

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

March 14, 2023

The Board of Education of the Ottawa Elementary School District #141, LaSalle County, Illinois met at Central Intermediate School, 711 East McKinley Road, Ottawa, Illinois for a Regular Meeting on March 14, 2023.

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 March 14, 2023 at Central Intermediate School. Members present were: Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Conley and Mr. Donahue. Others present were: Dr. Michelle Lee, Jamie Johnston, Michael Urbanec from The Times and Steven Devine from WCMY. Visitors present were: Christine Bucciarelli, Nate Pinter, Justin Marxman, Carrie Price, Marc Tabor, Jeremy Lambe, Cherie Moss, Jen Gervase, Nate Matthies, Lori Madden, Adam Bialon, Matthew Sanders, Michelle Olszewski, Corey Flashing, Nick Banushi, Noran Banushi, Audrina Banushi, Miriam Tillman, T.J. Stokes, Michaela Flashing, Matthew Munson, Melissa Cavanaugh, Daisy Rabadan, Libee Hoffman, Vicki McConnell, Virender Singil, Mansirat Kaur, Kiranjit Rau.

Special Guests were recognized as follows:

Champions of the Charter - Shepherd Middle School (Mr. Bialon introduced.)

7th Grade

Mady Olszewski & Michaela Flashing

8th Grade

Gabe Zeglis & Audrina Banushi

Alaina Schulz and Libee Hoffman were also recognized from prior months.

District Artwork - McKinley Elementary School (Mr. Sanders introduced.)

Ekambir Singh – Kindergarten Kinsley Talavera – 1st Grade

Kid's First Award Recipients - (Dr. Lee introduced.)

Miriam Tillman - Central Intermediate School

Wrestlers Qualified for State (Mr. Matthies introduced.)

Mayson Munson, Dakota Harmon, & Connor Eggers

There was no response to Open Forum.

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

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

Motion by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mrs. Kimes to Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 21, 2023, the Monthly Bills, and Financial Records. Ayes: Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Conley and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

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

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mrs. Kimes to Approve and Authorize a Memorandum of Understanding between Ottawa Elementary School District #141 and Ottawa Township High School District #140 for Transportation Services for \$1,030,000 for 2023-2024 School Year. Ayes: Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Conley and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Omolecki and seconded by Mrs. Ganiere to Approve the School Calendar for the 2023-2024 school year. Ayes: Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Conley and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mrs. Kimes to Approve the bid by Interstate Electronics Company to replace the Intercom systems at both Jefferson Elementary and

Shepherd Middle School at the cost of \$315,000. Ayes: Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Conley and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding options for Solar Energy from presentations March 6, 2023.

Discussion regarding updates to the Facilities plan and ideas moving forward.

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

- **Angela Doermann**, Nurse at Shepherd Middle School effective March 3, 2023.
- **Karina Delgado**, a Life Skills TA at McKinley Elementary School effective February 24, 2023.
- **Laura Conner-Sharp**, as Librarian at Jefferson Elementary School effective March 31, 2023.
- **Morgan Hoelscher**, a First Grade Teacher at Lincoln Elementary School effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.
- **Nate Matthies**, Assistant Principal at Central Intermediate School and Athletic Director effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.
- **Katelyn Caputo**, a Sixth Grade Teacher at Central Intermediate School and Team Lead Co-Sponsor effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mr. Conley to Approve the FMLA Maternity Leave Request of **Lara Rodgers**, ESL Teacher for Ottawa Elementary Schools. Her leave is anticipated to begin on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 and is requesting a child care leave for the entire 2023-2024 school year. Ayes: Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Conley and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mr. Omolecki to Approve the Transfer of **Andrea Conrad** from the District's Floating Nurse to Nurse II at Shepherd Middle School effective March 6, 2023. Ayes: Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Conley and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

- **Brigid Jett** as the Girls Track and Field Coach effective for the 2022-2023 school year.
- **Jordan Strange** as the Assistant Track and Field Coach effective for the 2022-2023 school year.
- **Amanda Foote** as 8th Grade Cross-Categorical Teacher at Shepherd Middle School effective for the 2023-2024 school year.

