

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

May 17, 2022

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 May 17, 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 May 17, 2022 at Central Intermediate School. Members present were: Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Omolecki, and Mr. Conley. Others present were: Cleve Threadgill, Steven Devine of WCMY, Kyle Olson, and Jamie Sommer. Visitors present were: Gary Windy, Christine Bucciarelli, Melanie Conley, Chris Torres, Kara Rutherford, Robert Hasty, Marc Tabor, Eleanor Hasty, Susan Casey, Lucas Casey, Carrie Price, Nate Pinter, Ryan Myers's, Jeremy Lambe, Susan Power, and Olivia Power.

Recognition of Special Guests.

Champions of the Charter - Shepherd Middle School (Mrs. Rutherford introduced.)

7th Grade

Bryer Harris
Olivia Power

8th Grade

Eleanor Hasty
Jax Addis

District Artwork - Jefferson Elementary School (Mr. Pinter introduced.)

Lucas Casey – First Grade

Mali Szarka – 4th Grade

There was no response to the Open Forum.

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

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mr. Omolecki to Approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting on April 19, 2022 Regular Meeting, Minutes of Special Meeting on April 28, 2022, Monthly Bills, and Financial Records. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Conley and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Public Hearing Concerning the Intent of the Board of Education to Sell \$3,500,000 School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds was called to order by President Brenden Donahue with Roll Call at 6:08 P.M. The following members were present at Central Intermediate School, 711 McKinley Road, Ottawa, Illinois: Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Omolecki, and Mr. Conley. All members were present and no member was not permitted to attend the meeting by video or audio conference. Others present were: Cleve Threadgill, Steven Devine from WCMY, Kyle Olesen, and Jamie Sommer. Visitors: Ryan Myers, Carrie

Price, Chris Torres, Christine Bucciarelli, Gary Windy, Jeremy Lambe, Marc Tabor, Melanie Conley, Kara Rutherford, and Nate Pinter.

At 6:08 P.M., the President announced that the next agenda item for the Board of Education was a public hearing to receive public comments on the proposal to sell \$3,500,000 School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds for the purpose of conforming the existing facilities of the District that house students to the building code promulgated by the State Board of Education of the State of Illinois, by altering and reconstructing said facilities and having equipment purchased and installed therein and explained that all persons desiring to be heard would have the opportunity to present written or oral testimony with respect hereto.

The President opened the discussion and explained that the reasons for the proposed issuance of the Bonds were to assist with the Geothermal Project at Jefferson and McKinley Elementary Schools. Additionally, the funds would help with other Life Safety projects.

Whereupon the President asked for additional comments from the members of the Board of Education. Additional comments were made by the following: none

No written testimony was provided concerning the proposed insurance Bonds.

Whereupon the President asked for oral testimony or any public comments concerning the proposed issuance of the Bonds. Statements were made by the following: none

The President then announced that all persons desiring to be heard had been given an opportunity to present oral and written testimony with respect to the proposed issuance of the Bonds.

Superintendent Threadgill provided a brief overview and was available for board questions. He noted that this would not impact the tax rate.

Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mrs. Manigold to Adjourn the hearing at 6:13 P.M. Upon the roll being called, the following members voted Aye: Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Conley and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Omolecki to Approve the Teacher Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Ottawa Elementary Association. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Conley and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mrs. Kimes to Approve a Dean of Students Position at Lincoln Elementary School. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Conley and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mr. Conley to Approve the Section 125 Flexible Benefit Plan as presented. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Conley and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Conley and seconded by Mr. Fisher to Approve the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Health Renewal for the 2022-2023 school year at a total premium of \$2,682,664. The renewal for Health is \$2,533,807. The renewal cost for Dental will be \$148,857. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Conley and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mr. Fisher to Approve the District Technology Budget for the 2022- 2023 school year including the line items for Software Maintenance exceeding \$25,000 as presented. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Conley and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Software Maintenance

Common Goal System Inc (TeacherEase) \$35,000-Annually, Arctic Wolf Managed Security \$84,000-Annually, and JAMF (OS & iOS Management) \$28,000-Annually. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Conley and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mr. Fisher to Approve the District Technology Budget for the 2022- 2023 school year including the line items for Repairs and Networking exceeding \$25,000 as presented. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Conley and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Repairs & Networking

Network Assessment - \$36,000, Repairs/Improvements - \$25,000, Network Licensing - \$30,000, Fiber WAN - \$48,000, General Supplies - \$25,000, Apple Replacements - \$25,000.

