

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
LEMONT-BROMBEREK CSD 113A
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
OLD QUARRY MIDDLE SCHOOL – LRC
LEMONT, ILLINOIS 60439
Wednesday, November 29, 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, November 29, 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, Bethany Martino, Secretary, Angela Andrus, Patrick Kerrigan, and Joseph Pogvara.

Board Members Absent: Kevin Collins.

Administration present: Dr. Anthony McConnell, Superintendent, Dr. Daniela Fountain, Assistant 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, Dimitra Georganas, Principal/Oakwood, Ryan Talaga, Assistant Principal/Oakwood, Sara Weeks, Assistant Principal/River Valley, Shirley Kleehammer, Principal/Central, Ali Lincoln, Assistant Principal/Central, Joe Sweeney, Principal/Old Quarry, Jennifer LaCombe, Assistant Principal/Old Quarry, and Dave Jones, Assistant Principal/Old Quarry.

Staff Present: Adrian Ramirez, Amanda Borchert, Brian Holdman, and Taylor McCormick.

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

B. Pledge of Allegiance: Damon Ascolani.

C. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Bethany Martino, 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	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 Angela Andrus, to approve the open and closed session minutes dated October 25, 2023, 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	yes	

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

E. Recognition:

- The Board of Education recognized the Old Quarry Cross Country athletes and their achievements at the IESA State Cross Country Meet.
- The Board of Education recognized OQ student Kiara O'Connor, who was named a 2023 State Art Show Winner by the Illinois Art Education Association.
- The Board of Education recognized board member Patrick Kerrigan for his Annual Merit Recognition by the Illinois Association of School Boards.

2. COMMUNICATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ADMINISTRATION REPORTS AND SCHEDULES

A. President's Report

B. Board Committee Reports

- Finance – Mr. Malley reported that the Finance Committee met on November 14, 2023 to discuss the FY23 Audit and the purchase of copiers, which will be recommended for approval at tonight's meeting.

C. Union Representation Reports

D. Principals' Reports

- Oakwood School – Mrs. Georganas thanked the Board for offering "Bagels with the Board" for the Oakwood staff. Mrs. Georganas also reported on the Veterans Day celebration as well as Fall after-school clubs.
- River Valley School – Mrs. Weeks reported on the Early Act Club and their donation to the Lemont Food Pantry. Mrs. Weeks also reported on the partnership of the Oakwood and River Valley social workers to provide additional supports and assistance to families during the holidays as well as the 3rd grade music show.
- Central School – Mrs. Kleehammer provided an update on the Central book fair and reported on the 5th grade band students' upcoming performance at the Lemont Park District as well as student involvement in the PBIS program at Central. Mrs. Kleehammer also reported that Central School is partnering with Lemont High School for a toy drive to benefit Lurie Children's Hospital.
- Old Quarry Middle School – Mr. Sweeney reported on the Veterans Day assembly at Old Quarry and provided an extracurricular update. Mr. Sweeney also reported on the upcoming musical, which will be performed next week.

E. Assistant Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Daniela Fountain provided the Board with an update on ESSER 3 funding and after-school programming, the district's upcoming Family Learning Night, and the work of the SEL Committee.

F. Superintendent's Report

- Dr. McConnell recognized the Board of Education for School Board Members Day as well as Jarrod Russotto, Old Quarry staff member, as the Educator of the Year. Dr. McConnell reported on Bagels with the Board and the "holiday presence" giveaway for staff. He also thanked Dr. Fountain for her service to the 113A school community.

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 2023, 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	yes	

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

3. PRESENTATIONS, SPECIAL EVENTS, DISCUSSION

- Dr. Tracey Miller presented to the Board an update on Fall assessments. Each building principal also presented school improvement strategies that target the needs of students.

