

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Ridgeland School District 122, Cook County, Illinois
Held at Columbus Manor
9700 S. Mayfield, Oak Lawn, IL 60453**

January 18, 2018

Minutes

1.) The Meeting was called to order by the President at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Lis at 6:30 p.m.

2.) Roll Call

Present: President Lis, Vice President Wendt, Secretary Werner, Member March, Member Niceforo, Member Reising,

Absent: Member Pulver

Member Wendt left at 7:13 p.m.

Also Present: Julie Shellberg, Superintendent
Doug Ogarek, Chief School Business Official

3.) Closed Session Topic(s) Allowed Under the Illinois Open Meetings Act*

It was moved by President Lis, and seconded by Member Niceforo that the Board enter into to closed session to discuss: The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District and legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)

Litigation when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending in a court or administrative tribunal or when the public body finds that such an action is probable or imminent. 5ILCS 120/2(c) (11)

Review of minutes and verbatim recordings of closed meetings at least twice a year to determine whether a need for confidentiality exists with respect to all or part thereof.

5ILCS 120/2.06 (d)

The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 5ILCS 120/2 (c) 5

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Lis, Wendt, Werner, March, Reising, Niceforo

NAY: None

Absent: Pulver

The motion carried 6-0-0-1.

The Board entered into Closed Session at 6:32 p.m.

It was moved by President Lis and seconded by Vice President Wendt that the Board return to Open Session.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Lis, Wendt, Werner, Pulver, Reising, Niceforo

NAY: None
Absent: March
The motion carried 6-0-0-1.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:00 p.m.

4.) a. Pledge of Allegiance - The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

b. Mission Statement - The Mission Statement was read by President Lis as follows:

The mission of Ridgeland School District 122 is to nurture independence and responsibility in students, empowering them with knowledge, skills and core values that contribute to becoming life-long learners, and active citizens while striving to achieve their future potential. We will accomplish our mission by fostering a partnership among children, parents, community, staff and the Board of Education, constantly striving to improve student performance to ensure no child is left behind.

5.) Academic Spotlight – Columbus Manor Principal, Meghan Dougherty, provided the Board of Education members with a brief overview of the district-wide parent workshop on Internet Safety presented by the Illinois Attorney General’s Office.

Mrs. Dougherty remarked that as this was a district wide effort, the event turn-out was high with 40 – 50 persons in attendance. She highlighted the key theme for the evening which was to keep the lines of communication open with our students and monitor their digital activities.

6.) Comments from Visitors Regarding School or Agenda Items and Petitions

Alexandria Phillips-Burke addressed the members of the Board of Education in regards to a letter that she received from the Superintendent’s Office on behalf of the Ridgeland School District 122 Board of Education. Mrs. Phillips-Burke expressed her dissatisfaction with not only receiving the letter, but also with the lack of compliance she felt she received upon asking to meet individually with each member of the Board of Education.

Superintendent, Mrs. Julie Shellberg, addressed Mrs. Phillips-Burke and stated that she was requested by the Board of Education to contact the District’s attorney and that the attorney’s office assisted in drafting the letter she received sent on their behalf which directed Mrs. Phillips-Burke to view the Illinois Association of School Boards website to address any of the questions she may have pertaining to becoming a member of the Board of Education.

Mrs. Phillips-Burke asked to use her allotted 5 minutes to continue to address the Board of Education members. She expressed that she believes that being a member of the Board of Education takes time, commitment and collaboration. She stated that unless she speaks to them personally, she is not certain as to whether she would be a “good fit” for this particular Board of Education.

Member Niceforo explained to Mrs. Phillips-Burke that when he was interested in pursuing a seat on the Board of Education, he attended Board meetings regularly and visited the Illinois Association of School Boards’ website to access whether he was well-suited for the position and vice versa.

Secretary Werner shared that upon retiring after working for 30 years in the district, she made the determination that she knew enough about the events and workings within the district that she believed she would be a good fit and has been on the Board of Education ever since.

