

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

December 14, 2021

The Board of Education of the Ottawa Elementary School District #141, LaSalle County, Illinois met at Shepherd Middle School, 701 E. McKinley Road, Ottawa, Illinois for a Regular Meeting on December 14, 2021.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Brenden Donahue at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Conley, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Donahue. Others present were: Cleve Threadgill, Jamie Sommer, Michael Urbanec from The Times and Steven Devine from WCMY. Visitors present were: Gary Windy, Nate Pinter, Chris Torres, Christine Bucciarelli, Ryan Myers, Mel Conley, Carrie Price, Linda Hays, Leah Wilkinson, Mary Ker, Aubrey Sullivan, Becki Williams, Gavin Williams, Kerstin Williams, Dan Williams, Justin Marxman, Ratre Moreland, Zulee Moreland, Kara Rutherford, Benjamin Carmona, Marc Tabor, and Kyle Oleson.

Special Guests were recognized.

Students of the Month - Shepherd *(Mrs. Rutherford introduced.)*

Chloe Carmona - 7th Grade

Kerstin Williams - 7th Grade

Zulee Moreland - 8th Grade

Aubrey Sullivan - 8th Grade

There was no response to Open Forum .

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

Motion by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mrs. Manigold to Approve the Regular Minutes of November 16, 2021, Monthly Bills, and Financial Records. Ayes: Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Conley, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mrs. Ganiere to hold a Truth in Taxation Hearing as the district is requesting a 5.08% increase over last year's tax levy. Ayes: Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Conley, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Truth in Taxation Hearing began at 6:07 p.m. and was adjourned at 6:21 p.m. Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mr. Fisher to adjourn the Truth in Taxation Hearing. Ayes: Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Conley, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mr. Fisher to Approve the 2021 Tax Levy Resolution as presented. Ayes: Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Conley, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Kimes and seconded by Mr. Conley to Approve the Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal for the 2021-2022 school year in the amount of \$474,071 from the Ramza Insurance Agency. Ayes: Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Conley, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mr. Fisher to Approve the Purchase of two Maintenance trucks in the amount of \$83,960.00 from Morrow Brothers Ford, Greenfield, IL. Ayes: Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Conley, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Superintendent Threadgill presented information regarding Geothermal Cost Estimates for Lincoln Elementary School with the Board and the public. Options were discussed to fund the project.

Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mr. Conley to approve the Adoption of Unclaimed Property - Voluntary Disclosure Statement. Ayes: Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Conley, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mrs. Kimes to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Extending Deadline to Utilize Personal Days for Licensed Staff between the Board of Education and the OEA IEA/NEA. Ayes: Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Conley, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Conley to approve the Journal Entries to Balance Minor Discrepancies in Treasurer's Reports. Ayes: Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Conley, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Information on the Annual Post-Issuance Tax Compliance Report for the General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2010B, and General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2015, And Series 2018A and 2018 B General Obligation Bonds were shared with the Board and public.

Superintendent Threadgill shared information about a Memorial option for Helen Thomas with the previous donations for the Little Red Schoolhouse.

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

- A. Curriculum and Assessment Update
- B. Technology Report
- C. District Annual Library Report
- D. Shepherd Honor Roll

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

- A. Enrollment Report
- B. Cafeteria Report
- C. Discipline Report
- D. Bus Incident and Discipline Report
- E. Upcoming Important Dates

Motion by Mrs. Kimes and seconded by Mrs. Manigold to Approve the Resignation of **Samantha Abidi**, Bus Driver for Ottawa Elementary Schools effective December 1, 2021. Ayes: Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Conley, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

Sadie Adams, as a Full-Time Cook at Shepherd Middle School effective December 1, 2021.

Ty Benckendorf, as Head Wrestling Coach effective for the 2021-2022 season.

Riley Hanson, as Assistant Wrestling Coach effective for the 2021-2022 season.

Lauren Vaninger, as Volunteer Assistant 5th Grade Volleyball Coach at Central Intermediate School effective for the 2021-2022 school year.

Linda Gula, as a Bus Monitor for Ottawa Elementary Schools effective for the 2021-2022 school year.

Mary Preston, as a Bus Monitor for Ottawa Elementary Schools effective for the 2021-2022 school year.

Elliot Waldman, as a Bus Monitor for Ottawa Elementary Schools effective for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

Andrea Conrad, a Nurse at the District Office. Her leave began on November 29, 2022 with an estimated return of no sooner than 6-weeks from 12/01/2021.

Wendy Fox, a 3rd & 4th Gr. ISP Teacher at Jefferson Elementary School, from December 17, 2021 through the end of 2021-2022 school year, returning for the 2022-2023 school year in August.

Brian Wasilewski, a Custodian at Jefferson Elementary School, from December 10, 2021 with an estimated return February 7, 2022.

Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mr. Conley to Enter into Executive Session at 7:44 p.m. Ayes: Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Conley, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mr. Fisher to Come out of Executive Session at 8:24 p.m. Ayes: Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Conley, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mrs. Ganiere to Approve the Release of the following Executive Minutes and to Approve the Minutes to be Held in Confidence. Ayes: Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Conley, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- **December 17, 2019**
- **May 19, 2020**

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

- **December 17, 2019**
- **May 19, 2020**

Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mr. Conley to Approve and Keep in Confidence the Executive Minutes of November 16, 2021. Ayes: Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Conley, Mr. Fisher 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 8:30 p.m. Ayes: Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Conley, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.



Board President



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