

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
December 20, 2022

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 20, 2022.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Brenden Donahue at 6:03 p.m. Members present were: Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Manigold and Mr. Donahue. Mr. Conley was absent with prior notice. Others present were: Dr. Michelle Lee, Jamie Johnston, Kyle Oleson, and Steven Devine from WCMY. Visitors present were: Nate Pinter, Chris Torres, Christine Bucciarelli, Carrie Price, Linda Hays, Justin Marxman, Andrew Baker, Cherie Moss, Jen Gervase, Adam Bialon, Candice Tennell, Hallee Loza, Sandra Loza, William Loza, Nevaeh Sholders, Brad Sholders, Beth Sholders, Caitlyn Swartz, Jennifer Lawsha, Julia Bailey and Jeanne Cook .

Special Guests were recognized.

Students of the Month - Shepherd (Mr. Bialon introduced.)

Caitlyn Swartz - 7th Grade

Nevaeh Sholders - 7th Grade

Hallee Loza - 8th Grade

Ailey Harstad - 8th Grade

There was no response to Open Forum .

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

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

Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mrs. Kimes to Approve the Regular Minutes of November 15, 2022, Special Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2022 , Monthly Bills, and Financial Records. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Manigold and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Omolecki and seconded by Mrs. Manigold to hold a Truth in Taxation Hearing as the district is requesting a 7.01% increase over last year's tax levy. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Manigold and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Truth in Taxation Hearing began at 6:10 p.m. and was adjourned at 6:16 p.m. Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mr. Omolecki to adjourn the Truth in Taxation Hearing. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Manigold and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Omolecki to Approve the 2022 Tax Levy Resolution as presented. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Manigold and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Omolecki and seconded by Mrs. Kimes to Approve the Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal for the 2022-2023 school year in the amount of \$539,913 from the Ramza Insurance Agency. Linda Hays with Ramza Insurance was present to provide additional information and answer questions. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Manigold and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mrs. Kimes to Approve the Purchase of 3-Mobile Heated Cabinets for the Nutrition Department from Central Restaurant Products in the Amount of \$19,500.00. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Manigold 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 2021 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2022 Life Safety Bonds were shared with the Board and public.

Dr. Lee and the Board members discussed options for dates and places for the 2023 8th Grade Graduation ceremony.

Motion by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Omolecki to Approve the Curriculum Reports as presented. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Manigold 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. Ganiere and seconded by Mrs. Manigold to Receive and File the Superintendent's Reports as submitted by Dr. Lee. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Manigold 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
- F. FOIA

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

- **Employee #2333** up to 38 days from the Sick Leave Bank.

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

Juden Koncor, as a Volunteer Assistant Volleyball Coach for the 2022-2023 school year.

Sandra Crabb, as a Custodian at Lincoln Elementary School effective December 1, 2022.

Amanda Harth, as a Receptionist at McKinley Elementary School effective December 14, 2022.

Riley Hanson, as an Assistant Wrestling Coach effective for the 2022-2023 school year.
Julia Thumm, as a Life Skills Teaching Assistant at McKinley Elementary School effective January 5, 2023.

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

Rhonda Hackler, a 6th Grade Teacher at Central Intermediate School. Extending unpaid medical leave until the end of the 2022-2023 school year..

Callie Fuchs, a Special Education Teacher at Lincoln Elementary School, from March 4, 2023 for an estimated 8-week period.

Kelly Wheeler, a Bus Driver for Ottawa Elementary Schools, from November 28, 2022 , returning January 3, 2023.

Heather Nevin, a Special Education Teacher at Jefferson Elementary School, from December 7, 2022 , returning January 5, 2023.

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mr. Omolecki to Enter into Executive Session at 6:38p.m. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Manigold and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mrs. Manigold to Come out of Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Manigold and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

January 4, 2021

April 8, 2021

May 10, 2021

May 18, 2021

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

January 4, 2021

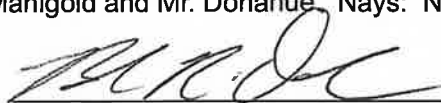
April 8, 2021

May 10, 2021

May 18, 2021

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mrs Kimes to Approve and Keep in Confidence the Executive Minutes of November 15, 2022 and December 5, 2022. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Manigold and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mr. Omolecki to Adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Ottawa Elementary School Board of Education at 8:18 p.m. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Manigold and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.



Board President



Secretary