

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
APRIL 18, 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 April 18, 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 April 18, 2023 at Central Intermediate School. Members present were: Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, and Mr. Omolecki. Others present were: Dr. Michelle Lee, Jamie Johnston, Kyle Olesen and Steven Devine from WCMY. Visitors were: Nate Pinter, Carrie Price, Justin Marxman, Jeremy Lambe, Chris Torres, Marc Tabor, Adam Bialon, Vicki McConnell, Nate Matthies, Lori Madden, Alecia Ruiz, Cherie Moss, Kristi Scott, Jennifer Lawsha, Julia Bailey, and Melissa Allen.

Recognized the following Special Guests.

- A) Champions of the Charter - Shepherd Mr. Bialon introduced
Jayden Pannell & Jaylin Sullivan – 7th Grade
Yazmin Leon & Dane Schmitz – 8th Grade
- B) Kid's First Award Recipients - Dr. Lee introduced.
Melissa Allen - Jefferson Elementary School & **Kara Anderson** - Shepherd Middle School
- C) The Board of Education recognized & Saluted the United Way
- D) Introduction of Therapy Dogs from Shepherd, Central, Lincoln and Jefferson
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| Shepherd - Mija | Central - Poppy |
| Handlers - Julia Bailey, Jen Lawsha, & Paige McDonell | Handlers - Heidi Quick |
| Jefferson - Murphy | Lincoln - Lincoln |
| Handlers - Nate Pinter & Alecia Ruiz | Handlers - Callie Fuchs & Jen Gervase |
- E) Mr. Omolecki was recognized for his time on the board and thanked for his service to our district.

There was no response to Open Forum.

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

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

Motion by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Conley to Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 14, 2023 and the Special Meeting of April 11, 2023, Monthly Bills, and

Financial Records. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Omolecki and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Conley and seconded by Mr. Omolecki to Approve the First Reading of Board Policy: 6:235 AP1, E 141. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Omolecki and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mrs. Kimes to Approve the Payment of IESA Membership and Dues for the 2023-2024 school year for a cost of \$1450.00. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Omolecki and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mr. Conley to Approve the Annual Review of Hazardous Conditions. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Omolecki and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mrs. Ganiere to Approve the purchase of 19 LCD TVs from Bluum for the amount of \$19,413.53. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Omolecki and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mrs. Kimes to Approve the purchase of next year's iPads for 1st and 5th-grade students from Apple for \$217,580. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Omolecki and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Kimes and seconded by Mrs. Manigold to Approve the Superintendent to Seek Bids for 6 buses and 2 white activity buses. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Omolecki and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding the solar presentations from the April 11, 2023 board meeting.

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

Margaret Armstrong, a Bus Monitor for Ottawa Elementary Schools effective June 3, 2022.

Cynthia Fritz, a Crossing Guard for Central Intermediate and Shepherd Middle Schools effective March 13, 2023.

Holly Crabbe, Receptionist at Central Intermediate School effective April 7, 2023.

Molly Farrell, a 4th Grade Teacher at McKinley Elementary School effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

Jennifer Gervase, Assistant Principal at Lincoln Elementary School effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

Jasmine Gillan, a Kindergarten Teacher at Lincoln Elementary School effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

Scott Stiegart, a Technology Assistant for Ottawa Elementary Schools effective April 21, 2023.

Adam Harris, Volunteer Golf Coach for Shepherd Middle Schools effective immediately.

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

Julie Richards, Speech Pathologist for Central Intermediate and Shepherd Middle Schools, effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

Kimberly Pierce, 5th Grade Teacher for Central Intermediate School, Four Year Retirement Request effective at the end of the 2026-2027 school year.

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

Brandi Warrner from Cross-Cat T.A. to Librarian at Jefferson Elementary School effective for the 2023-2024 school year.

Lauren Vincent from 4th Grade Teacher at Jefferson Elementary School to 4th Grade Teacher at McKinley Elementary School effective for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

Craig Shymanski, a 7th & 8th Grade Teacher at Shepherd Middle School. He is requesting medical leave beginning April 11, 2023 for approximately 2-4-weeks.

Karlie Doermann, a Paraprofessional at Central Intermediate School. She is requesting to extend her medical leave through the end of the 2022-2023 school year, returning for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mr. Conley to Approve the Sick Leave Bank Request of **Employee #2333** for up to 60 days. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Omolecki and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

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

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

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

Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mr. Omolecki to enter into Executive Session at 6:53 p.m. for the Purpose of Discussing the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the Public Body, Reviewing the Executive Minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 14, 2023. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Omolecki and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Donahue and seconded by Mrs. Ganiere to come out of Executive Session at 9:09 p.m. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Omolecki and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Omolecki to Approve and Keep in Confidence the Executive Minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 14, 2023. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Omolecki and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

Jessica Larson as the Principal for Shepherd Middle School effective July 1, 2023.

Zachary Vienne as the Assistant Principal for Central Intermediate School effective August 1, 2023.

Doug Wisler as the Volunteer Golf Coach for Shepherd Middle School effective for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion by Mr. Omolecki and seconded by Mr. Conley to Adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Ottawa Elementary School Board of Education at 9:18 p.m. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kimes, Mr. Conley, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Omolecki and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.



Board President



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