

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
LEMONT-BROMBEREK CSD 113A
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
OLD QUARRY MIDDLE SCHOOL - LRC
LEMONT, ILLINOIS 60439
Wednesday, October 28, 2020**

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 28, 2020 in the Old Quarry Middle School LRC.

A. Roll Call

Upon roll being called, the following board members were present: Damon Ascolani, President, Cindy Kelly, Patrick Kerrigan, Bethany Martino, and Dave Molitor. Al Malley, Vice President, and Kevin Collins, Secretary, attended via phone conference.

Board Members Absent: None.

Administration present: Dr. Anthony McConnell, Superintendent, Dr. Daniela Fountain, Assistant Superintendent, Susan Wulczyn, Director of Student Services, Steve Davis, Director of Technology, Kate Kwasny, Principal/Oakwood, Ryan Talaga, Assistant Principal/Oakwood, Debby Lynch, Principal/River Valley, Maggi Burkhardt, Assistant Principal/River Valley, Joe Sweeney, Principal/Old Quarry, and Shirley Kleehammer, Assistant Principal/Old Quarry. Barbara Germany, Business Manager, attended via phone conference.

Staff Present: Michelle Nevin and Maria Papiez.

Audience Members (from sign in sheet, if legible): Michelle Katauskas, David Rupert, Theresa Vasvery, and Tony Ward.

B. Pledge of Allegiance: Dr. Anthony McConnell.

C. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion made by Dave Molitor, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, to approve the agenda as submitted.

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

Damon Ascolani	yes
Kevin Collins	yes
Cindy Kelly	yes
Patrick Kerrigan	yes
Al Malley	yes
Bethany Martino	yes
Dave Molitor	yes

With a vote of Yeas 7, the President declared the motion passed.

D. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Bethany Martino, to approve the open session minutes dated September 30, 2020, as submitted.

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

Damon Ascolani	yes
Kevin Collins	yes
Cindy Kelly	yes
Patrick Kerrigan	yes
Al Malley	yes
Bethany Martino	yes
Dave Molitor	yes

With a vote of Yeas 7, the President declared the motion passed.

E. Recognition

1. SD113A Educational Foundation
 - The Board of Education recognized the SD113A Educational Foundation for their contributions to the Old Quarry Innovation Academy.
2. Old Quarry PTO
 - The Board of Education recognized the Old Quarry PTO for their contributions to the Old Quarry Innovation Academy.
3. SD113A Educational Foundation Grant Award Recipients
 - The SD113A Educational Foundation recognized the grant award recipients from the 2019-2020 school year and the projects funded through these grants.

F. Approval of Secretary Pro Tempore

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

2. COMMUNICATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ADMINISTRATION REPORTS AND SCHEDULES

A. President's Report

- Mr. Ascolani reported that the District has held five of the six referendum information sessions, with the last one being held virtually on October 29, 2020. Mr. Ascolani thanked Lemont Township for allowing the District to conduct two session at their location.

B. Board Committee Reports

- Finance and Audit – Mr. Malley (Chairperson) and Mrs. Martino, Member – Mr. Malley reported that the Finance and Audit Committee met on October 5, 2020 to discuss the FY20 audit.
- Policy – Mr. Molitor (Chairperson) and Mr. Ascolani, Member – Mr. Molitor reported that a Policy Committee meeting will be scheduled prior to November 18, 2020 to discuss policy updates relating to the District's WellSat score. These recommendations will then be brought to the Wellness and Safety Committee meeting on November 18, 2020

C. Union Representation Reports

D. Principals' Reports

- Oakwood School – Ms. Kwasny reported that all hybrid students completed the MAP assessments for Math and Reading, and Oakwood's remote learners

are currently completing these assessments both in-person and remotely. Ms. Kwasny also reported that all fire drills will be completed by next week.

- River Valley School – Mrs. Lynch reported that MAP testing has been completed for in-person and remote students. Mrs. Lynch also reported on the grant that was approved by the PTO to have inspirational quotes on the bathroom stalls. Aime Topete worked with Kelli Casey, the grant recipient, to see the project through.
- Old Quarry Middle School – Mr. Sweeney reported on the survey results from both hybrid and remote learning families. Hybrid families provided positive feedback, mentioning items such as increased engagement, smaller class sizes, safety, and social interaction. Remote families placed emphasis on merging components and keeping a sense of community and attachment of remote learners to the school. Mr. Sweeney also reported that all students are currently MAP testing, which will provide an opportunity for staff to gauge current learning levels and, as a result, to accommodate to the needs of students.

E. Superintendent's Report

- Dr. McConnell reported that he and Mr. Ascolani have been engaging with the community regarding the referendum. With a great sense of support from the community, the District is looking forward to a good voter turnout at the November 3rd election.

