

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
LEMONT-BROMBEREK CSD 113A
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
OLD QUARRY MIDDLE SCHOOL – LRC
LEMONT, ILLINOIS 60439
Wednesday, November 17, 2021**

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, November 17, 2021 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, and Patrick Kerrigan. Brian Bushnell and Cindy Kelly attended via telephone conference.

Board Members Absent: Bethany Martino

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, Steve Davis, Director of Technology, Pat Crean, Director of Operations, Ryan Talaga, Assistant Principal/Oakwood, Joe Sweeney, Principal/Old Quarry, Shirley Kleehammer, Assistant Principal/Old Quarry, and Steve Nendza, Assistant Principal/Old Quarry.

Staff Present: None.

Audience Members (from sign in sheet, if legible): Carrie Eckberg, Jody Benson, Andrea Swiderski, and Laura Romanski.

B. Pledge of Allegiance: Damon Ascolani.

C. Approval of the Agenda:

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

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

D. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Al Malley, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, to approve the open and closed session minutes dated October 20, 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	yes	
Bethany Martino		absent

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

2. ADJOURN TO PUBLIC HEARING

A. Conduct Public Hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Education to sell Working Cash Fund Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 for the purpose of creating the District's Working Cash Fund

Motion made by Al Malley, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, to adjourn the Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing public comments on the intent of the Board of Education to sell Working Cash Fund Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 for the purpose of creating the District's Working Cash Fund.

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		absent

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

3. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Motion to Convene the Public Hearing

Motion made by Al Malley, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, to convene the Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing public comments on the intent of the Board of Education to sell Working Cash Fund Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 for the purpose of creating the District's Working Cash Fund.

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		absent

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

B. Information

C. Public Comments

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

D. Motion to Adjourn Public Hearing

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Al Malley, to adjourn the Public Hearing.

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		absent

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

4. RECONVENE TO OPEN MEETING

A. Motion to Reconvene to the Open Meeting

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Al Malley, to reconvene the open meeting of the Board of Education.

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		absent

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

5. COMMUNICATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ADMINISTRATION REPORTS AND SCHEDULES

A. President's Report

B. Board Committee Reports

- Finance and Audit – Mr. Malley reported that the Finance Committee along with the Facilities Committee met on November 11, 2021, to review the final bid package for Central School and to discuss the tentative levy for fiscal year 2021.
- Facilities – Mr. Kerrigan reported that the Facilities and Finance Committee met on November 11, 2021, to discuss the final bid package as well as playground equipment for Central School.

C. Union Representation Reports

D. Principals' Reports

- Oakwood School – Mr. Talaga reported on the parent-teacher conferences held at Oakwood School as well as the Early Act Club and their donation efforts

to the Bethany Food Pantry. In addition, Mr. Talaga reported on Veteran's Day activities, the District's Literacy Night, and STEM Day at Oakwood School.

- River Valley School – Mrs. Lynch presented a written report to the Board.
- Old Quarry Middle School – Mr. Sweeney reported on the Veteran's Day celebrations held at Old Quarry Middle School as well as the field trip hosted by CITGO for students at Old Quarry. In addition, Mr. Sweeney provided the Board with an update on the choir and band concerts as well as the musical at Old Quarry Middle School.

E. Assistant Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Fountain provided the Board with an update on the District's ELA Steering Committee as well as the Literacy Night held on November 16, 2021.

F. Superintendent's Report

- Dr. McConnell provided the Board with an update on extracurriculars in addition to the District's Literacy Night. Dr. McConnell also recognized Debby Lynch as the 113A Educator of the Year.

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 October 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		absent

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

6. PRESENTATIONS, SPECIAL EVENTS, DISCUSSION

A. Discussion – Central School Update – Pepper Construction and STR Architects

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

B. Discussion – IASB Resolutions

- The Board held a discussion regarding the IASB Resolutions.