7.) Approval of Consent Agenda (v)

It was moved by Member Niceforo and seconded by Member March that the Board approve the following items as specified in the individual items: v8a.) Closed Session Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 21, 2017; v8b.) Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 21, 2017; v9a.) Current Bills; v12e.) Van Gogh Picture Agreements

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Lis, Wendt, Werner, March, Reising, Niceforo

NAY: None

Abstain: Lis, Wendt

Absent: Pulver

President Lis and Vice President Wendt voted to abstain on the following items: v8a.) Closed Session Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 21, 2017; v8b.) Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting December 21, 2017.

The motion carried 4-0-2-1.

8.) Approval of Minutes ►

Va.) Closed Session Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 21, 2017

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the Closed Session Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting for Closed Session of December 21, 2017.

Vb.) Meeting Minutes of the Regular of December 21, 2017

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 21, 2017

9.) Financial Report and Bills ►

Va.) Current Bills

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the current bills in the following amounts:

\$	488,710.62	in the Education Fund
\$	27,439.92	in Operations and Maintenance
\$	119,810.02	in the Transportation Fund
\$	3,589.04	in Capital Projects
\$	2,276,739.57	in Gross Payrolls
\$	1,159.05	in the Education Fund (THIS)
\$	(197.97)	in the Education Fund (BMO)

b.) The District 122 Summary Sheets for December 2017 – Informational item for the Board.

c.) Ridgeland Principal Account Summaries for December 2017 – Informational item for the Board.

10.) Personnel ►

a.) Approve Personnel Report for January 18, 2018

It was moved by Secretary Werner and seconded by Member Niceforo that the Board approve the Personnel Report for January 18, 2018.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Werner, March, Reising, Niceforo

NAY: None

Abstain: Lis, Wendt

Absent: Pulver

The motion carried 4-0-2-1.

b.) Amendment to Superintendent's Contract

It was moved by President Lis and seconded by Member Niceforo that the Board approve the amendment to the Superintendent's contract.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Lis, Werner, March, Reising, Niceforo

NAY: None

Abstain:

Absent: Pulver, Wendt

The motion carried 5-0-0-2.

11.) Notices and Communication

- FOIA Requests – Phillips-Burke – District Attorney Information
Schultz – District Employee Information
Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Business Operations, Mr. Douglas Ogarek expressed to the members of the Board of Education that the FOIA requests had been responded to in a timely manner.
- South Cook Annual Legislative Breakfast – February 3, 2018
- South Cook Division Dinner Meeting – March 7, 2018
- Strategic Plan – January 29, 2018
Superintendent, Mrs. Julie Shellberg reminded the members of the Board of Education that the final stages of Strategic Planning would be held on Monday, January 29, 2018, at Lieb School.
- Simmons Middle School Renovation Update -
Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Business Operations, Mr. Douglas Ogarek stated that the Simmons Computer Lab 's last items of furniture are being delivered for the student collaboration space, and that the office spaces are already occupied. He also shared that the space has been completed beyond his expectations and was also completed under budget.
- National Board Certified Teacher Cohort-
- Superintendent, Mrs. Julie Shellberg, informed the Board of Education members that a number of teachers from the district are participating in a program that will allow them to become National Board Certified teachers. There is strenuous curriculum that places a high demand on your time over the course of 2 years. We currently have 8 teachers participating. Mrs. Shellberg will introduce information to the Board members that will allow for a stipend or monetary compensation for those who

complete the endorsement as college credit hours are not given for participation and the current Union contract does not speak to this endorsement.

12.) New Business ►

a.) Approve the List of Closed Session Minutes that will Remain Closed to the Public

It was moved by Secretary Werner, and seconded by Member Niceforo that the Board approve the list of Closed Session Minutes that will remain closed to the public.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Lis, Werner, March, Reising, Niceforo

NAY: None

Abstain:

Absent: Pulver, Wendt

The motion carried 5-0-0-2.

b.) Award the 2018 Mechanical Revisions

It was moved by President Lis, seconded by Secretary Werner that the Board award the 2018 mechanical revisions with a pre-purchase bid to Thermosystems, Inc., in the amount of 74,750.00.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Lis, Werner, March, Reising, Niceforo

