

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
September 21, 2021

The Board of Education of the Ottawa Elementary School District #141, LaSalle County, Illinois met at Central Intermediate School, 711 E. McKinley Road, Ottawa, Illinois for a Regular Meeting on September 21, 2021.

The Regular Monthly meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Brenden Donahue at 6:00 P.M. Members present were: Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, and Mrs. Ganiere.

Others present were: Superintendent Cleve Threadgill, Kayla Moore, and Steven Devine from WCMY. Visitors were: Kyle Olesen, Ryan Myers, Nate Pinter, Carrie Price, Christine Bucciarelli, Gary Windy, Susan Hendrickson, Justin Marxman, Marc Tabor, Chris Torres, Dr. Jeremy Lambe, Kara Rutherford, Michael Grommon, Linda Pubentz, Mary Beth Iverson, Jodine Bandlow, Andrea Conrad, Sasha Lucas, Blanca Lambert, Paige McDonnell, Macayla Gerdovich, Jasmine Gillan, Kassie McConville, and Erica Heth.

Recognition of New Teachers to the district as well as Interns and Student Teachers.

**Central**

Christopher Hansen - 5th/6th Grade Music/Band  
Teacher

Linda Pubentz - Interventionist  
Blanca Lambert - Interventionist

**Jefferson**

Kassie McConville - Interventionist  
Sara Miller - PE Teacher (Jefferson/Lincoln)

**Lincoln**

Jasmine Gillan - Kindergarten Teacher  
Hailey Armstrong - 3rd Grade Teacher  
Jodine Bandlow - Interventionist

**McKinley**

Michael Grommon - Interventionist  
Rhonda Znaniecki - Interventionist

**Shepherd**

Martin Czernicki - Band Teacher (Shepherd/Central)  
MaryBeth Iverson - Interventionist  
Sasha Lucas - Enhanced Reading Specialist

**Support Staff**

Andrea Conrad - Nurse III (District)  
Sebby McGrogan - Nurse II (Lincoln)  
Heather Jackson - Social Worker (McKinley)  
Kelsey Twohey - Speech Pathologist (McKinley)  
Macayla Gerdovich - Counselor (Shepherd)  
Paige McDonnell - Social Worker (Shepherd)

**Interns**

Shelby Justi - Social Worker w/ Alecia Ruiz (Jefferson)

**Student Teachers**

Michelle Cioni - 1st Grade with Erin Hovious and  
Brittany Kostallic (Lincoln)  
Natalie-Ann Lindig - K-4th Music with Erica Heth  
(Jefferson, Lincoln, Shepherd)  
Cheri Newell - 4th Grade with Kelly Brovell (Lincoln)

There was no response to the Open Forum.

Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mrs. Manigold to Approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Ganiere, and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Conley to Approve the Minutes of the August 17, 2021 Regular Meeting, Monthly Bills, and Financial Records as presented. Ayes: Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Ganiere, and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

*The Budget Hearing which was called to order by President Brenden Donahue at 6:07 PM. Members present were:* Members present were: Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, and Mrs. Ganiere.

*Superintendent Threadgill gave a PowerPoint overview of the Budget for the Board of Education and the public.*

*There was no public comment or questions.*

*Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mr. Fisher to Adjourn the Budget Hearing at 6:30 PM.* Ayes: Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Ganiere, and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Omolecki to Approve the FY22 Budget as submitted. Ayes: Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Ganiere, and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mr. Conley to Approve the Student Activity Accounts as follows. Ayes: Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Ganiere, and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**McKinley-** Student Incentives/Needs, Other Building/Staff Needs

**Lincoln-** Student Incentives/Needs, Other Building/Staff Needs

**Jefferson-** Student Activities, Student Council and Positive Panthers(character education)

**Central-** Student Activities, Sanders Art, Central Family Fund, Team L.E.A.D., Project Unify

**Shepherd-** Student Activities, Student Council, Academic Team, Phi Delta, SADD, Drama, Kroger, Truancy, Choir

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mrs. Kimes to Approve Joyce Thomas as the Treasurer for Ottawa Elementary Schools. There is no charge for her service. Ayes: Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Ganiere, and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Information on air conditioning costs at Lincoln School was discussed. Mr. Bill Taylor spoke on lead times to get equipment in our current economy. The options of air conditioning units vs.

geothermal climate control for Lincoln School were discussed by members of the Board and Mr. Taylor.

Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mr. Omolecki to approve Authorization for the Superintendent to Seek Bids for Lincoln Elementary to have geothermal air conditioning installed. Ayes: Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Conley, and Mrs. Ganiere. Nays: Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Donahue. Motion Carried.

The Administrative Cost Cap Waiver was discussed. The law requires school districts to limit their administrative expenditures to a maximum of 5% from one fiscal year to another. A Cost Cap Waiver Hearing will be held at the October Board Meeting.

A report of the Summer Maintenance Projects was enclosed in the packet. Marc Tabor was present to answer any questions.

Information was given on the Illinois Public Risk Fund. Illinois Public Risk Fund has advised us that our Grant Application has been approved by the IPRF Grant Committee. We have received \$8,719.

Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mr. Conley to Approve the Second Reading of the following Board Policies: 1:10; 1:20; 1:30; 2:10; 2:20; 2:30; 2:120E1;2:120E2; 2:125E3; 2:130; 2:220E4; 2:220E7; 2:240; 2:240E1; 2:240E2; 2:250E2;2:250E3; 3:30; 3:30E; 4:15E3; 4:15E1; 4:15E2; 4:140E1; 4:140E2; 5:10; 5:30; 5:125E1;5:180E1; 5:190E1; 5:190E2; 5:190E3; 6:100; 6:100E1; 6:100E2; 6:145; 6:160; 6:170;6:170AP1E1; 6:170AP1E2; 6:235; 6:235AP1E1; 6:235AP1E2; 6:235E3; 6:235E4;6:255; 6:260; 6:260E; 7:220; 7:230; 7:280; 7:345APE4; 8:90; 8:95E2 Ayes: Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Ganiere, and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Omolecki to Approve the Board Policies: 1:10; 1:20; 1:30; 2:10; 2:20; 2:30; 2:120E1;2:120E2; 2:125E3; 2:130; 2:220E4; 2:220E7; 2:240; 2:240E1; 2:240E2; 2:250E2;2:250E3; 3:30; 3:30E; 4:15E3; 4:15E1; 4:15E2; 4:140E1; 4:140E2; 5:10; 5:30; 5:125E1;5:180E1; 5:190E1; 5:190E2; 5:190E3; 6:100; 6:100E1; 6:100E2; 6:145; 6:160; 6:170;6:170AP1E1; 6:170AP1E2; 6:235; 6:235AP1E1; 6:235AP1E2; 6:235E3; 6:235E4;6:255; 6:260; 6:260E; 7:220; 7:230; 7:280; 7:345APE4; 8:90; 8:95E2 Ayes: Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Ganiere, and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mrs. Manigold to Approve the Resignations of the following Personnel. Ayes: Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Ganiere, and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Susan Powell** - Kindergarten Teaching Assistant at Lincoln Elementary School effective August 16, 2021  
**Beth Haskell** - First Grade Teacher at McKinley Elementary School effective August 19,2021  
**Jacklyn Roth** - Lunch Server/Crossing Guard at McKinley Elementary School effective September 17, 2021

Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mr. Fisher to Approve the Appointment of the following Personnel effective for the 2021-2022 school year. Ayes: Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Ganiere, and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Taina Pereria** - LifeSkills TA at McKinley Elementary School  
**Madisyn Mennie** - LifeSkills TA at McKinley Elementary School  
**Paul Baxter** - CCAT at Shepherd Middle School  
**Terry Hoster** - Bus Driver  
**Courtney Caputo** - Kindergarten Teaching Assistant at Lincoln Elementary School  
**Andrea Conrad** - Nurse III for the District  
**Craig Shymanski** - 7th Grade Girls Basketball Team  
**Sarah Bush** - Crossing Guard at Shepherd Middle School  
**Carrie Smith** - Cross-Categorical Teaching Assistant at Central Intermediate School  
**Shannon Richards** - Crossing Guard and Lunch Server at McKinley Elementary School

Motion by Mrs. Kimes and seconded by Mrs. Manigold to Approve the FMLA Leave Requests of the following Personnel. Ayes: Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Ganiere, and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Sandra Zoelzer**, a Reading Specialist at Shepherd Middle School (2/11/22-5/23/22)  
**Jennifer Carmona** - Paraprofessional at Lincoln Elementary School. (8/23/21-1/3/22)

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mr. Omolecki to Approve the EIS Administrative and Teacher Report. Ayes: Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Ganiere, and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mrs. Kimes to Approve the Curriculum Reports as presented. Ayes: Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Ganiere, and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- A. Curriculum and Assessment Report
- B. Technology Report

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mr. Fisher to Accept the Superintendent's Reports as submitted. Ayes: Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Ganiere, and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- A. Enrollment Report
- B. Student Transfers
- C. Cafeteria Report
- D. Discipline Report
- E. FOIA
- F. Upcoming Dates of Importance

Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mr. Conley to enter into Executive Session at 7:39pm. Ayes: Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Ganiere, and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mr. Omolecki to come out of Executive Session at 8:13pm. Ayes: Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Ganiere, and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mrs. Ganiere to Approve and Keep in Confidence the Executive Minutes from the Regular Meeting of August 17, 2021. Ayes: Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Ganiere, and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mrs. Kimes to Approve the following Retirement Request. Ayes: Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Ganiere, and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Susan Hendrickson** -DHH Special Education Teacher at McKinley Elementary School effective at the end of the 2025 - 2026 school year

**Beth Woolley** – Reading Teacher at McKinley Elementary School effective at the end of the 2025 - 2026 school year

**Cleve Threadgill** - superintendent of Ottawa Elementary Schools, effective July 31, 2022

Motion by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mrs. Manigold for the Adoption of the Administrative Employment Contract for Superintendent Cleve Threadgill. Ayes: Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Ganiere, and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mr. Omolecki to Adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Ottawa Elementary School Board of Education at 8:20 P.M. Ayes: Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Ganiere, and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.



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