

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

February 21, 2023

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 21, 2023.

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Education of Ottawa Elementary District #141 was called to order by President Brenden Donahue, at 5:58 p.m. on February 21, 2023 at Lincoln Elementary School. Members present were: Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher and Mrs. Kimes. Mr. Omolecki was absent. Others present were: Dr. Michelle Lee, Jamie Johnston, Kyle Olesen and Steven Devine from WCMY. Visitors present were: Christine Bucciarelli, Nate Pinter, Carrie Price, Chris Torres, Jeremy Lambe, Lori Madden, Cherie Moss, Jen Gervase, Andrew Baker, Debbie Wheeler, Dan Rath, Keisha Sanders, Marc Tabor, Doug Shumway, Erica Hicks, Kathryn Heenan, Sarah Shumway, Michelle Jobst, Bridgett Castro, Kami Castro, Trisha Manigold, Jane Jobst, Amy Kowinski, Marc Kowinski, Jody Harris, Rosie Walker, Adam Walker, Adam Bialon, Tara Schmitz, Jeremie Schulz, Doreen Dobberstein, Jak Dobberstein, and Steve Hoyt.

Recognition of Special Guests.

A. Champions of Charter – Shepherd Middle School (Mr. Bialon introduced.)

7th Grade

Kami Castro

Libbee Hoffman

8th Grade

Griffin Dobberstein

Lylah Rainey

B. 8th Grade Boys Basketball Team for making it to Sectionals (Mrs. Price introduced.)

C. Kid's First Award Recipients -

Rosie Walker - McKinley Elementary School (Mrs. Bucciarelli introduced.)

Keisha Sanders - Lincoln Elementary School (Dr. Lee introduced.)

Carrie Price - Central Intermediate School (Dr. Lee introduced.)

D. 2023 Those Who Excel Award : Alecia Ruiz, Chris Bucciarelli, Maribeth Manigold  
(Dr. Lee introduced.)

There was no response to Open Forum.

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

An item from the Board Members Code of Conduct was read aloud by Mr. Conley.

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mrs. Kimes to Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 17, 2023, and Special Meeting January 26, 2023, Monthly Bills and Financial Records. Ayes: Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Conley to Approve the First Reading of Board Policies: 2:20; 2:50; 2:100; 2:105; 2:210; 2:250; 2:250, E2; 2:265; 2:265, E; 3:10; 3:50; 3:60; 3:60, E; 4:10; 4:120; 4:140; 4:140, E1; 4:140, E2; 4:140, E3; 4:165; 4:190; 5:10; 5:20; 5:120; 5:190; 5:200; 5:220; 5:250; 5:270; 5:280; 5:290; 5:320; 5:330; 6:15; 6:20; 6:50; 6:65; 6:160; 6:250; 6:255; 6:260; 6:270; 6:280; 6:340; 7:10; 7:20; 7:50; 7:70; 7:100; 7:180; 7:190; 7:190, E2; 7:190, E3; 7:250; 7:285; 7:290; 7:340. Ayes: Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, and Mr. Donahue Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mrs. Kimes to Approve the Purchase of a used 2018 Blue Bird Lift School Bus from Central States for the price of \$59,500. Ayes: Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mrs. Manigold to Approve the Removal of Dr. Candice Tennell from Student Activity Accounts at Shepherd Middle School and Lori Walker from Student Activity Accounts at McKinley Elementary School. Ayes: Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Conley and seconded by Mr. Fisher to Approve Signature Authority to Heather Jenkins for Student Activity Accounts at McKinley Elementary School. Ayes: Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mrs. Kimes to Approve June 6, 2023 as the Shepherd Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Date for the 2022-2023 school year to take place at Central Intermediate School. Ayes: Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mr. Conley to Approve the Resignation of **Darby Mix**, Girls Track Head Coach effective immediately. Ayes: Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mrs. Kimes to Approve the FMLA Leave of **Cheri Simundza**, a First Grade Teacher at Lincoln Elementary School, requesting leave from February 27, 2023, expecting to return at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year. Ayes: Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, and Mr. Donahue.. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mr. Conley to Approve the Transfer of **Cambria Robinson** from Speech Language Pathologist at Lincoln Elementary School to Speech Language Pathologist at Central Intermediate School for the 2023-2024 school year. Ayes: Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

- **Pauline Knott** as a Cook at Shepherd Middle School effective February 21, 2023.
- **Matthew Munson** as a Volunteer Wrestling Coach at Shepherd Middle School effective for the 2022-2023 season.

- **Kalista Castillo** as a 7th & 8th Grade ISP Teacher at Shepherd Middle School effective for the 2023-2024 school year.
- **Lori Madden** as an Interim Principal at Shepherd Middle School for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.

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

- **Andrew Baker**, Math Teacher for Shepherd Middle School, effective at the end of the 2026-2027 school year.
- **Christine Quinn**, 7th Grade Teacher for Shepherd Middle School, effective at the end of the 2026-2027 school year.

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

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

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mr. Fisher to Receive and File the Superintendent's Report as submitted by Dr. Lee. Ayes: Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, 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 Mr. Conley and seconded by Mrs. Manigold to Enter into Executive Session at 6:27 p.m. Ayes: Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mrs. Manigold to Come out of Executive Session at 6:55 p.m. Ayes: Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mrs. Ganiere to Approve and Keep in Confidence the Executive Minutes of the Regular Meeting January 17, 2023 and Special Meeting January 26, 2023 to be Kept in Confidence. Ayes: Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mrs. Kimes to Adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Ottawa Elementary School Board of Education at 7:02 p.m. Ayes: Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, and Mr. Donahue.. Nays: None. Motion carried.

  
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 Board President

  
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 Board Secretary