

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
August 16, 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 August 16, 2022.

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Education of Ottawa Elementary District #141 was called to order by President Brenden Donahue, at 6:00pm on August 16, 2022 at Central Intermediate School. Members present were: Mr. Conley, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Manigold, and Mrs. Kimes. Others present were: Dr. Michelle Lee, Jamie Johnston, Kyle Olesen and Steven Devine from WCMY. Visitors were: Nate Pinter, Christine Bucciarelli, Candice Tennell, Adam Blalon, Chris Torres, Cherie Moss, Carrie Price, Jeremy Lambe, Marc Tabor, Justin Marxman, Nate Matthies, Karen Roth, Heidi Janzen, and Rev. Seamus Enright.

There was no response to the Open Forum.

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

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

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

Motion by Mr. Conley and seconded by Mrs. Manigold to Approve the Corrected Four Year Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Board of Education and Ottawa Elementary Education Support Personnel Association IEA-NEA for 2022-23 through 2025-26. Ayes: Mr. Conley, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Kimes and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Craig Williams, Founder of Journey 12, presented and answered questions from the Board regarding bringing Journey 12 to the Ottawa Elementary School District 141. Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mrs. Kimes to Approve the contract between the Ottawa Elementary School District 141 and Journey 12 for the 2022-2023 School Year at the cost of \$110,000 made in 4 equal payments throughout the year. Ayes: Mr. Conley, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Kimes and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Discussion of Climate Control at Lincoln Elementary Schools was held.

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mr. Conley to approve the Certified Evaluators for the Ottawa Elementary District. Ayes: Mr. Conley, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Kimes and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Dr. Michelle Lee, Superintendent
Mrs. Christine Bucciarelli, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Assessment
Dr. Jeremy Lambe, Assistant Superintendent of Special Services
Mr. Justin Marxman, Principal, McKinley
Mrs. Cherie Moss, Principal, Lincoln
Mr. Nate Pinter, Principal, Jefferson
Mrs. Carrie Price, Principal, Central
Dr. Candice Tennell, Principal, Shepherd
Mr. Adam Bialon, Assistant Principal, Shepherd
Mrs. Jennifer Gervase, Assistant Principal, Lincoln
Mr. Nate Matthies, Assistant Principal, Central

Motion by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mrs. Ganiere to Approve Signature Authority to Nathaniel Matthies at Central Intermediate School for the purposes of Athletic Director. Ayes: Mr. Conley, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Kimes and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Conley and seconded by Mrs. Kimes to Approve the Payment of \$888,476 Central State Bus Sales in Lieu of the Lease-Purchase Agreement. Ayes: Mr. Conley, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Kimes and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Discussion of the Facilities Committee and Long Range Planning being formed to look at maintenance for the facilities.

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mrs. Kimes to Approve the Purchase of 480-cases of White Paper for \$22,680.00 from Contract Paper Group, Inc. Ayes: Mr. Conley, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Kimes and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

Gabriella Sorenson, receptionist at Central Intermediate School effective immediately.
Kimberly Orsini, Bus Monitor for Ottawa Elementary Schools effective August 1, 2022.
Al Mihalek, Bus Driver for Ottawa Elementary Schools effective immediately.
Caitlin Kurtz, a First Grade Teacher at Lincoln Elementary School effective immediately.
Alyssa Testin, a Speech/Language Pathologist at McKinley Elementary School effective immediately.
Patrick Bryson, Volunteer Golf Coach at Shepherd Middle School effective immediately.
Jourdan Wendt, Librarian at Lincoln Elementary School effective immediately.

Chris Campbell, a Lunch Server & Crossing Guard at Jefferson Elementary School effective August 31, 2022.

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

Michael Grommon from Interventionist at McKinley Elementary School to K-5 STEM Teacher at McKinley Elementary and Central Intermediate Schools.

Cheri Simundza from Fourth Grade Teacher to First Grade Teacher at Lincoln Elementary School.

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mr. Conley to Approve FMLA Leave of **Rhonda Hackler**, 6th Grade Teacher at Central Intermediate Schools. Her leave is anticipated to begin at the start of the 2022-2023 school year and return after Christmas break. Ayes: Mr. Conley, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Kimes and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

Queen Carver, as Lunch Server for Central Intermediate School effective for the 2022-2023 school year.

Pam Sinclair, as Lunch Server & Crossing Guard for McKinley Elementary School effective for the 2022-2023 school year.

Thomas Weber, as a Bus Driver for Ottawa Elementary Schools effective for the 2022-2023 school year.

Maggie Stisser, as Volunteer Assistant Pom Coach for Shepherd Middle School effective for the 2022-2023 school year

Jeanne Cook, as 8th Grade Cross-Cat teaching Assistant for Shepherd Middle School effective for the 2022-2023 school year.

Josh Myers, as Math Interventionist at Jefferson Elementary School effective for the 2022-2023 school year.

Lisa Lemke, as Life Skills Teaching Assistant at McKinley Elementary School effective for the 2022-2023 school year.

Ellen Tiffin, as a Cook at Shepherd Middle School effective for the 2022-2023 school year.

Steve Wiggins, as a Bus Driver for Ottawa Elementary Schools effective for the 2022-2023 school year.

Tammy Wasilewski, as a Bus Driver for Ottawa Elementary Schools effective for the 2022-2023 school year.

Mary Babos, as a Bus Driver for Ottawa Elementary Schools effective for the 2022-2023 school year.

Cheryl Mathias, as a Bus Monitor for Ottawa Elementary Schools effective for the 2022-2023 school year.

Morgan Hoelscher, as a First Grade Teacher at Lincoln Elementary School effective for the 2022-2023 school year.

Marcus Gould, as Assistant Soccer Coach for Shepherd Middle School effective for the 2022-2023 school year.

Adam Harris, as Volunteer Golf Coach for Shepherd Middle School effective for the 2022-2023 school year.

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

- a. Curriculum and Assessment Report
- b. Technology Report

- c. All Staff Meeting
- d. New Employee Orientation Virtually
- e. Registration/First Day of School for Students Information Update

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

- a. Transportation Report -will be reviewed at the September 20, 2022 Board Meeting
- b. Cafeteria Report
- c. Upcoming Important Dates
- d. Starved Rock IASB Divisional Meeting
- e. FOIA - none

Information from Dr. Jeremy Lambe on the Special Education Expenses and Funding for the 2022-2023 school year was enclosed in the Board packet. Dr. Lambe was available for questions and presented information.

Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mr. Conley to Approve the FY23 Tentative Budget Hearing Date as September 20, 2022 at 6:15 pm at Central Intermediate School. Ayes: Mr. Conley, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Kimes and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mr. Fisher to enter into Executive Session at 7:05pm. Ayes: Mr. Conley, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Kimes and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mrs. Ganiere to come out of the Executive Session at 7:28pm. Ayes: Mr. Conley, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Kimes and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ganiere and seconded by Mr. Omolecki for Approval of Executive Minutes to be Kept in Confidence. Ayes: Mr. Conley, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Kimes and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Manigold and seconded by Mrs. Kimes to Adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Ottawa Elementary School Board of Education at 7:33 pm. Ayes: Mr. Conley, Mrs. Ganiere, Mr. Omolecki, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Manigold, Mrs. Kimes and Mr. Donahue. Nays: None. Motion carried.



Board President



Board Secretary