7. 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:
 - Rebecca Schmeltzer, School Nurse, effective November 8, 2021
- The Transfer of:
 - Wendy McCleary, from OQ Paraprofessional to Accounts Payable Assistant, effective October 22, 2021

- Robert Minetti, from Custodian to Maintenance Engineer, effective November 18, 2021
- The Resignation of:
 - Steve Lingo, Custodian, effective December 24, 2021
- The Leave of Absence of:
 - Paraprofessional, 5 week FMLA leave, effective December 3, 2021
- Monthly Report – Enrollment
- Monthly Report - Discipline
- Monthly Report – Food Service
- Monthly Report – Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
- Approval of Contract with ProCare Therapy for FMLA Leave of School Psychologist

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		absent

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

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

Payroll:

10/22/2021

Regular: \$645,696.42

11/5/2021

Regular: \$648,944.01

Special: \$3,381.41

Bills/Accounts Payable:

Bills dated November 12, 2021 in the amount of \$507,666.15.

C. Monthly Report – Personnel

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

- Rebecca Schmeltzer, School Nurse, effective November 8, 2021

The Transfer of:

- Wendy McCleary, from OQ Paraprofessional to Accounts Payable Assistant, effective October 22, 2021
- Robert Minetti, from Custodian to Maintenance Engineer, effective November 18, 2021

The Resignation of:

- Steve Lingo, Custodian, effective December 24, 2021

The Leave of Absence of:

- Paraprofessional, 5 week FMLA leave, effective December 3, 2021

D. Monthly Report – Enrollment

As of November 11, 2021, enrollment has increased by 15 with 16 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 – Bernadette Soto – Documentation pertaining to facility improvements
2. FOIA – Michael Wilson – Investment Information

H. Consider Approval of Contract with ProCare Therapy for FMLA Leave of School Psychologist

8. BOARD ACTION

A. Consider Adoption of Tentative Levy

The adoption of the tentative levy is required by state statute and is presented to the Board of Education for consideration. If adopted, the Board will direct the administration to publish notice of the Truth in Taxation Hearing to be conducted at the regular meeting of the Board of Education on Wednesday, December 22, 2021.

Historically, the district has used the process of a balloon levy. This year, due to the passage of the limiting rate referendum last spring, we will be levying a specific amount necessary to accommodate our operational needs. After review with the Finance Committee, it was decided that the District should levy less than the approved \$2.124 limiting rate due to the fact that the \$2.124 will provide us with more than is necessary. This levy request is still based on assumptions for new construction, future CPI, and EAV; however, we feel confident that the request will be adequate to meet current and future needs of the district.

The tentative levy needs to be adopted in November so that the proper publications can be placed in the local newspapers and the final adoption of the levy can take place prior to the required filing date, which is the last Tuesday in December. Upon Board approval of the final levy in December, we will then have the levies delivered to the respective county clerks offices.

The levy is our District's major source of revenue.

It is the recommendation of the administration to request the Board of Education to adopt the tentative levy resolution as presented, as well as establish the public hearing date at the regular meeting scheduled for December 22, 2021 to comply with the Truth in Taxation Act, and direct the administration to publish the legal notice accordingly.

Recommended Motion:

Motion made by Al Malley, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, to approve the tentative 2021 Tax Levy Resolution as presented and to direct the administration to publish notice for a public hearing on December 22, 2021 to comply with the Truth in Taxation Act.

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

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

With a vote of Yeas 5, Abstain 1, Absent 1, the President declared the motion passed.

