

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
LEMONT-BROMBEREK CSD 113A  
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES  
OLD QUARRY MIDDLE SCHOOL – LRC  
LEMONT, ILLINOIS 60439  
Wednesday, October 26, 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, October 26, 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, Brian Bushnell, Cindy Kelly, Patrick Kerrigan, and Bethany Martino.

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, Ryan Talaga, Assistant 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, Jennifer Hughes, Assistant Principal/Old Quarry, and Dave Jones, Assistant Principal/Old Quarry.

Staff Present: Catherine Burch and Jennifer Hunt.

Audience Members (from sign in sheet, if legible): Hannah Farley.

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

**C. Approval of the Agenda:**

Motion made by Cindy Kelly, 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	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. Approval of Minutes:**

Motion made by Cindy Kelly, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, to approve the open and closed session minutes dated September 21, 2022, and October 13, 2022, 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 OQ students Hannah Farley and Elizabeth Rupsis, who qualified for and participated in the Cross Country State Competition.

**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 October 13, 2022, to review the audit and to discuss the district's working cash fund. Mr. Malley also reported that the administration provided an update on Central School.
- Wellness – Mr. Kerrigan reported that the Wellness Committee met on October 26, 2022, to discuss the EBC wellness program and incentive packages for staff.

**C. Union Representation Reports**

**D. Principals' Reports**

- Oakwood School – Mrs. Georganas reported on Oakwood School's EC Family Night and provided an update on the EC playground. Mrs. Georganas also provided an update on benchmark data meetings with staff as well as clubs and activities at Oakwood.
- River Valley School – Mrs. Koch reported that River Valley will be holding a Halloween parade as well as classroom parties. Mrs. Koch also reported on Representative Jim Durkin's visit to River Valley in addition to the upcoming author visit.
- Central School – Mrs. Kleehammer provided an update on clubs and activities at Central School as well as the House Assembly that took place on October 21<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. Kleehammer also reported that Central will be hosting a Family Reading Night on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Old Quarry Middle School – Mr. Sweeney reported on the staff versus student softball game as well as the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington DC. In addition, Mr. Sweeney provided an update on extracurriculars and the upcoming PSAT testing at Old Quarry Middle School.

**E. Assistant Superintendent's Report**

- Dr. Daniela Fountain provided the Board with an update on the upcoming community partnership session on November 9<sup>th</sup> as well as enhancing the former DARE program by utilizing the Too Good Program as a replacement.

**F. Superintendent's Report**

- Dr. McConnell provided the Board with an update on ALICE training for staff during the December SIP Day, upcoming parent-teacher conferences, and participation in the most recent community partnership session. Dr. McConnell also recognized the principals for National Principals Month.

**G. Treasurer's Reports**

Motion made by Cindy Kelly, 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 September 2022, 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 – Update from Lemont High School**

- Dr. Mary Ticknor, Superintendent of Lemont High School, presented to the Board an update on facility needs at LHS in reference to the referendum.

**B. Discussion – Working Cash Fund**

- The Board of Education discussed the district's working cash fund.

**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:
  - Ivan Chung, Bus Driver, effective October 13, 2022
  - John Stimac, CE Lunchroom Supervisor, effective October 17, 2022
  - Briana Shoemate, OW Paraprofessional, effective October 13, 2022
  - Molly Bell, OW Paraprofessional, effective October 24, 2022
- The Resignation of:
  - Suellen Sredin, OW Paraprofessional, effective September 30, 2022
  - Tracy Schwarz, OQ Paraprofessional, effective October 25, 2022
  - Jozef Szaflarski, Custodian, effective October 25, 2022
- The Leave of Absence of:
  - Paraprofessional, 12 week FMLA leave, effective December 7, 2022

- Monthly Report – Enrollment
- Monthly Report – Discipline
- Monthly Report – Food Service

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:**

9/23/2022

Regular: \$717,647.67

Stipend: \$79,642.40

10/7/2022

Regular: \$719,372.53

10/21/2022

Regular: \$723,627.95

Stipend: \$8,196.93

**Bills/Accounts Payable:**

Bills dated October 21, 2022 in the amount of \$1,504,675.35.