F. Treasurer's Reports

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Dave Molitor, 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 2020, as presented.

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

Damon Ascolani	yes
Kevin Collins	yes
Cindy Kelly	yes
Patrick Kerrigan	yes
Al Malley	yes
Bethany Martino	yes
Dave Molitor	yes

With a vote of Yeas 7, the President declared the motion passed.

3. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

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

- A community member addressed the Board of Education about the current COVID-19 metrics.

4. DISCUSSION

A. Delegate Assembly Resolution Items

- Mr. Molitor facilitated a discussion with the Board of Education about the delegate assembly resolution items to be voted on at the Virtual Delegate Assembly on November 14, 2020. The Board of Education accepted all recommendations presented by the Illinois Association of School Boards.

B. COVID-19 Update and Discussion

- Dr. McConnell facilitated a discussion with the Board of Education about current COVID-19 metrics and updates as it concerns District 113A and the Lemont community.

5. 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. Mr. Ascolani requested that the approval to seek quotes associated with 1:1 technology be removed from the consent agenda.

Motion made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Dave Molitor, 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:
 - Maria Majchrowski, Custodian, effective October 29, 2020
 - Genevieve Holcomb, OQ Paraprofessional, effective October 29, 2020
 - Robyn Templin, Elementary Remote Learning Teacher, effective November 4, 2020
- The Resignation of:
 - Liz Janusz, RV Instructional Coach, effective December 23, 2020
- The Leave of Absence of:
 - Raymond Zick, Bus Driver, 12 week medical leave, effective October 16, 2020
 - Maureen Sperka, OQ Paraprofessional, 12 week intermittent FMLA leave, effective October 29, 2020
- The Retirement of:
 - Cathy Cortez, RV 3rd Grade Teacher, effective June 30, 2025
- Monthly Report – Enrollment
- Monthly Report – Discipline
- Monthly Report – Food Service
- Monthly Report – Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
- ~~Approval to Seek Quotes Associated with 1:1 Technology~~

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

Damon Ascolani	yes
Kevin Collins	yes
Cindy Kelly	yes
Patrick Kerrigan	yes
Al Malley	yes
Bethany Martino	yes
Dave Molitor	yes

With a vote of Yeas 7, the President declared the motion passed.

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

Payroll:

10/9/2020
 Regular: \$633,517.94

10/23/2020
Regular: \$653,255.42
Stipend: \$4,734.92

Bills/Accounts Payable:

Bills dated October 22, 2020 in the amount of \$413,318.42.

C. Monthly Report – Personnel

The hiring of (pending compliance with Board Policy and State and Federal Law):

- Maria Majchrowski, Custodian, effective October 29, 2020
- Genevieve Holcomb, OQ Paraprofessional, effective October 29, 2020
- Robyn Templin, Elementary Remote Learning Teacher, effective November 4, 2020

The Resignation of:

- Liz Janusz, RV Instructional Coach, effective December 23, 2020

The Leave of Absence of:

- Raymond Zick, Bus Driver, 12 week medical leave, effective October 16, 2020
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The Retirement of:

- Cathy Cortez, RV 3rd Grade Teacher, effective June 30, 2025

D. Monthly Report – Enrollment

As of October 22, 2020, enrollment has decreased by 13 with 7 new students entering the district and 20 students transferring out of the district.

E. Monthly Report – Discipline

F. Monthly Report – Food Service

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

6. BOARD ACTION

A. Consider Approval to Seek Quotes Associated with 1:1 Technology

We are seeking the Board's approval to begin the process of seeking quotes associated with 1:1 technology for the 2021-22 school year. This includes quotes associated with the actual equipment, licenses, etc., as well as leasing of said equipment.

Administration Recommendation:

To approve the administrative request to begin the process of seeking quotes associated with 1:1 technology for the 2021-22 school year.

Recommended Motion:

Motion made by Cindy Kelly, seconded by Bethany Martino, to approve seeking quotes associated with 1:1 technology.

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

Damon Ascolani	yes
Kevin Collins	yes
Cindy Kelly	yes
Patrick Kerrigan	yes
Al Malley	yes
Bethany Martino	yes
Dave Molitor	yes

With a vote of Yeas 7, the President declared the motion passed.

B. Consider Approval of FY20 Audit

The FY2019-2020 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 Cindy Kelly, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, to approve the FY20 Audit.

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

Damon Ascolani	yes
Kevin Collins	yes
Cindy Kelly	yes
Patrick Kerrigan	yes
Al Malley	yes
Bethany Martino	yes
Dave Molitor	yes

With a vote of Yeas 7, the President declared the motion passed.

