

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
LEMONT-BROMBEREK CSD 113A
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
OLD QUARRY MIDDLE SCHOOL – LRC
LEMONT, ILLINOIS 60439
Wednesday, October 20, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Damon Ascolani called to order the Business Meeting of the Lemont-Bromberек CSD 113A Board of Education at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 in the Old Quarry Middle School LRC.

A. Roll Call

Upon roll being called, the following board members were present: Damon Ascolani, President, Brian Bushnell, Patrick Kerrigan, and Bethany Martino. Al Malley, Vice President, arrived at 6:37 p.m. Cindy Kelly attended via telephone conference.

Board Members Absent: Kevin Collins, Secretary.

Administration present: Dr. Anthony McConnell, 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, 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: Colleen McNaughton, Maria Papiez, Kelli Casey, MacKenzie Pollastrini, Mary Reed, and Jennifer Hunt.

Audience Members (from sign in sheet, if legible): David Rupert, Laura Harkness, Tony Ward, Mike Wilson, Andrea Swiderski, Mary Lisowski, Jody Benson, Laura Romanski, Malgorzata Bydlon, and Zofia Szaflarski.

B. Approval of Secretary Pro Tempore:

Motion made by Damon Ascolani to nominate Mr. Patrick Kerrigan as the appointed Secretary Pro Tempore was approved unanimously.

C. Pledge of Allegiance: Dr. Anthony McConnell.

D. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion made by Brian Bushnell, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, 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	yes	
Al Malley		absent

Bethany Martino yes

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

E. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Brian Bushnell, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, to approve the open and closed session minutes dated September 22, 2021, and October 7, 2021, 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	yes	
Al Malley		absent
Bethany Martino	yes	

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

F. Recognition

1. Recognition of State Cross Country Meet Participant – Hannah Farley

2. PRESENTATIONS, SPECIAL EVENTS, DISCUSSION

A. Presentation – Old Quarry Middle School DC Trip

- Students from Old Quarry Middle School gave a presentation on the 8th grade trip to Washington DC.

B. Presentation – 113A Educational Foundation Grant Recipients

- The 113A Educational Foundation awarded grants to five staff members in the district.

3. COMMUNICATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ADMINISTRATION REPORTS AND SCHEDULES

A. President's Report

B. Board Committee Reports

- Finance and Audit – Mr. Malley reported that the Finance Committee met on October 19, 2021, to review the FY21 Audit.
- Facilities – Mr. Kerrigan reported that the Facilities Committee met on October 12 2021, to discuss playground equipment for Central School. The Facilities Committee will meet next month to review the final bid package for Central School.

C. Union Representation Reports

D. Superintendent's Report

- Dr. McConnell provided the Board with an update on Central School and the district's progress.

E. Principals' Reports – School Improvement Plans

- Oakwood School – Mrs. Koch presented the School Improvement Plan for Oakwood School to the Board.
- River Valley School – Mrs. Lynch presented the School Improvement Plan for River Valley School to the Board.
- Old Quarry Middle School – Mr. Sweeney presented the School Improvement Plan for Old Quarry Middle School to the Board.

F. Assistant Superintendent's Report

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 September 2021, as presented.

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

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

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

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 Brian Bushnell, 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 Phillips, OW Secretary, effective October 14, 2021
 - Dana Tiffin, Custodian, effective October 13, 2021
 - Jonathan Williams, OQ Wrestling Coach, effective November 29, 2021
 - Maura Tkach, OW Paraprofessional, effective October 21, 2021
 - Adelita Venegas, RV School Nurse, effective October 27, 2021
- The Transfer of:
 - Rachel Rode, from OW Secretary to Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent, effective September 27, 2021
 - Lisa Crispo, from OW Paraprofessional to OW Secretary, effective October 13, 2021
- The Resignation of:
 - Agnes Sodo, OW Secretary, effective October 18, 2021
- The Leave of Absence of:
 - Psychologist, 12 week FMLA leave, effective December 2, 2021
- The Retirement of:
 - William Henery, Maintenance Engineer, effective January 14, 2021
 - Laura Hodge, RV 3rd Grade Teacher, effective June 30, 2026
 - Julie Hayes, OQ 6th Grade Teacher, effective June 30, 2026
- The Termination of:
 - Cynthia Coyle, Accounts Payable Assistant, effective October 20, 2021
- Monthly Report – Enrollment
- Monthly Report - Discipline
- Monthly Report – Food Service

- Monthly Report – Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
- Second Reading – PRESS 107
- Approval of Contract with SWCCCASE for Leased Space for 2021-2022

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

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

9/24/2021

Regular: \$649,841.80

Stipend: \$52,594.47

10/8/2021

Regular: \$647,481.14

Bills/Accounts Payable:

Bills dated October 14, 2021 in the amount of \$1,432,346.21.

