

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

January 17, 2023

The Board of Education of the Ottawa Elementary School District #141, LaSalle County, Illinois met at Central Intermediate School, 711 McKinley Road, Ottawa, Illinois for a Regular Meeting on January 17, 2023.

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Education of Ottawa Elementary District #141 was called to order by President Brenden Donahue, at 6:00 p.m. on January 17, 2023 at McKinley Elementary School. Members present were: Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes and Mr. Fisher. Others present were: Dr. Michelle Lee, Jamie Johnston, Kyle Olesen, and Steven Devine from WCMY. Visitors were: Nate Pinter, Justin Marxman, Chris Torres, Lori Sanders, Jeanne Cook, Nate Matthies, Jen Gervase, Christine Bucciarelli, Lynne Sovero, Jeremy Lambe, Jen Lawsha, Eric Ganiere, Adam Bialon, Sasha Lucas, Jackson Lucas, Matt Lucas, Hallee Loza, Sandra Loza, William Loza, Cody Keylard, Shannon Keylard, Heather Dilley, Casey Loving, Leilany Rodriguez and Isabel Rodriguez.

Recognition of Special Guests.

A. **District Artwork – Lincoln** (Mrs. Sovero introduced.)

George Olander - 3rd Grade

Donovin Dilley - 4th Grade

B. **Champion of the Charter** (Mr. Bialon introduced.)

Cody Keylard and DJ Snell – 7th Grade

Leilany Rodriguez and Jackson Lucas – 8th Grade

Previous months recipients of Champion of Charter who had not been formally introduced to the Board were also recognized:

Caitlyn Swartz, Nevaeh Sholders, Hallee Loza, Ailey Harsted

C. **Kid's First Award Recipient** - **Jennifer Lawsha** - Shepherd Middle School (Dr. Lambe introduced.)

There was no response to Open Forum.

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

An item from the Board Members Code of Conduct was read aloud by Mr. Conley.

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mr. Fisher to Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 20, 2022, Minutes of December 20, 2022 Truth in Taxation Hearing, Monthly Bills, and Financial Records/Mid Year Update Report. Ayes: Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

First National Bank – Ottawa
Northern Trust – Agent First National Bank- Ottawa
First State Bank - Ottawa
Old Second Bank - Ottawa

Motion by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mrs. Manigold to Approve the School Fees for the 2023-2024 school year as presented. Dr. Lee recommended to increase full pay lunch fees by .20, increase full pay breakfast fees by .10, PE shirts increase \$2.00 and increase graduation gowns \$2.00. All other fees will remain the same as 2022-2023. Ayes: Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mr. Fisher to approve the addition of Lincoln Student Council Line Item to Lincoln Activity Account. Ayes: Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Dr. Lee and the Board members discussed Central Intermediate School as a venue for the 2023 8th Grade Graduation ceremony.

Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mrs. Kimes to Appoint the Superintendent to Prepare the Tentative 2023-2024 Budget. Ayes: Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mrs. Ganiere to Approve the Resignations of **Patricia Martin**, a Full-Time Cook at Shepherd Middle School effective December 31, 2022. Ayes: Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

- **John Baize** as a Bus Driver for Ottawa Elementary Schools effective January 5, 2023.
- **Edward Newbury** as a General Education Co-Teacher in the Special Education Department at Shepherd Middle School effective January 5, 2023
- **Jaymee Barbado** as a Full-Time Social Worker at Lincoln Elementary School effective for the 2023/2024 school year.
- **Abby Koetz** as a LAP Classroom Teacher's Assistant at Lincoln Elementary School effective January 23, 2023.

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

- **Stephanie Streicher**, a Kindergarten Teacher at Jefferson Elementary School. Her leave began on January 5, 2023, returning at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.
- **Karlie Doermann**, a Life Skills Paraprofessional at Central Intermediate School. Her leave will begin January 17, 2023, lasting approximately 12-weeks returning April 17, 2023.
- **Amy Rice**, a 5th Grade ISP Teacher at Central Intermediate School. She will be taking half days January 23, 2023 and returning to full days February 21, 2023.

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

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

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

- A. Enrollment Report
- B. Cafeteria Report
- C. Discipline Report
- D. Bus Counts Report
- E. Upcoming Important Dates
- F. Seniority Lists
- G. Annual Recognition Dinner
- H. FOIA

Motion by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Omolecki to Enter into Executive Session at 6:37 p.m. for the Purpose of Reviewing the Executive Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 20, 2022, Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the Public Body, and Negotiations. Ayes: Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mrs. Kimes to Come Out of Executive Session at 7:54 p.m. Ayes: Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Fisher 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 of the Regular Meeting on December 20, 2022 to be Kept in Confidence. Ayes: Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mrs. Kimes to Adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Ottawa Elementary School Board of Education at 7:56 p.m. Ayes: Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.



Board President



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