

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
LEMONT-BROMBEREK CSD 113A
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
OLD QUARRY MIDDLE SCHOOL – LRC
LEMONT, ILLINOIS 60439
Wednesday, September 20, 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, September 20, 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, and Joseph Pogvara.

Board Members Absent: Kevin Collins and Patrick Kerrigan.

Administration present: Dr. Anthony McConnell, Superintendent, Dr. Daniela Fountain, Assistant Superintendent, Barbara Germany, Business Manager, Heidi Rudy, Assistant Director of Student Services, Megan Mundt, Assistant Director of Student Services, Dr. Tracey Miller, Director of Teaching and Learning, Jake Smith, Director of Technology, 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, Jennifer LaCombe, Assistant Principal/Old Quarry, and Dave Jones, Assistant Principal/Old Quarry.

Staff Present: Adrian Ramierz

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

B. Pledge of Allegiance: Damon Ascolani.

C. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion made by Al Malley, seconded by Angela Adrus, 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		absent
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	yes	
Joseph Pogvara	yes	

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

D. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Al Malley, seconded by Joseph Pogvara, to approve the open and closed session minutes dated August 21, 2023, as submitted.

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

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

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

2. ADJOURN TO PUBLIC HEARING

A. Motion to Adjourn to Public Hearing to Hear Comments on the Proposed FY24 Budget

Motion made by Bethany Martino, seconded by Joseph Pogvara, to adjourn to hold the Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing public comments on the proposed FY24 Budget. This is being done per School Code and State Statute 105 ILCS 5/17-1.

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

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

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

3. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Motion to Convene the Public Hearing

Motion made by Joseph Pogvara, seconded by Angela Andrus, to convene the Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing public comments on the proposed FY24 Budget. This is being done per School Code and State Statute 105 ILCS 5/17-1.

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

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

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

B. Information on FY24 Proposed Budget

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 Bethany Martino, seconded by Al Malley, to adjourn the Public Hearing.

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

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

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

4. RECONVENE TO OPEN MEETING

A. Motion to Reconvene to the Open Meeting

Motion made by Angela Andrus, seconded by Bethany Martino, to reconvene the open meeting of the Board of Education.

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

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

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

5. ADJOURN TO PUBLIC HEARING

A. Motion to Adjourn to Public Hearing to Hear Comments on the Permanent Transfer of Money Between Funds

Motion made by Joseph Pogvara, seconded by Bethany Martino, to adjourn to hold the Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing public comments on the permanent transfer of money between funds.

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

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

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

6. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Motion to Convene the Public Hearing

Motion made by Angela Andrus, seconded by Joseph Pogvara, to convene the Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing public comments on the permanent transfer of money between funds.

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

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

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

B. Information of the Permanent Transfer of Money Between Funds

As reported when I presented the 2022-23 amended budget, we planned to make a recommendation for the transfer from the Education Fund to the Capital Projects Fund for the 2022-23 fiscal year after our auditors had reviewed final numbers. After review of final revenues and expenses, the amount recommended to be transferred is \$785,000 of which \$703,000 will then be transferred to the Capital Projects Fund. This will be transferred from Education, through the Operations/Maintenance Fund, and then to our Capital Projects fund for usage as indicated in the required resolution.

In addition, at the June meeting when I presented the amended budget for approval, I indicated that the transportation fund would have a shortfall due to outsourcing of services due to our staffing shortage and higher than anticipated special education transportation expenses. After review of final anticipated revenues and expenses, it is being recommended to transfer \$285,000 from the Education Fund to the Transportation Fund.

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 Bethany Martino, seconded by Angela Andrus, to adjourn the Public Hearing.

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

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

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

7. RECONVENE TO OPEN MEETING

Motion made by Angela Andrus, seconded by Joseph Pogvara, to reconvene the open meeting of the Board of Education.

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

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

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

8. COMMUNICATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ADMINISTRATION REPORTS AND SCHEDULES

A. President’s Report

B. Board Committee Reports

- Facilities – The Facilities Committee is scheduled to meet on September 25, 2023.
- Finance – A Finance Committee meeting will be scheduled when the district audit is finalized.

