

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
Ridgeland School District 122, Cook County, Illinois  
Held at Simmons Middle School, Learning Resource Center  
6450 W 95<sup>th</sup> Street, Oak Lawn, IL 60453**

**April 21, 2016**

**1.) The meeting was called to Order by the President at 7:00 p.m.**

**2.) The Pledge of Allegiance was said and the Mission Statement was read.**

**3.) Roll Call**

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

**Absent:** Member March

**Also Present:** Julie Shellberg, Superintendent

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

No visitors requested to address the Board.

**5.) Academic Spotlight**

Simmons spotlighted several groups of students on their recent accomplishments.

- The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Team took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the SWIC Conference.
- The Simmons Declamation Team took 3<sup>rd</sup> place for their season.
- Symphonic and Concert Band recently received the Superior rating at BANDORAMA. In addition, the Symphonic Band received 1<sup>st</sup> place overall.

Teachers, Mr. Tim Beemsterboer and Mrs. Stephanie Schofield, presented on the Life Skills Program at Simmons Middle School.

**6.) Election of President Protempore and Secretary Protempore**

a.) Nominations for President Protempore

Member Pulver was nominated President Protempore.

It was moved by Member Lis and seconded by Member Pulver that nominations for the office of President Protempore be closed.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

NAY: None

Absent: March

The motion carried 6-0-0-1.

It was moved by Member Lis and seconded by Member Niceforo that Member Pulver be unanimously elected as Board President Protempore.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

NAY: None

Absent: March

The motion carried 6-0-0-1.

Member Pulver took over the position of Board President Protempore.

**b.) Nominations for Secretary Protempore**

Member Niceforo was nominated as Secretary Protempore.

It was moved by President Protempore Pulver and seconded by Member Wendt that nominations for the office of Secretary Protempore be closed.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

NAY: None

Absent: March

The motion carried 6-0-0-1.

It was moved by President Protempore Pulver and seconded by Member Wendt that Member Niceforo be unanimously elected as Board Secretary Protempore.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

NAY: None

Absent: March

The motion carried 6-0-0-1.

Member Niceforo took over the position of Board Secretary Protempore and began taking the minutes.

**7.) Election of Officers**

**a.) Nominations for President**

Member Lis was nominated President.

It was moved by Member Werner and seconded by President Protempore Pulver that nominations for the office of President be closed.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

NAY: None

Absent: March

The motion carried 6-0-0-1.

It was moved by Member Werner and seconded by President Protempore Pulver that Member Lis be unanimously elected as Board President for a one-year term of office.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

NAY: None

Absent: March

The motion carried 6-0-0-1.

*Member Lis took over the position of Board President.*

b.) Nominations for Vice-President

Member Wendt was nominated Vice President.

It was moved by Member Werner and seconded by Secretary Protempore Niceforo that nominations for the office of Vice-President be closed.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

NAY: None

Absent: March

The motion carried 6-0-0-1.

It was moved by President Lis and seconded by Member Werner that Member Wendt be unanimously elected as Board Vice-President for a one-year term of office.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

NAY: None

Absent: March

The motion carried 6-0-0-1.

*Member Wendt took over the position of Vice President.*

c.) Nominations for Secretary

Member Werner was nominated Secretary.

It was moved by Member Pulver and seconded by Vice President Wendt that nominations for the office of Secretary be closed.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

NAY: None

Absent: March

The motion carried 6-0-0-1.

It was moved by President Lis and seconded by Vice President Wendt that Member Werner be unanimously elected as Board Secretary for a one-year term of office.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

NAY: None

Absent: March

The motion carried 6-0-0-1.

*Member Werner took over the position of Secretary.*

#### **8.) Declaration of Board Meeting Night**

It was moved by Secretary Werner and seconded by President Lis that the regular meetings of the Board of Education be at 7:00 p.m. with closed session beginning at 6:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month, except as noted, and that the approved schedule of regular meetings be published and a copy of that schedule be attached to the minutes.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

NAY: None

Absent: March

The motion carried 6-0-0-1.

#### **9.) Declaration of District Bank and Newspaper**

##### **a.) Bank**

It was moved by Vice President Wendt and seconded by Member Niceforo that the depository for District 122 funds be First Midwest Bank of Oak Lawn.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

NAY: None

Absent: March

The motion carried 6-0-0-1.

##### **b.) Newspapers**

It was moved by Member Pulver and seconded by Member Niceforo that the official newspapers for District 122 be the SouthtownStar and Reporter Newspapers.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

NAY: None  
Absent: March

The motion carried 6-0-0-1.

#### **10.) Appointment of Counsel**

a.) Franczek Radelet

It was moved by Vice President Wendt and seconded by Member Pulver that the law firm of Franczek Radelet P.C. be appointed counsel for all District non-special education legal services at a fee of \$500 per Board meeting, and a rate for all other services not to exceed \$240 per hour for associates and \$270 per hour for partners.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Wendt, Pulver, Lis, Werner, Reising, Niceforo  
NAY: None  
Absent: March

The motion carried 6-0-0-1.

b.) Engler Callaway Baasten & Sraga, LLC

It was moved by Vice President Wendt and seconded by President Lis that the law firm of Engler Callaway Baasten & Sraga, LLC be appointed counsel for all District special education legal services at a fee of \$210 per hour, and a rate for all other services not to exceed \$210 per hour.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Wendt, Lis, Pulver, Niceforo, Reising, Werner  
NAY: None  
Absent: March

The motion carried 6-0-0-1.

