

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Ridgeland School District 122, Cook County, Illinois
Held at the Administrative Center, Board Room
6500 W 95th Street, Oak Lawn, IL 60453**

October 19, 2017

1.) The meeting was called to Order by the President at 6:35 p.m.

It was moved by President Lis and seconded by Vice President Wendt that Member Reising serve as Secretary Pro Tempore. There being no objection to the motion, all members presented voted AYE. The motion carried 5-0-0-2.

2.) Roll Call

Present: President Lis, Vice President Wendt, Member Niceforo, Member Reising, Member Pulver

Absent: Member March, Secretary Werner

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.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Lis, Pulver, Reising, Wendt, Niceforo

NAY: None

Absent: Werner, March

The motion carried 5-0-0-2.

The Board entered into Closed Session at 6:36 p.m.

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

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Lis, Wendt, Pulver, Reising, Niceforo

NAY: None

Absent: Werner, March

The motion carried 5-0-0-2.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:05 p.m.

4.) a. Pledge of Allegiance

b. Mission Statement

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.) Notification – Required Water Testing

Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Business Operations, Douglas Ogarek, provided the members of the Board of Education with a notification of the Required Water Testing Results. He shared that both Lieb and Harnew Schools had been tested by an independent outside consultant as required by law, Senate Bill 05550, because both schools were constructed in 2000 or prior. Harnew School showed no levels of lead whereas Lieb School showed levels in 4 areas. All 4 areas have been placed out of service. The result was due to fixtures that will be replaced and retested. Mr. Ogarek stated that the process should be complete within 6 – 8 weeks.

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

No visitors requested to address the Board.

7.) Approval of Consent Agenda (v)

It was moved by Vice President Wendt and seconded by Member Pulver that the Board approve the following items as specified in the individual items: v8a.) Closed Session Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting for Closed Session of September 21, 2017; v8b.) Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 21, 2017; v8c.) Closed Session Minutes of the Special Meeting of October 16, 2017; v8d.) Meeting Minutes of the Special Meeting of October 16, 2017; v9a.) Current Bills; v12a.) Press PLUS Updates for Adoption; v13c.) Resolution 17-005, Approving Membership and Partnership with the Illinois Energy Consortium; v13d.) Ratification of the Illinois Energy Consortium rate; v13e.) Graduation Date for Simmons.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Wendt, Pulver, Lis, Reising, Niceforo

NAY: None

Absent: Werner, March

The motion carried 5-0-0-2.

8.) Approval of Minutes

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

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

Vb.) Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting for Closed Session of September 21, 2017

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

Vc.) Meeting Minutes of the Special Meeting of October 16, 2017

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the Meeting Minutes of the Special Meeting of October 16, 2017.

Vd.) Meeting Minutes of the Special Meeting of October 16, 2017

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 16, 2017.

9.) Financial Report and Bills

Va.) Current Bills

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

\$	639,616.67	in the Education Fund
\$	92,185.89	in Operations and Maintenance
\$	153,815.00	in the Transportation Fund
\$	1,455,736.69	in Gross Payrolls
\$	1,434.15	in the Education Fund (THIS)
\$	8,870.43	in the Education Fund (BMO)

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

C.) Ridgeland Principal Account Summaries for September 2017 – Informational item for the Board.

10.) Personnel

a.) Personnel Report for October 19, 2017

It was moved by President Lis and seconded by Vice President Wendt that the Board approve the Personnel Report for October 19, 2017.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Lis, Pulver, Reising, Wendt, Niceforo

NAY: None

Absent: Werner, March

The motion carried 5-0-0-2.

11.) Notices and Communication

- a.) Results of the Stakeholders Focus Group as Part of the Superintendent's Search-
Superintendent Shellberg provided the members of the Board with an account of the Parent Focus Group as it related to the Superintendents Search. She shared that across the board, all stakeholder groups have been in agreement as to what they believe the qualities that are needed by the new superintendent.
- b.) Annual First Responders Meeting –
Superintendent Shellberg provided the members of the Board of Education with a brief review of the meeting that was held at Harnew School on October 5, 2017. It was agreed that it was well attended and very convenient for all districts involved.
- c.) FOIA Requests - were provided in a timely manner
 - AWI - Superintendent's Contract and Minutes for Meeting of Superintendent's contract approval
 - Zak Koeske - Board Travel Related Expenses
- d.) IASB 2017 Resolutions Committee Report - Informational Item for the Board.
- e.) Simmons Computer Lab Renovations - Mr. Ogarek provided the members of the Board with a presentation of the 4 area computer lab for Simmons Middle School. He stated that the construction is projected to be complete by the return of Winter Break.