C. Union Representation Reports

D. Principals’ Reports

- Oakwood School – Mrs. Georganas reported on the Doughnuts with the Principals gathering at Oakwood School. Mrs. Georganas also provided an update on Oakwood’s PBIS implementation and professional development provided by the District.
- River Valley School – Mrs. Koch provided an update on the new River Valley playground, Curriculum Night, and the completion of MAP testing and Aimsweb testing. Mrs. Koch also reported on the start of the Rebels Respond writing initiative.
- Central School – Mrs. Kleehammer reported on the upcoming field trips for Central students to The Forge and the Challenger Space Center. Mrs. Kleehammer also reported that Central School will be hosting a Family Night in October.
- Old Quarry Middle School – Mrs. LaCombe reported on the 6th grade field trip to Iron Oaks and provided an update on MAP testing and Aimsweb testing at Old Quarry. Mr. Sweeney also held a parent meeting for upcoming trip to Washington DC.

E. Assistant Superintendent’s Report

- Dr. Daniela Fountain provided the Board with an update on assessments, professional development, and STEM Night.

F. Superintendent’s Report

- Dr. McConnell provided the Board with an update on his attendance at the recent School Law Seminar. In addition, Dr. McConnel reported on the district’s recognition of October as National Principals Month and also wished the Old Quarry softball team good luck as the head to the State Championship.

G. Treasurer’s Reports

Motion made by Joseph Pogvara, seconded by Al Malley, 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 August 2023, as presented.

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

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

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

9. PRESENTATIONS, SPECIAL EVENTS, DISCUSSION

- Dr. Anthony McConnell facilitated a discussion regarding the intergovernmental agreement with the Lemont Park District and answered questions from the Board of Education. This agreement will be presented for approval at the October Board Meeting.

10. 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 Al Malley, seconded by Joseph Pogvara, 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:
 - Kristina Masters, RV Lunchroom Supervisor, effective August 29, 2023
 - Margaret Becker, OW Paraprofessional, effective August 30, 2023
 - Jennifer Treanor, OQ Musical Director, effective August 28, 2023
 - Lidia Marzec, OW Lunchroom Supervisor, effective September 1, 2023
 - Daniel Mattson, Custodian, effective September 21, 2023
 - James Watson, Bus Driver and OW Lunchroom Supervisor, effective September 12, 2023
 - Tina Finch, Bus Driver, effective September 11, 2023
 - Michael Harmening, Bus Driver, effective September 18, 2023
 - David Bernat, CE P/T Band Director, effective September 21, 2023
 - Todd Kayton, CE P/T Band Director, effective September 21, 2023
 - Timothy Jones, CE P/T Band Director, effective September 21, 2023
 - Debbie John, CE P/T Band Director, effective September 21, 2023
- The Resignation of:
 - Lashonda Cruz, Custodian, effective August 18, 2023
 - Christopher Raimbault, Bus Driver, effective September 14, 2023
- The Leave of Absence of:
 - Bus Driver, 12 week FMLA leave, effective August 22, 2023
 - Teacher, 12 week FMLA leave, effective September 19, 2023

- Teacher, 12 week FMLA leave, effective September 11, 2023
- Monthly Report – Enrollment
- Monthly Report – Discipline
- Monthly Report – Food Service
- Monthly Report – Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
- Second Reading – PRESS 112
- Approval of the Administrative and Teacher Salary Report
- Approval of the Administrative Salary Report – PA-96-0434 Compliance
- Approval of the IMRF Salary Report – PA-97-0609 Compliance
- Approval of the Lemont Athletic Club One-year Lease

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

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

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

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

Payroll:

8/25/2023
Regular: \$744,223.61

9/8/2023
Regular: \$767,472.50

Bills/Accounts Payable:

Bills dated September 15, 2023 in the amount of \$1,003,690.77.