**C. Monthly Report – Personnel**

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

- Ivan Chung, Bus Driver, effective October 13, 2022
- John Stimac, CE Lunchroom Supervisor, effective October 17, 2022
- Briana Shoemate, OW Paraprofessional, effective October 13, 2022
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- Paraprofessional, 12 week FMLA leave, effective December 7, 2022

**D. Monthly Report – Enrollment**

- As of October 19, 2022, enrollment has increased by 10 students, with 13 new students entering the district and 3 students transferring out of the district.

E. Monthly Report – Discipline

F. Monthly Report – Food Service

5. BOARD ACTION

A. Consider Approval of FY22 Audit

The FY2021-2022 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 FY22 Audit 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 National Principals Month Resolution

Motion made by Cindy Kelly, seconded by Brian Bushnell, to approve the National Principals Month Resolution 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.

C. Consider Approval of Additional Bus Lease for 22-23

Last July, we asked the Board to approve an additional 3 buses for usage this school year. The buses were not available for delivery until just recently. As a result, it was

necessary to make alternative arrangements during these couple months. We have reassessed our needs request and determined that only one extra bus is needed.

We are requesting the Board approve the updated lease request for one additional bus and camera in the amount of \$28,149.00 with Midwest Transit Equipment. Upon approval by the Board, we will finalize the paperwork.

**Recommended Motion:**

Motion made by Cindy Kelly, seconded by Brian Bushnell, to approve the updated lease request for one additional bus and camera in the amount of \$28,149.00 with Midwest Transit Equipment.

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 Board Agreements**

Motion made by Cindy Kelly, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, to approve the Board Agreements 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.

**E. Consider Approval of Extension of Superintendent's Employment Contract**

Motion made by Cindy Kelly, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, to extend the date of the Superintendent's employment contract to June 30, 2025, an extension of two years.

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.

**F. Consider Approval of School Maintenance Grant Award Application**

Motion made by Cindy Kelly, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, to approve the school maintenance grant award application 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.

**G. Consider Approval of Strategic Plan Goals**

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Kevin Collins, to approve the Strategic Plan Goals 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.

**H. Consider Approval of CITGO Grant Agreement**

District 113A has applied for the CITGO STEM Talent Pipeline grant this school year. We are pleased to share that we have been awarded a 50,000 grant from CITGO through this program. The CITGO STEM Talent Pipeline program aims to increase access to Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) related educational opportunities by supporting and encouraging students to pursue STEM degrees and career prospects, so they can become a qualified pool of job candidates to join the CITGO workforce. Our goal is to create a learning environment that fosters the growth of future innovators.

In Lemont-Bromberek School District 113A, Central School and Old Quarry Middle School are Innovation Academies along with Lemont High School. We are one of four communities across the nation with this honor. Through collaboration with LHS, we currently have developed an aligned STEAM program for students in grades four through eight.

With the additional grant, we are proposing the adoption of River Valley School Innovation Academy to establish a greater foundation in STEAM for students in 2nd and 3rd grade at River Valley School. Attached is the grant agreement on the agenda for approval tonight.

**Recommended Motion:**

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Brian Bushnell, to approve the CITGO Grant Agreement 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.

**I. Consider Approval to Seek Bids for Special Education Transportation**

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Brian Bushnell, to approve the administrative request to seek an RFP for special education transportation.

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. No one came forward at this time.

**7. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

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

Motion made by Cindy Kelly, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, at 7:58 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) Security procedures and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8).

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 9:04 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

### 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


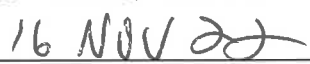
**11. ADJOURNMENT**


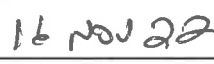
The motion was made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Brian Bushnell, to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education at 9:11 p.m.

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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