NAY: None

Abstain:

Absent: Pulver, Wendt

The motion carried 5-0-0-2.

c.) Authorize the Engineering and Solicitation of Proposals for Masonry Repairs and Tuckpointing at Simmons Middle School

It was moved by President Lis, seconded by Member March that the Board authorize the engineering and solicitation of proposals for masonry repairs and tuckpointing at Simmons Middle School.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Lis, Werner, March, Reising, Niceforo

NAY: None

Abstain:

Absent: Pulver, Wendt

The motion carried 5-0-0-2.

d.) Authorize the Disposal of 3 Gas-Powered Snow Brushes

It was moved by President Lis, seconded by Member Niceforo that the Board authorize the disposal of 3 gas-powered snow brushes.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Lis, Werner, March, Reising, Niceforo

NAY: None

Abstain:

Absent: Pulver, Wendt

The motion carried 5-0-0-2.

ve.) Approve the Agreement with Van Gogh Pictures

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the Van Gogh School Picture Agreements for Kolb, Lieb, Columbus Manor, Harnew and Simmons Middle School for the 2018-2019 school year.

Comments from Visitors on New Business

An individual or individual from a delegation may be heard on any matter at the Board meeting, providing such person (1) is recognized by the President; (2) states their name, address and topic; and (3) comments as briefly as the subject permits (Policy 2:230).

Visitors please note: If you wish to address the board this evening, please sign the log indicating your name, address and topic of comments. You will be called to address the Board in the order your name appears on the sign-in log. When you are called, please be seated at the front table and speak directly into the microphone. Please limit your comments to five (5) minutes so that others will have an equal opportunity to speak. If you have comments that are the same as others, please select a spokesperson for your group. Thank you.

13.) Comments from Board Members

Member Reising - Please remember to support Kolb gym teacher, Mr. Brian Cerney, as we shave his head, tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. as a reward for raising money for Jump Rope for Heart. She also reminded the audience to support the Simmons Solo Ensemble on February 7, 2017 at their performance at the Oak Lawn Library.

Member Niceforo – Enjoyed the presentation this evening on internet safety. Hopes that the point of communication came across loud and clear for parents. It was a tough week in the District. Please continue to pray for the families that have been effected.

Member March –Seconds Member Niceforo's remarks.

Secretary Werner – Thank you to the staff for your support. Bill was dedicated to this District and your support means so much. Please continue to pray for all of us.

President Lis – It was an emotional week, and it is good to see that this District supports each other. We are a family.

Superintendent Shellberg- I have been in this district for 14 years. Bill was one of the most generous people that she has ever met. He will be missed.

Please remember that PARCC testing will be administered around the same time as Spring Break. The staff has always done an amazing job of arranging the testing cycle. I am certain it will be the same this year as well.

14.) Closed Session Topic(s) Allowed Under the Illinois Open Meetings Act* (if needed)

N/A

15.) Possible Action after Closed Session

N/A

16.) Future Business

- 1/26 Progress Reports Distributed
- 2/2 Student Early Out Day
- 2/15 Board of Education Meeting – Administrative Center
- 2/19 No School - President's Day
- 3/2 Student Early Out Day – Report Cards Distributed
- 3/5 No School – Casimir Pulaski Day
- 3/15 Board of Education Meeting – Kolb School

17.) Adjournment

It was moved by President Lis and seconded by Vice President Wendt that the meeting be adjourned.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Lis, Wendt, Werner, March, Niceforo, Reising, Pulver

NAY: None

Absent: None

The motion carried 7-0-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

► Routine business/ action items in these categories will be taken up under the consent agenda unless a member of the board requests that a particular item (s) be removed from the consent agenda for further discussion and/or to record a dissenting vote.

* A concise Closed Session for topic(s) allowed under the Illinois Open Meetings Act may be held prior to action on the remainder of the agenda. The topic(s) to be discussed will be included in the motion to go into Closed Session. No votes or other business will be discussed while in Closed Session. When the Board comes out of Closed Session, action can and may be taken.