C. Monthly Report – Personnel

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

- Kristina Masters, RV Lunchroom Supervisor, effective August 29, 2023
- Margaret Becker, OW Paraprofessional, effective August 30, 2023
- Jennifer Treanor, OQ Musical Director, effective August 28, 2023
- Lidia Marzec, OW Lunchroom Supervisor, effective September 1, 2023
- Daniel Mattson, Custodian, effective September 21, 2023
- James Watson, Bus Driver and OW Lunchroom Supervisor, effective September 12, 2023
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- Todd Kayton, CE P/T Band Director, effective September 21, 2023
- Timothy Jones, CE P/T Band Director, effective September 21, 2023

- Debbie John, CE P/T Band Director, effective September 21, 2023

The Resignation of:

- Lashonda Cruz, Custodian, effective August 18, 2023
- Christopher Raimbault, Bus Driver, effective September 14, 2023

The Leave of Absence of:

- Bus Driver, 12 week FMLA leave, effective August 22, 2023
- Teacher, 12 week FMLA leave, effective September 19, 2023
- Teacher, 12 week FMLA leave, effective September 11, 2023

D. Monthly Report – Enrollment

- As of September 12, 2023, enrollment has increased by 11 students, with 12 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)

- FOIA – Katherine Smyser
- FOIA – Janine Asmus

H. Second Reading – PRESS 112

I. Consider Approval of the Administrative and Teacher Salary Report

Effective January 1, 2012, Sections 10-20.47 and 34-18.38 of the School Code [105 ILCS 5/10-20.47 and 5/34-18.38] were amended to require school districts to 1) report administrator and teacher salary and benefits for the prior year (FY23) to the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) by October 1st; and 2) present the information at a school board meeting before posting on the website of the district.

Prior to this annual reporting to the State Board of Education, the information must be presented at a regular school board meeting and then posted on the Internet website of the school district, if any.

Administrative Recommendation: Approve the salary and benefit report for FY23 for all administrators and teachers, as presented, and further to send the report to the Illinois State Board of Education and post on the district's website.

J. Consider Approval of the Administrative Salary Report – PA-96-0434 Compliance

In accordance with PA 96-0434, and certain requirements within this act, a school district is required to list on its website a salary, compensation, and benefit report for certified administrators by October 1st. Salary and benefit information for district administrators is based on Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) as it represents numbers that are projected to be earned at the completion of the fiscal year.

Administrative Recommendation: Approve the compensation and benefit report for administrators in accordance with PA 96-0434, as presented, and to provide that report to the regional superintendent of schools and post on the district's website.

K. Consider Approval of the IMRF Salary Report – PA-97-0609 Compliance

In accordance with IMRF PA 97-0609, and certain requirements within this act, a school district is required, within 6 business days after an employer participating in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund approves a budget, to post on its website the total compensation package for each IMRF employee having a total compensation package that exceeds \$75,000 per year.

Administrative Recommendation: Approve the compensation and benefit report for IMRF in accordance with PA 97-0609, as presented, and to provide that report to the regional superintendent of schools and post on the district's website.

L. Consider Approval of Lemont Athletic Club One-Year Lease

11. BOARD ACTION

A. Consider Approval of the FY24 Budget

Motion made by Al Malley, seconded by Joseph Pogvara, to approve the FY24 Budget as presented. Furthermore, to direct the administration to submit the budget to the Illinois State Board of Education in a manner prescribed by School Code.

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

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

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

B. Consider Approval of Transfer from Education Fund to Capital Projects Fund

Motion made by Al Malley, seconded by Angela Andrus, to approve the transfer of \$785,000 from the Education Fund to the Operations/Maintenance Fund and \$703,000 from the Operations/Maintenance Fund to the Capital Projects Fund as presented.

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

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

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

C. Consider Approval of Transfer from Education Fund to Transportation Fund

Motion made by Al Malley, seconded by Joseph Pogvara, to approve the transfer of \$285,000 from the Education Fund to the Transportation Fund as presented.

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		absent
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	yes	
Joseph Pogvara	yes	

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

12. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

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

13. ADVANCED PLANNING

OCTOBER

- Acceptance of Audit
- Tax Levy Discussion
- Recognition of Principals
- Approve E-Rate Consultants

NOVEMBER

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


14. ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Joseph Pogvara, seconded by Angela Andrus, to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education at 6:56 p.m.

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

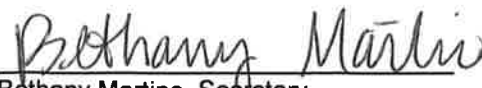
Angela Andrus	yes	
Damon Ascolani	yes	
Kevin Collins		absent
Patrick Kerrigan		absent
Al Malley	yes	
Bethany Martino	yes	
Joseph Pogvara	yes	

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



 Damon Ascolani, President
 10/25/23

 Date



 Bethany Martino, Secretary
 10.25.23

 Date