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 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:
 - Patricia Lofky, RV Paraprofessional, effective November 30, 2023
 - Maxwell Garbis, OQ Wrestling Coach, effective November 27, 2023
 - Jonathan Williams, OQ Wrestling Coach, effective November 27, 2023
- The Resignation of:
 - Michael Harmening, Bus Driver, effective October 27, 2023
 - Daniela Fountain, Assistant Superintendent, effective January 1, 2024
- The Leave of Absence of:
 - Teacher, 6 week FMLA leave, effective December 18, 2023
 - Teacher, 6 week FMLA leave, effective March 17, 2024
- The Retirement of:
 - Catherine Aguirre, Accounts Payable Assistant, effective June 28, 2024
 - Julie Serpe, OW Learning Resource Center (LRC) Assistant, effective end of 2023-2024 school year

- The Dismissal of:
 - Christine Dalakouras, Bus Driver, effective October 30, 2023
- 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:

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

11/3/2023
Regular: \$779,177.61

11/17/2023
Regular: \$784,572.34

Bills/Accounts Payable:

Bills dated November 16, 2023 in the amount of \$1,536,000.70.

C. Monthly Report – Personnel

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

- Patricia Lofky, RV Paraprofessional, effective November 30, 2023
- Maxwell Garbis, OQ Wrestling Coach, effective November 27, 2023
- Jonathan Williams, OQ Wrestling Coach, effective November 27, 2023

The Resignation of:

- Michael Harmening, Bus Driver, effective October 27, 2023
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- Christine Dalakouras, Bus Driver, effective October 30, 2023

D. Monthly Report – Enrollment

- As of November 16, 2023, enrollment has decreased by 1 student, with 2 new students entering the district and 3 students transferring out of the district.

E. Monthly Report – Discipline

F. Monthly Report – Food Service

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

- FOIA – Civic FOIA
- FOIA – Michael Rost
- FOIA – Thomas Haley
- FOIA – Katharine Casey

5. BOARD ACTION

A. Consider Approval of FY23 Audit

Al Malley provided the Board with an overview of the FY23 Audit. The Finance Committee and administration recommend accepting the audit as presented.

Recommended Motion:

Motion made by Al Malley, seconded by Joseph Pogvara, to approve the FY23 Audit 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	yes	

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

B. Consider Adoption of Tentative Levy

Barbara Germany, CSBO, presented to the Board an overview of the tentative levy along with next steps for approval.

Recommended Motion:

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Al Malley, to approve the tentative 2023 Tax Levy Resolution as presented and to direct the administration to publish notice for a public hearing on December 20, 2023 to comply with the Truth in Taxation Act.

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	yes	

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

C. Consider Approval of CITGO Grant Agreement

Dr. Fountain provided information regarding the CITGO Grant Agreement as well as an update on the district's recent visit from CITGO representatives.

Recommended Motion:

Motion made by Al Malley, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, to approve the CITGO Grant Agreement 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	yes	

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

D. Consider Approval of Purchase of Copiers

Al Malley provided the Board with an overview of the administrative and Finance Committee recommendation for the purchase of district copiers.

Recommended Motion:

Motion made by Al Malley, seconded by Joseph Pogvara, to approve the Administrative and Finance Committee recommendation to purchase 21 copiers and PaperCut MF from Konica Minolta in the amount of \$175,656.53; the OneRate print maintenance program at \$2,913.00 per month for 60 months following installation.

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	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. A representative from Konica Minolta thanked the Board for the partnership with the district.

7. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

A. Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session

Motion made by Angela Andrus, seconded by Al Malley, at 7:33 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).

The Board of Education DOES NOT 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	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 Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Angela Andrus, at 8:42 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	yes	

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

10. 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)


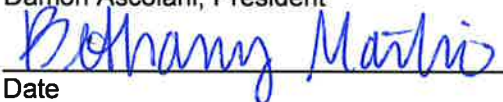
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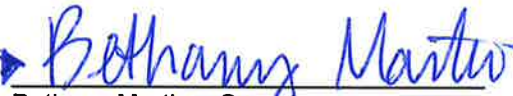
The motion was made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Angela Andrus, to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education at 8:48 p.m.

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	yes	

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


Damon Ascolani, President

Date


Bethany Martino, Secretary
12.20.23
Date