

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
November 15, 2022

The Board of Education of the Ottawa Elementary School District #141, LaSalle County, Illinois met at Jefferson Elementary School, 1709 Columbus Street, Ottawa, Illinois for a Regular Meeting on November 15, 2022.

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. Fisher, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Ganiere, and Mr. Omolecki. Mrs. Kimes was absent with notice. Others present were: Dr. Michelle Lee, Jamie Johnston, Kyle Oleson and Steven Devine from WCMY. Visitors present were: Nathaniel Pinter, Christine Bucciarelli, Justin Marxman, Jeremy Lambe, Marc Tabor, Chris Torres, Christine Quinn, Jaleese Munz, April Hovious, Candice Tennell, Ashley Bartman, Linda Liebhart, John Liebhart, Kathryn Heenan, Joanie Thrush, Greg Jett, Andrea Gustafson, April Windy, Quinn Windy, Eric Ganiere, Melissa Allen, Bill Newkirk, Gary Windy, Tina Purcell, Analia Purcell, Jovan Purcell, Lisa Franklin, Jen Gervase, Cherie Moss, and Brittany Kostellic.

Special Guests were recognized.

- A) **District Artwork – Central** (Mr. Donahue introduced.)
Analia Purcell – 6th Grade
Landon Gustafson – 5th Grade
- B) **Champion of Charter Students - Shepherd** (Dr. Tennell introduced.)
Nicholas Posey - 7th Grade **Quinn Windy** - 7th Grade
Bobby Speaks - 8th Grade **Alaina Schulz** - 8th Grade

There was no response to Open Forum.

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

An item from the Board Members Code of Conduct was read aloud by Mrs. Ganiere.

Motion by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Conley to Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2022, Minutes of the Administrative Cost Cap Waiver Hearing October 18, 2022, Monthly Bills, and Financial Records. Ayes: Mr. Fisher, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Omolecki, and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mr. Omolecki to Approve to Increase Sub Pay for Custodians and Paraprofessionals to \$15 per hour. Ayes: Mr. Fisher, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Omolecki, and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mrs. Ganiere to Approve the Ottawa Elementary School District's Audit FY2022. Mr. Newkirk was in attendance to explain the audit. Ayes: Mr.

Fisher, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Omolecki, and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Christine Buccarelli, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Assessment and representatives from Jefferson, Lincoln, McKinley, Central and Shepherd Schools presented their school improvement plans.

Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mr. Fisher to approve the School Improvement Plans as presented. Ayes: Mr. Fisher, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Omolecki, and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

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

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

- A. Enrollment Report
- B. Cafeteria Report
- C. Discipline Report
- D. Upcoming Important Dates
- E. FOIA Requests

Dr. Lee recognized School Board Members Day, November 15, 2022. It is appropriate to recognize our Board members for their service and dedication to the children of our community. Thank you!

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mr. Omolecki to Approve the Tentative 2022 Levy and Hearing Date scheduled for December 20, 2022 during the Board of Education meeting at Shepherd Middle School. A Truth in Taxation Hearing will need to be held as well. Ayes: Mr. Fisher, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Omolecki, and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

- **Kelly Schiefelbein**, a K-4 ISP Special Education Teacher at Jefferson Elementary School, with her last day December 21, 2022.
- **Nicole Reel**, 6th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, effective for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

- **Christopher Campbell** as a Lunch Server at Jefferson Elementary School effective October 24, 2022.

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mr. Fisher to Approve the FMLA Request of **Katelyn Caputo**, a 6th Grade Teacher at Central Intermediate School effective January 5, 2023 with a return date of May 1, 2023. Ayes: Mr. Fisher, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Omolecki, and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

- **Jennifer Pagani** from Paraprofessional at Lincoln Elementary School to Paraprofessional at Central Intermediate School effective January 5, 2023.
- **Lori Walker** from Secretary at McKinley Elementary School to Secretary in the Transportation Department, effective once her position is filled at McKinley.
- **Christina Bendt** from Lifeskills T.A. at McKinley Elementary School to PFA Preschool T.A. at Lincoln Elementary School effective January 5, 2023.
- **Heather Jenkins** from Receptionist to Secretary at McKinley Elementary School, effective once her position as receptionist is filled.
- **Heather Nevin** from Cross-Categorical Teacher to ISP Teacher at Jefferson Elementary School, effective January 5, 2023.

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mr. Omolecki to Approve the withdrawal of days from the Sick Leave Bank. Ayes: Mr. Fisher, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Omolecki, and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- **Employee #1451** to up to 20 days from the Sick Leave Bank.

Motion by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mrs. Manigold to enter into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. for the Purpose of Discussing the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the Public Body, Review Executive Minutes from the Regular Meeting of October 18, 2022, and Negotiations. Ayes: Mr. Fisher, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Omolecki, and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

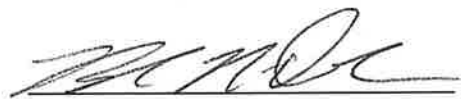
Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mr. Omolecki to come out of Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. Ayes: Mr. Fisher, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Omolecki, and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mr. Conley to Approve and Keep in Confidence the Executive Minutes of October 18, 2021 as revised. Ayes: Mr. Fisher, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Omolecki, and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

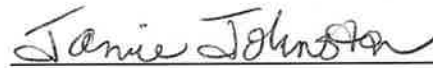
Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mr. Fisher to Approve the following Termination of a non-certified employee. Ayes: Mr. Fisher, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Omolecki, and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- **Mallari Fleming** as a Lunch Server and Crossing Guard at Jefferson Elementary School effective immediately.

Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mr. Conley to Adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Ottawa Elementary School Board of Education at 7:58 p.m. Ayes: Mr. Fisher, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Omolecki, and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.



Board President



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