- **Lacey Carrier** as a Life Skills TA at McKinley Elementary School effective March 6, 2023.
- **Kaylee Sienza-Duncan** as a Preschool Speech Language Pathologist at Lincoln Elementary School effective for the 2023-2024 school year.
- **Courtney Carey** as a K-2 Cross-Categorical Teacher at Jefferson Elementary School effective for the 2023-2024 school year.

The Board recognized the following groups and thanked them for all their hard work during their respective days and weeks.

National Social Worker Week	March 5-11, 2023
School Librarian Appreciation Day	April 4, 2023
National Assistant Principal Week	April 3-7, 2023
Paraprofessional Appreciation Day	April 5, 2023
National Volunteer Recognition Week	April 17-21, 2023
National Administrative Professionals Day	April 26, 2023
School Principal's Day	May 1, 2023
Teacher Appreciation Week	May 1-5, 2023
School Lunch Worker Day	May 5, 2023
School Nurse Day	May 10, 2023
National Speech Language Pathologist Day	May 18, 2023

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

Callahan, Bryanne	Central	Teacher
Garner, Jason	Central	Teacher
Hansen, Kelsey	Central	Teacher
Knott, Rachel	Central	Social Worker
Holbert, Elise	Jefferson	Teacher
Streicher, Stephanie	Jefferson	Teacher
McMahan, Macy	Lincoln	Teacher
Sheridan, Kelsey	District	Teacher (ELL)

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mrs. Kimes to Approve the Issuance of 4th Year Contracts to the following Teachers. Ayes: Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Conley and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Wisler, Hannah	Central	Teacher
Isham, Ashley	Jefferson	Teacher
McGinnis, Beth	Jefferson	Reading Specialist

Handzo, Debra	Lincoln	Teacher (PS)
Sanders, Keisha	Lincoln/McKinley	Teacher (Music)
Bland, Avri	McKinley	Teacher
Irwin, Alyssa	McKinley	Teacher
Lakan, Michelle	Shepherd	Special Ed
Loving, Casey	Shepherd	Special Ed
Rosencrans, Cassandra	Shepherd	Teacher

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mr. Omolecki to Approve the issuance of 3rd Year Contracts to the following Teachers. Ayes: Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Conley and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Lambert, Blanca	Central	Teacher
Pubentz, Linda	Central	Teacher
McConville, Kassie	Jefferson	Teacher
Armstrong, Hailey	Lincoln	Teacher
Bandlow, Jodine	Lincoln	Teacher
Gillan, Jasmine	Lincoln	Teacher
Grommon, Michael	McKinley/Central	Teacher
Jackson, Heather	McKinley	Social Worker
Stewart, Rebecca	McKinley	Teacher
		Speech Language
Twohey, Kelsey	McKinley	Pathologist
Cznericki, Martin	Shepherd	Teacher
Gerdovich, Macayla	Shepherd	Counselor
Iverson, MaryBeth	Shepherd	Teacher
Lehr, Bryer	Shepherd	Teacher
Lucas, Sasha	Shepherd	Teacher
McDonnell, Paige	Shepherd/Lincoln	Social Worker

Motion by Mr. Conley and seconded by Mrs. Ganiere to Approve the issuance of 2nd Year Contracts to the following Teachers. Ayes: Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Conley and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Weiler, Rebecca	Central	Teacher
Johnson, Lloyd Curtiss	Jefferson/Lincoln	Teacher

Harper, Allannah	Lincoln	Teacher
Kowalski, Lanie	Lincoln	Psychologist
Mahnke, Kassi	Lincoln	Teacher
		Speech Language
Robinson, Cambria	Lincoln	Pathologist
Simundza, Cheri	Lincoln	Teacher

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

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

Motion by Mr. Conley and seconded by Mrs. Ganiere to Receive and File the Superintendent's Report as submitted by Dr. Lee. Ayes: Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Conley 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 6:49 p.m. Ayes: Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Conley and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mr. Fisher to Come out of Executive Session at 8:18 p.m. Ayes: Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Conley and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.


Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mr. Omolecki to Approve and Keep in Confidence the Executive Minutes from the Regular Meeting of February 21, 2023. Ayes: Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Conley and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Conley and seconded by Mrs. Ganiere to Adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Ottawa Elementary School Board of Education at 8:22 p.m. Ayes: Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Ganiere,

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

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Board President

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Janis J. D. S.", written above a horizontal line.

Board Secretary