12.) Unfinished Business

Va.) Press PLUS Updates for Second Reading and Adoption

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the second reading and adoption of the following policies as updated and amended:

Policy	Title
2:260	Uniform Grievance Procedure
2:220-E3	Closed meeting Minutes
6:80	Teaching About Controversial Issues
6:180	Extended Instructional Programs
6:210	Instructional Materials
7:275	Orders to Forgo Life-Sustaining Treatment
8:70	Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities
2:210	Organizational Board of Education Meetings
4:70	Resource Conservation
6:290	Homework
6:330	Awards and Scholarships
7:80	Release Time for Religious Instruction/Observance
7:160	Student Appearance

13.) New Business

a.) Resolution 18-004, Approving the Estimated 2017 Tax Levy

It was moved by President Lis and seconded by Vice President Wendt that the Board approve Resolution 18-004, Approving the Estimated 2017 Tax Levy.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Lis, Pulver, Reising, Wendt, Niceforo

NAY: None

Absent: Werner, March

The motion carried 5-0-0-2.

b.) FY17 Audit - Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Business Operations, Douglas Ogarek, provided the 2017 Audit to the members of the Board of Education.

✓13c.) Resolution 18-005, Approving Membership and Partnership with the Illinois Energy Consortium

Under the consent agenda the Board approved Resolution 18-005; Approving Membership and Partnership with the Illinois Energy Consortium.

✓13d.) Ratification of the Illinois Energy Consortium rate

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the ratification of The Illinois Energy Consortium rate.

✓13e.) Graduation Date for Simmons

Under the consent agenda the Board approved May 31, 2018, as the date for 8th Grade Graduation at Simmons Middle School.

14.) Comments from Visitors on New Business

No visitors requested to address the Board.

15.) Comments from Board Members

Member Reising - Would like information regarding the breakfast and lunch, and shared that the Simmons Computer Lab has a lovely design and that she is certain the kids are going to love it.

Mr. Ogarek responded that food service numbers will be included in the weekly Board of Education Update.

Member Pulver - Inquired about Breakfast after the Bell program at Kolb School.

Mr. McDermott, Kolb School Principal, responded that between 50 – 75% of the students eat breakfast, so there are only a handful of children that use the Grab and Go program.

Mrs. Shellberg stated that the numbers are likely to change as the weather changes.

Member Niceforo – Thanked Mr. Ogarek for his response to the water testing results. He also shared that he was in attendance at both Lien and Kolb Family Night programs and that they were great.

Vice President Wendt – Also thanked Mr. Ogarek for his response to the water testing results. She also stated that the computer lab space looks awesome. Vice President Wendt shared that as she was trying to look for the good in the bad, it was comforting to see the staff and community comfort one another during such a tough time. It was a nice sense of peace.

President Lis – Shared that he was at the Fire House when the results of Lieb’s report from the State Fire Marshall arrived and that it was incredible that there were no violations found. He spoke on how rarely that happens.

He also shared that this week had really put things into perspective for him with Mrs. LoRusso’s passing and that the staff should know that they really do make a difference in the lives of the children in this district.

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

N/A

17.) Possible Action after Closed Session

N/A

18.) Future Business

- 10/31 Student Half Day – School Improvement
- 11/3 Early Out Day – School Improvement
- 11/5 Daylights Saving – Set Clocks Back 1 hour
- 11/9 Committee Meetings
- 11/10 End of 1st Trimester
- 11/15 Board of Education Meeting
- 11/17 Report Cards Distributed
- 11/17-19 IASB, IASA, IASBO Joint Annual Conference
- 11/22 Not in Attendance Day – No School
- 11/23 Legal Holiday: Thanksgiving – No School
- 11/24 Not in Attendance Day – No School

19.) 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, Niceforo, Reising, Pulver

NAY: None

Absent: Werner, March

The motion carried 5-0-0-2.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 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.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education