

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

February 15, 2022

The Board of Education of the Ottawa Elementary School District #141, LaSalle County, Illinois met at Lincoln Elementary School, 1110 West Main Street, Ottawa, Illinois for a Regular Meeting on February 15, 2022.

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 February 15, 2022 at Lincoln Elementary School. Members present were: Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Conley, Mr. Omolecki and Mrs. Manigold. Others present were: Cleve Threadgill, Jamie Sommer, Kyle Olesen and Steven Devine from WCMY. Visitors present were: Gary Windy, Christine Bucciarelli, Melanie Conley, Jeff Wynn, Kara Rutherford, Justin Marxman, Nate Pinter, Kathy Mattes, Tracy Rimmele, Megan Rose, Carrie Price, Ryan Myers, Jessica Presnak, Karen Roth, Dan Roth, Kathy Heenan, Andrew Baker, Jeremie Schulz, Tara Schmitz, Aubrey Cavallini, Julie Lyon, Christine Simmons, Stephanie Simpko, Lessie Fultz, James Fultz, Matt Penoyer, Michael Olander, Laura Olander, N. Powers, Ron Powers, Darrin Schmitz, Erica Abernathy, Shannon Richards, Sarah Shumway, Trisha Mangold, Marc Kowinski, Amy Kowinski, Kristin Heredia, Dustin Purcell, Michelle Battistelli, Lindsay Stalker, Alexandria Hines, Jenny Farrell, Cindy Shroba, Rebecca Stewart, Michelle Fernandez, Bruno Fernandez, Aleixo Fernandez, Jane JObst, Jessica Watland, Krista Grady, Steven Flannery, Jennifer Hackler-Green, Jacque Cliff, Mark Cliff, Michelle Olszewski, Sara Dresen, Chad Lanphierd, Michelle Peterson, Crystal Holmes, Janet Lopez, Robert Lopez, Cari Hill, Kinsey Link, Hendrix Link, and Justine Larabee.

### Recognition of Special Guests.

#### A. District Artwork - Lincoln Elementary School (Mrs. Presnak introduced.)

George Olander – 2nd Grade  
Son of Michael and Lauren Olander

Scarlet Munoz – 4th Grade  
Daughter of Isaias and Erica Munoz

#### B. Champions of Charter – Shepherd Middle School (Mrs. Rutherford introduced.)

7th Grade  
Reese Purcell  
Hendrix Link

8th Grade  
Ally Fascetta  
Gage Richards

#### C. New Teacher at McKinley (Mr. Marxman introduced)

Rebecca Stewart      1st Grade

#### Student Teachers – Second Semester (Mrs. Conley and Mr. Marxman introduced.)

Alyssa White	2nd Grade/Sara Dresen	Lincoln
Aubrey Cavallini	Kindergarten/Amy Buscher	Lincoln
Megan Rose	Kindergarten/Tracy Rimmele	McKinley

D. 7th Grade Boys Basketball Team (Mrs. Price introduced)  
Made it to state competition

Those choosing to speak in Open Forum included Jeff Wynn, Jennifer Hackler-Green, Chad Lanphier, Michelle Peterson, Jessica Watland, Steven Flannery, Justine Larabee, Lessie Fultz, Karlin Hawkins, and Cindy Shroba. Several of the speakers shared concerns about mandating the wearing of masks.

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

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mr. Fisher to Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 18, 2022, Special Meeting January 22, 2022, Special Meeting February 8, 2022 and Special Meeting February 9, 2022, Monthly Bills and Financial Records. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Conley, Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Manigold and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mr. Fisher to Approve to Increase the Substitute Daily Rate effective Monday, February 21, 2022. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Conley, Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Manigold and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Kimes and seconded by Mrs. Manigold to Approve Superintendent Threadgill to seek bids for Construction on Sensory/Instructional areas at McKinley Elementary School. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Conley, Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Manigold and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mr. Fisher to Approve the Second Reading of Board Policies: 2:20; 2:105; 2:110; 2:120; 2:150; 2:220; 2:220, E1; 2:220, E5; 2:220, E6; 2:220, E8; 2:250, E2; 2:260; 3:40; 3:50; 3:60; 4:60; 4:80; 4:110; 4:120; 4:150; 4:160; 4:165; 4:170; 4:175; 5:10; 5:20; 5:30; 5:50; 5:90; 5:100; 5:120; 5:125; 5:150; 5:185; 5:200; 5:210; 5:220; 5:250; 5:260; 5:330; 6:15; 6:20; 6:50; 6:60; 6:120; 6:130; 6:180; 6:340; 7:10; 7:20; 7:30; 7:50; 7:60; 7:70; 7:80; 7:150; 7:160; 7:180; 7:190; 7:190, E1; 7:190, E2; 7:190, E3; 7:190, E4; 7:200; 7:200, E1; 7:200, E2; 7:210; 7:210, E1; 7:240; 7:250; 7:260; 7:280, E2; 7:290; 7:310; 7:340; 7:345; 8:70; 8:100. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Conley, Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Manigold and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

- **Tara Knauf**, 4th Grade Teacher at McKinley Elementary School effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

- **Brittini Ceja**, Lunch Server at Central Intermediate School effective January 27, 2022.
- **Kinsey Link**, Lunch Server at Central Intermediate School effective January 27, 2022.
- **Mary-Margaret Smelko**, the Librarian at McKinley Elementary School effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.
- **Amy Duncan**, a Paraprofessional Sign Language Interpreter at McKinley Elementary School effective February 4, 2022.
- **James Woods**, Maintenance Technician at the District Office effective immediately.
- **Melanie Conley**, the Principal at Lincoln Elementary School effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

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

- **Kimberly Orsini**, a Bus Monitor for the District, currently on leave, extending it for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.
- **Ashley Buckingham**, a Third Grade Teacher at Jefferson Elementary School, beginning March 11, 2022 until the end of the 2021-2022 school year, returning in August of 2022.
- **Morgan Brown**, STEM Teacher at Jefferson and Lincoln Elementary Schools, beginning March 28, 2022 until the end of the 2021-2022 school year, returning in August of 2022.

Motion by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mrs. Ganiere to Approve the Transfer of **Melanie Conley** from Principal at Lincoln Elementary School to 5th Grade teacher at Central Intermediate School for the 2022-2023 school year. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Conley, Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Manigold and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mr. Conley to Approve the Employment of **Michelle Olzewski** as a Lunch Server at Central Intermediate School effective January 31, 2022. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Conley, Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Manigold and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

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

Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mr. Omolecki to Receive and File the Superintendent's Report as submitted by Mr. Threadgill. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs.

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

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

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mr. Conley to Approve May 26, 2022 as the Shepherd Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Date for the 2021-2022 school year. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Conley, Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Manigold and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mrs. Ganiere to Enter into Executive Session at 7:18 p.m. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Conley, Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Manigold and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mrs. Ganiere to Come out of Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Conley, Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Manigold 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 Regular Meeting of January 18, 2022, Special Meeting January 22, 2022, and Special Meeting February 9, 2022 to be Kept in Confidence. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Conley, Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Manigold and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Omolecki and seconded by Mrs. Kimes to Adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Ottawa Elementary School Board of Education at 8:45 p.m. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Conley, Mr. Omolecki, Mrs. Manigold and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.



Board President



Board Secretary