B. Consider Approval of Project Work Order #3 for Central School Renovation

The opening for Bid Group 3 for Central School Renovations was held on Tuesday, November 9. The work bid out in this group was for demolition, masonry, general trades, glazing, drywall, ceilings, painting, flooring (covering and terrazzo refurbish), lockers, bleachers, casework, fire protection, plumbing, HVAC, electrical, concrete, asphalt, landscaping, excavation, site utilities, and ceramic tile. We had several bidders for each category. The lowest, responsive bidder for each category is as follows:

Bid Package	Work	Bidder	Amount
1	Demolition	Break Thru Enterprises	\$207,900.00
2	Masonry	A-One Group	\$264,000.00
3	General Trades	Laub Construction	\$1,379,500.00
4	Glazing	LS Glass	\$142,500.00
5	Drywall	OPC Construction	\$523,350.00
6	Ceilings	Just Rite	\$225,165.00
7	Painting	Cosgrove Construction	\$176,500.00
8	Flooring	Consolidated	\$369,254.00
9	Flooring (Terrazzo)	Rockford Central Tile	\$239,975.00
10	Lockers	Interiors for Business	\$125,480.00
11	Bleachers	Carroll Seating	\$27,849.00
12	Casework	Woodworking	\$588,800.00
13	Fire Protection	Absolute Fire Protection	\$129,700.00
14	Plumbing	CR Leonard Plumbing	\$612,000.00
15	HVAC	Helm Group	\$1,985,000.00
16	Electrical	Airport Electric	\$1,781,527.00
17	Concrete	Pepper Construction	\$515,700.00
18	Asphalt	Schroeder Asphalt	\$202,999.00

19	Landscaping	Breezy Hill	\$159,800.00
20	Excavation	American Grading	\$329,361.00
21	Site Utilities	Hoppy's Landscaping	\$491,241.00
22	Ceramic Tile	Douglas Floor Covering	\$60,000.00
			\$10,537,601.00

The total of work for Bid Group 3 is \$10,537,601. The original projected budget for these items was \$11,209,541; the bid group came in \$671,940 below budget. The bid package was reviewed on Thursday evening with the Finance Committee and Facility Committee.

It is the administrative recommendation to approve the Project Work Order #3 from Pepper Construction in the amount of \$10,537,601 as presented.

Recommended Motion:

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Al Malley, to approve the Project Work Order #3 from Pepper Construction in the amount of \$10,537,601 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		absent

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

C. Consider Approval of Vendor for Central School Playground Equipment

As part of our renovation of Central School, we are recommending NuToys Leisure Products to purchase our new playground. NuToys Leisure Products is part of the Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative. These products are prebid and meet all requirements associated with public bidding. This option was presented to our Finance Committee and Facility Committee on November 11, 2021.

We reviewed 3 separate vendors and NuToys provided us with the best solution for our district.

The recommendation is as follows:

Equipment: \$82,322

Installation, demolition, excavation, drainage and base: \$47,792

3"/4.5" thick play surface: \$35,535

The total cost of the playground equipment, installation, and surfacing will be \$165,649.

It is the administrative recommendation to approve NuToys Leisure Products for the purchase of playground equipment, related surface work, and play surface at Central School in the amount of \$165,649 as presented.

Recommended Motion:

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Kevin Collins, to approve NuToys Leisure Products for the purchase of playground equipment, related surface work, and play surface at Central School in the amount of \$165,649 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		absent

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

D. Appeal of Trespass Notice Issued to Community Member

The Board discussed a written appeal of trespass notice. After discussion, no action was taken to modify or change the notice.

9. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

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

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

10. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

A. Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Kevin Collins, at 7:21 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) 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).

- 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) The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the District. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6).

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		absent

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

11. CLOSED SESSION

12. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

A. Motion to Reconvene to Open Session

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Kevin Collins, at 7:55 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	yes	
Patrick Kerrigan	yes	
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino		absent

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

13. ADVANCED PLANNING

DECEMBER

- Tax Levy Hearing
- Adopt Final Tax Levy
- Resolution of Fund Levies

JANUARY

- Six-Month Review of Closed Session Minutes/Tapes
- Superintendent Shall Notify Board of Upcoming Evaluation (On/Before Feb. 1st)

- Summer Project Bids (If Needed)

14. ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Al Malley, to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education at 8:01 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		absent

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



Damon Ascolani, President

12/22/21

Date



~~Kevin Collins, Secretary~~
Patrick M. Kerrigan

12/22/21

Date