidated District Plan on an annual basis. Districts must submit a plan that was developed in consultation with stakeholders in order to access FY22 Title I, II, III, IDEA, and IV funding. While some elements of the new required plan were contained in the previous law, a number of components have been added to comply with the Every Child Succeeds Act (ESSA).

Our updated Consolidated District Plan was developed in consultation with teachers, principals, assistant principals, and district administrators. Parents of children served in various programs were also invited to provide input about our programming during annual parent meetings. Meetings will continue with representatives of the local nonpublic schools to engage in consultation. Ongoing consultation about our federally funded programs will occur with all of our stakeholder groups throughout the school year as more information about ESSA-related updates is disseminated by ISBE.

Our district's new Consolidated Plan can be found below and minimal adjustments were made to the plan for the 2022-2023 school year. The Consolidated Plan must be approved by the local Board of Education before it can be submitted to ISBE for review and approval. ISBE approval of the plan is required prior to submission of the grant applications for 2022-2023. Going forward, the plan will be reviewed annually and amended, as necessary.

It is the administrative recommendation to approve the District 113A Consolidated Plan, as presented.

**Recommended Motion:**

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Brian Bushnell, to approve the District 113A Consolidated Plan, as presented.

Upon the voice vote 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.

**D. Consider Approval of Vendor for Terrazzo Flooring at Oakwood School**

We previously reported to you that we would be seeking RFP's for terrazzo floor refinishing at Oakwood School for this summer. RFP's were due to the District by Friday, May 13th at 10:00 a.m. Two companies responded to the RFP. The lowest response for the RFP was Rockford Central Tile for \$53,443.

This work will include grind cleaning existing terrazzo flooring and policy to 400 grit, with 2 applications of sealer. This work is to commence as soon as students are released from school for the summer break or as timing allows as new furniture is going into Kindergarten classrooms and ESY is in the building for the month of June.

**Recommended Motion:**

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Brian Bushnell, to approve the refinishing of the terrazzo flooring at Oakwood School by Rockford Central Tile & Terrazzo Co., Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$53,443.00.

Upon the voice vote 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.

**E. Consider Approval of Revised Lease of Copier/Printer Equipment**

Last month, we requested the Board's approval of copiers for Central School. Subsequent to that approval, we learned that the copier at the maintenance facility is in disrepair and parts for this machine are no longer available. This machine was purchased as a used copier several years ago.

As a result, we are seeking the Board's approval of a revised lease agreement for 4 copiers (3 for Central School and 1 for the maintenance facility). It is the administrative recommendation to approve the revised lease of 4 printer/copers as presented.

**Recommended Motion:**

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Brian Bushnell, to approve the lease with Proven IT in the amount of \$885.56 per month for 60 months for 4 Canon copier/printers as presented.

Upon the voice vote 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.

**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 Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Brian Bushnell, at 7:24 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) The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the District. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6).
- c) 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:

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.

## 8. CLOSED SESSION

## 9. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

### A. Motion to Reconvene to Open Session

Motion made by Al Malley, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, at 8:37 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

### JUNE

- Prevailing Wage Resolution
- Budget Assumptions
- Set Public Hearing Date for Budget
- Administrative Contracts
- OMA Designee
- Public Hearing and Final Amended Budget (If Necessary)

### JULY

- Six-Month Review of Closed Session Minutes/Tapes
- Present/Approve Tentative Budget
- Hazardous Walking Routes Resolution
- Approve Lunch Fees


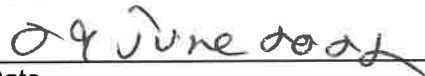
**11. ADJOURNMENT**



The motion was made by Brian Bushnell, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education at 8:42 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.

  
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Damon Ascolani, President  
  
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Kevin Collins, Secretary  
  
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