C. Monthly Report – Personnel

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

- Rebecca Phillips, OW Secretary, effective October 14, 2021
- Dana Tiffin, Custodian, effective October 13, 2021
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D. Monthly Report – Enrollment

As of October 13, 2021, enrollment has increased by 6 with 8 new students entering the district and 2 students transferring out of the district.

E. Monthly Report – Discipline

F. Monthly Report – Food Service

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

1. FOIA – Katy Smyser, NBC5 Chicago, Information pertaining to unclaimed funds

H. Second Reading – PRESS 107

I. Consider Approval of Contract with SWCCCASE for Leased Space for 2021-2022

Purpose: To secure continuation of the contract with Southwest Cook County Cooperative for Special Education to lease space at Lemont-Bromberek CSD 113A.

For many years, the Cooperative to which we belong has housed its Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) special classes in our District. The result is that members of the DHH classes gain opportunities for education alongside their general education peers, and our resident students experience peers with a variety of special needs, with the potential of learning to accept and make friends with those who are different from themselves. Some even learn sign language to enable communication.

The attached contract outlines the intended payment to the District for the use of classroom and office space.

Recommendation: Approve the lease with Southwest Cook County Cooperative for Special Education for their lease of classrooms and offices across the District, as specified in the contract.

5. BOARD ACTION

A. Consider Approval of FY21 Audit

The FY2020-2021 audit has been finalized by our independent auditing firm of Lauterbach & Amen, LLP. The Audit will also include the Annual Financial Report that has been sent to ISBE. Both the audit and AFR need to be sent to the regional superintendent's office as required by school code. This audit was reviewed by the Finance Committee and it was determined to recommend approval by the Board of Education.

The Finance Committee and administration recommend accepting the audit as presented by our independent auditor. Likewise, the Finance Committee and administration recommend that this audit be published on our web page per School Code and State Statute.

Recommended Motion:

Motion made by Al Malley, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, to approve the FY21 Audit.

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

Damon Ascolani	yes
Brian Bushnell	yes

Kevin Collins		absent
Cindy Kelly	yes	
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 National Principals Month Resolution

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Al Malley, to approve the National Principals Month Resolution.

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

Damon Ascolani	yes	
Brian Bushnell	yes	
Kevin Collins		absent
Cindy Kelly	yes	
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 Foundation Grant Awards

According to Board of Education policy 8:80 regarding gifts to the district, the award of grants from the 113A Educational Foundation is being presented to the Board for formal acceptance. It is the administrative recommendation to accept the grant awards from the 113A Educational Foundation.

Recommended Motion:

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Brian Bushnell, to approve the award of grants from the 113A Educational Foundation.

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

Damon Ascolani	yes	
Brian Bushnell	yes	
Kevin Collins		absent
Cindy Kelly	yes	
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 Resolution declaring the intention to issue \$3,000,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds for the purpose of creating a Working Cash Fund of the District and directing that notice of such intention be published in the manner provided by law

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Al Malley, to approve the Resolution declaring the intention to issue \$3,000,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds for the purpose

of creating a Working Cash Fund of the District and directing that notice of such intention be published in the manner provided by law.

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

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

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

7. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

A. Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Brian Bushnell, at 7:50 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 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).
- c) The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the District. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6).
- d) 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).
- e) 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).
- f) Student disciplinary cases. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9).

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		absent
Cindy Kelly	yes	
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 Brian Bushnell, seconded by Al Malley, at 9:11 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		absent
Cindy Kelly	yes	
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

NOVEMBER

- Proposed Tax Levy Presentation
- Adopt Tentative Levy
- Establish Public Hearing for Tax Levy
- School Board Members' Day

DECEMBER

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

11. ADJOURNMENT

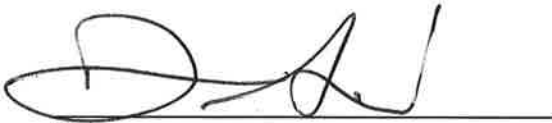
The motion was made by Brian Bushnell, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education at 9:32 p.m.

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

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

17 Nov 21
Date



Kevin Collins, Secretary

17 Nov 21
Date