Motion by MrConley and seconded by Mr. Omolecki to Approve the District Technology Budget for the 2022- 2023 school year including the line items for Telephone Service exceeding \$25,000 as presented. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Conley and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Telephone Service

First Communications - \$25,000 and Verizon 1:1 (256 devices x 12 months @ \$9216/month) - \$110,500

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mrs. Ganiere to Approve the District Technology Budget for the 2022- 2023 school year including the line items for Other Items and Erate exceeding \$25,000 as presented. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Conley and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Other Items & Erate

LCD TV's - \$40,000, LCD TV Hardware - \$40,000, Network Equipment - \$80,000

Motion by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Conley to Approve the Three Year Lease Agreement with Apple in the amount of \$259,416. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Conley and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Kimes and seconded by Mrs. Manigold to Approve the Hiring of Two Additional Summer Technology Staff at a rate of \$12 an hour. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Conley and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Discussion of the Amended 2021-2022 Budget was presented by Mr. Threadgill. There will be an Amended Budget Hearing on June 21, 2022 at 6:15 P.M. during the Regular June Board Meeting.

Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mrs. Manigold to Approve Title One School Wide Programming for Central Intermediate School, Jefferson Elementary School, Lincoln Elementary School, McKinley Elementary School, and Shepherd Middle School. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Conley and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Omolecki and seconded by Mrs. Manigold to Approve the appointment of Newkirk & Associates, Inc. as the District's Auditors for FY22 at a cost not to exceed \$19,300. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Conley and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Information regarding the McKinley Elementary School PTO Playground project for next school year was provided by Mr. Marxman.

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

Erin Hovious, First Grade Teacher at Lincoln Elementary School effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

Elizabeth Gross, K-4 ISP Special Education Teacher at Lincoln Elementary School effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

Sara Miller, Physical Education Teacher at Lincoln and Jefferson Elementary Schools effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

Christopher Hansen, 5th/6th Grade Music and Band Teacher at Central intermediate School effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

Alexis Ramon, Secretary at Central Intermediate School effective June 3, 2022.

Gary windy, Principal at Shepherd Middle School. (June 30, 2022 contractual end of year for 2021-2022)

Krista Iverson, Lunch Server at Lincoln Elementary School effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

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

Christopher Chiaventone from Custodian at Central Intermediate School to 3-11pm Custodian at Shepherd Middle School effective fMay 2, 2022.

Jeremie Schulz from PFA/Developmental Preschool Teacher to K-4 Special Education Teacher at Lincoln Elementary School effective for the 2022-2023 school year.

Elise Holbert from Kindergarten Teacher at Jefferson Elementary School to First Grade Teacher at McKinley Elementary School effective for the 2022-2023 school year.

Jennifer Marvin from Receptionist to Secretary Central Intermediate School effective June 6, 2022.

Lindsey Leslie from Preschool PFA Teacher to PFA/Developmental Preschool Teacher at Lincoln Elementary School effective for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mrs. Manigold to Approve the Four year Retirement Request of **Rhonda Hackler**, Sixth Grade Teacher at Central Intermediate School effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Conley and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

Caitlin Kurtz, as First Grade Teacher at Lincoln Elementary School effective for the 2022-2023 school year.

Lloyd Curtiss Johnson, as a split P.E. Teacher at Lincoln and Jefferson Elementary Schools effective for the 2022-2023 school year.

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

- A) Curriculum and Assessment Report
- B) Technology Report
- C) Registration Update (Mr. Myers provided information)

Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mr. Omolecki to Approve the Seeking of Bids for Bread, Milk, and Paper for the 2022-2023 school year. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Conley and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

An update of the Strategic Plan was given by Superintendent Threadgill.

Motion by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Omolecki to Approve the OES Physical Restraint, Time Out, and Isolated Time Out Reduction Plan. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Conley and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Mr. Omolecki and seconded by Mrs. Manigold to Enter into Executive Session at 6:57 p.m. for the Purpose of Discussing the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the Public Body, and the Executive Minutes from the Regular Meeting of April 19, 2022, and Negotiations. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Conley and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mrs. Ganiere to come out of Executive Session at 7:31 p.m. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Conley and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mr. Conley to Approve and Keep in Confidence the Executive Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 19, 2022. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Conley 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 7:34 p.m. Ayes: Mrs. Ganiere, Mrs. Kimes, Mrs. Manigold, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Conley and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.



Board President



Board Secretary