

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
November 16, 2021

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 16, 2021.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Brenden Donahue at 5:58 P.M. Members present were: Mr. Conley, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Manigold and Mrs. Kimes. Others present were: Cleve Threadgill, Jamie Sommer, and Steven Devine from WCMY. Visitors present were: Nathaniel Pinter, Dr. Patricia and N. C. Viniard, Christine Bucciarelli, Ryan Myers, Melanie Conley, Gary Windy, Kara Rutherford, Andrew Baker, Justin Marxman, Jeremy Lambe, Duane Lockas, Kyle Olesen, Karen Roth, Angie Nimke, Ashley McCullough, Fred Nimke, Theresa Vedder, Aaron Vedder, Michael Vedder, Marc Tabor, Tiffany Cechowicz, Arden Cechowicz, Becki Williams, Dan Williams, Kerstin Williams, Gavin Williams, Chris Torres, Paul Wehrmeister, Cheree Wehmeister, Marty McGreal, Carrie Price.

Special Guests were recognized.

- A) **District Artwork – Shepherd** (Mrs. Rutherford introduced.)
Kerstin Williams – 7th Grade
Dinara Wehrmeister – 7th Grade

- B) **Students of the Month - Shepherd** (Mrs. Rutherford introduced.)
Arden Cechowicz - 7th Grade **Mara McCullough - 7th Grade**
Michael Vedder - 8th Grade **Kaleb Nimke - 8th Grade**

There was no response to Open Forum.

Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mr. Omolecki to Amend the Agenda by removing Agenda Item 12 and adding Student Discipline to Executive Session. Ayes: Mr. Conley, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Kimes and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mrs. Manigold to Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2021, Minutes of the Administrative Cost Cap Waiver Hearing October 19, 2021, Monthly Bills, and Financial Records. Ayes: Mr. Conley, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Kimes and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mrs. Kimes to Approve the Purchase of tables for Lincoln Elementary School in the amount of \$11,387.40 from Kohl Wholesale. Ayes: Mr. Conley, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Kimes and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Dr. Patricia Sullivan-Viniard with IASB presented results from the online survey and Focus groups in regards to the Superintendent Search. A draft of the Announcement of Vacancy was presented to the board for their input.

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mrs. Kimes to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Education and the OEESPA IEA/NEA. Ayes: Mr. Conley, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Kimes and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mrs. Manigold to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Education and the SEIU Local 73 AFL-CIO. Ayes: Mr. Conley, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Kimes and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Omolecki and seconded by Mr. Fisher to Approve the Ottawa Elementary School District's Audit FY2021. Mr. Lockas was in attendance to explain the audit. Ayes: Mr. Conley, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Kimes and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

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

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

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

Mr. Threadgill recognized School Board Members Day, November 15, 2021. It is appropriate to recognize our Board members for their service and dedication to the children of our community. Thank you!

Motion by Mrs. Kimes and seconded by Mrs. Manigold to Approve the Tentative 2021 Levy and Hearing Date scheduled for December 14, 2021 during the Board of Education meeting at Shepherd Middle School. A Truth in Taxation Hearing will need to be held as well. Ayes: Mr. Conley, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Kimes and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

- **Sydney Partridge**, a Paraprofessional at Lincoln Elementary School, with her last day October 29, 2021.
- **Ryan Myers**, a Principal at Central Intermediate School, with his last day June 30, 2022.
- **Susan Gregory**, a Cook at Shepherd Middle School, with her last day November 25, 2021.
- **Teresa Taylor**, a Paraprofessional at McKinley Elementary School, with her last day November 15, 2021.
- **Charles Shreve**, a Co-Assistant Wrestling Coach at Ottawa Elementary School District #141, effective immediately.
- **Josh Noonan**, Wrestling Coach at Ottawa Elementary School District #141, effective immediately.

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

- **Krista Iverson** as a Lunch Server at Lincoln Elementary School for the 2021-2022 school year.
- **Jacob Lahman** as a Maintenance Level 2 at the District Office for the 2021-2022 school year.
- **Doug Wisler** as a Volunteer 5th and 6th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach at Central Intermediate School effective for the 2021-2022 season.

Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mrs. Manigold to Approve the Retirement Request of **David Tiffin**, a Custodian at Shepherd Middle School effective November 1, 2021. Ayes: Mr. Conley, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Kimes and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

- **Leah Hodgson** from 6th Grade Cross-Categorical teacher to Life Skills teaching position at Central Intermediate School for the 2022-2023 school year.
- **Jeff DeLaGarza** from McKinley School Day Shift to Shepherd Middle School 3 - 11 PM shift.

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

- **Employee #2198** to up to 60 days from the Sick Leave Bank.

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mrs. Ganiere to enter into Executive Session at 7:42 p.m. for the Purpose of Reviewing Executive Minutes from the Regular Meeting of October 19, 2021, Negotiations, and Student Discipline. Ayes: Mr. Conley, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Kimes and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mrs. Ganiere to come out of Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. Ayes: Mr. Conley, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Kimes 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 19, 2021. Ayes: Mr. Conley, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Kimes and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Omolecki to Adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Ottawa Elementary School Board of Education at 8:09 p.m. Ayes: Mr. Conley, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Kimes and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.


Board President


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