C. Consider Approval of National Principals Month Resolution

Whereas the Illinois Principals Association has declared the month of October 2020 as "National Principals Month" in coordination with the efforts of the National Association of Elementary School Principals, the American Federation of School Administrators, and the National Association of Secondary School Principals, working with the U.S. Congress, to designate "National Principals Month" and resolutions thereof;

Whereas the week of October 18-24, 2020 is also proclaimed as Principals Week and Friday, October 23, 2020 as Principals Day in Illinois by Governor JB Pritzker;

Whereas the vision, dedication, and determination of a principal provides the mobilizing force behind any school reform effort;

Whereas principals are expected to be educational visionaries, instructional leaders, assessment experts, disciplinarians, community builders, public relations experts,

budget analysts, facility managers, special programs administrators, and guardians of various legal, contractual, and policy mandates and initiatives, as well as being entrusted with the education and development of young people, the most valuable resource;

Whereas principals will play a vital role in the successful implementation of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA);

Whereas principals set the academic tone for their schools and work collaboratively with teachers to develop and maintain high curriculum standards, develop mission statements, and set performance goals and objectives for schools to achieve educational excellence;

Whereas the Lemont-Bromberek Combined School District 113A recognizes such exemplary elementary and middle level public, private, and independent school leaders committed to serving students from prekindergarten to grade 8 (pre-K – 8) in their profession;

Whereas the Lemont-Bromberek Combined School District 113A recognizes outstanding middle level and high school principals who have succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students, as well as their exemplary contributions to the profession;

Whereas to honor and recognize the contribution of all school principals and assistant principals at all grade levels to the success of students in Illinois elementary and secondary schools; and to encourage residents of Illinois to observe “National Principals Month” with appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote awareness of school leadership’s role in ensuring that every child has access to a high-quality education.

Be it resolved – in honor of the service of all elementary, middle level, and high school principals, and to recognize the importance of their school leadership so that every child has access to a high-quality education, and to celebrate school leader accomplishments, the Lemont-Bromberek Combined School District 113A recognizes the month of October 2020 as “National Principals Month.”

Motion made Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Dave Molitor, to approve the National Principals Month Resolution.

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

Damon Ascolani	yes
Kevin Collins	yes
Cindy Kelly	yes
Patrick Kerrigan	yes
Al Malley	yes
Bethany Martino	yes
Dave Molitor	yes

With a vote of Yeas 7, the President declared the motion passed.

D. Consider Approval of Amended Food Service Contract

We were informed that the “Summer Lunch: program we operated under over the summer and continue to operate under now during our hybrid model was only a

temporary approval for the summer. Included with this report is a copy of the amended contract with Chartwells.

The lunch rate approved this summer by the Board needs to be increased in order to accommodate the extra work and supplies associated with the hybrid model. All lunch is free at this time to our families, so this rate increase does not impact them. In addition, this rate increase will be less than the reimbursement rate we are receiving through the Summer Food Lunch Program initiative, so there will be no additional cost to the District. When we return to a full in-school model, we can readdress the contract and amend as necessary.

Recommended Motion:

Motion made by Cindy Kelly, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, to approve the revised lunch price of \$2.91 through the COVID-19 Emergency Contract Amendment for the School Year 2020-2021.

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

Damon Ascolani	yes	
Kevin Collins		abstain
Cindy Kelly	yes	
Patrick Kerrigan	yes	
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	yes	
Dave Molitor	yes	

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

7. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

A. Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session

Motion made by Dave Molitor, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, at 8:38 p.m. to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of:

1. 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 the Act. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), amended by P.A. 101-459.

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	
Kevin Collins		abstain
Cindy Kelly	yes	

Patrick Kerrigan	yes
Al Malley	yes
Bethany Martino	yes
Dave Molitor	yes

With a vote of Yeas 6, Abstain 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 Dave Molitor, seconded by Patrick Kerrigan, at 9:46 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	
Kevin Collins		abstain
Cindy Kelly	yes	
Patrick Kerrigan	yes	
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	yes	
Dave Molitor	yes	

With a vote of Yeas 6, Abstain 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
- Illinois School Report Card Presentation
- Presentation and Approval of School Improvement Plans

DECEMBER

- Tax Levy Hearing
- Adopt Final Tax Levy
- Resolution of Fund Levies
- Disposal of Used/Obsolete Equipment
- Presentation and Approval of School Improvement Plans

11. ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Patrick Kerrigan, seconded by Bethany Martino, to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education at 9:53 p.m.

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

Damon Ascolani	yes	
Kevin Collins		abstain
Cindy Kelly	yes	
Patrick Kerrigan	yes	
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	yes	
Dave Molitor	yes	

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



Damon Ascolani, President

18 Nov 2020
Date



Kevin Collins, Secretary

18 Nov 20
Date