#### **11.) Appointment of Auditor**

It was moved by Member Pulver and seconded by President Lis that the firm of RSM US LLP be appointed as auditor for Ridgeland School District 122.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Pulver, Lis, Reising, Niceforo, Werner, Wendt  
NAY: None  
Absent: March

The motion carried 6-0-0-1.

#### **12.) Authorization of President and Secretary to Sign Payroll Vouchers**

It was moved by Vice President Wendt and seconded by Member Niceforo that the President and Secretary be authorized to sign the district's payroll vouchers.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

NAY: None

Absent: March

The motion carried 6-0-0-1.

### **13.) Appointment of Committee Members by President**

a.) Finance/ Review of Bills

Pulver, Niceforo, Lis

b.) Buildings and Grounds

March, Reising

c.) A.E.R.O.

Wendt

d.) Board Policy Committee

Reising, Werner, Niceforo

e.) IASB Delegate and Alternate

Niceforo as Delegate and Pulver as Alternate

f.) SCOPE

Niceforo

### **14.) 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: v14a.) Closed Session Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2016; v14b.) Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting for Closed Session of March 17, 2016; v14c.) Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 17, 2016; v15a.) Current Bills; v18a1.) Food Service Contract Renewal; v18a2.) Social Emotional Learning Program; v18a3.) Defined Stem Program; v18a4.) Simmons 2016 Summer Sports Camp; v18a5.) Press PLUS Updates for First Reading and v18a6.) Purchase of Ford F-250 Super Duty Pick-Up Truck.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

NAY: None

Absent: March

The motion carried 6-0-0-1\*.

\* Member Reising abstained from v18a1.) Food Service Contract Renewal.

\* Vice President Wendt abstained from the following: v14a.) Closed Session Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2016; v14b.) Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting for Closed Session of March 17, 2016 and v14c.) Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 17, 2016.

## **15.)Approval of Minutes ►**

va.) Closed Session Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2016

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the Closed Session Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2016.

vb.) Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting for Closed Session of March 17, 2016

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting for Closed Session of March 17, 2016.

vc.) Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 17, 2016

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 17, 2016.

## **16.)Financial Report and Bills ►**

va.) Current Bills

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

\$	581,924.75	in the Education Fund
\$	37,161.22	in Operations and Maintenance
\$	102,421.07	in the Transportation Fund
\$	1,422,652.79	in Gross Payrolls
\$	2,897.17	in the Education Fund (THIS)
\$	7,690.73	in the Education Fund (BMO)

b.) The District 122 Summary Sheet for March 2016 – Informational item for the Board.

c.) Ridgeland Principal Account Summaries for March 2016 – Informational item for the Board.

## **17.)Personnel ►**

a.) Personnel Report for April 21, 2016

It was moved by President Lis and seconded by Vice President Wendt that the Board approve the Personnel Report for April 21, 2016.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

NAY: None

Absent: March

The motion carried 6-0-0-1.

## **18.) Notices and Communication**

a.) Regional Institute for Scholastic Excellence (R.I.S.E.) – Short-Term Program – Informational item for the Board.

- b.) Simmons FLASH Program - The Oak Lawn Park District will run the FLASH Program at Simmons for the 2016-2017 school year. Several parents have shown interest. The Park District currently runs the FLASH program at the middle school level in District 123 and has shown to be successful.
- c.) Expeditions Pioneer Program at Harnew – Harnew was recently awarded a mini grant for Mrs. O'Connor's 5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. The Expeditions Pioneer Program allows the teacher to take their students on a virtual field trip without leaving the classroom.

## 19.) New Business ►

### a.) Action Items

#### v1.) Food Service Contract Renewal

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the one (1) year contract renewal agreement with Preferred Meals for the 2016-2017 school year.

#### v2.) Social Emotional Learning Program

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the purchase of the Second Step Program for Pre-K to Grade 8 for the Social Emotional Learning Program at a cost of \$44,214.30.

#### v3.) Defined Stem Program

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the purchase of the Defined Stem Program for the Simmons Middle School Encore Class at a cost of \$2,995.00 per year for online access and \$2000.00 for professional development.

#### v4.) Simmons 2016 Summer Sports Camp

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the Simmons 2016 Summer Sports Camp Program.

#### v5.) Press PLUS Updates for First Reading

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

<u>POLICY</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
4:130	Free and Reduced-Price Food Service (Operational Services)
5:170	Copyright (General Personnel)
6:130	Program for the Gifted (Instruction)
7:150	Agency and Police Interviews (Students)
7:190	Student Behavior (Students)
7:200	Suspension Procedures (Students)
7:210	Expulsion Procedures (Students)
7:220	Bus Conduct (Students)
7:240	Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities (Students)
7:305	Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries (Students)

#### v6.) Purchase of Ford F-250 Super Duty Pick-Up Truck



Under the consent agenda the Board approved the purchase of a Ford F-250 Super Duty Pick-Up Truck through the State of Illinois Joint Purchase Contract at a cost of \$23,060 with an additional \$3,010 for optional items not included in the purchase contract.

**b.) Non-Action Items**

1. SPARC (Students Participating in Rigorous Challenges) – Mrs. Sheri Maher, Director of Teaching and Learning, along with Instructional Coaches, Linda Wagner and Nancy Havlin, presented the SPARC Program. The SPARC program is to meet the needs of students who may be recognized as gifted/talented. This program will service students in grades 3-8 to extend and enhance the curriculum to meet the needs of our gifted/talented learners. The school-wide cluster model will be used to service students in the general education setting with instructional coaching supports for the cluster teachers. The program, if approved at the May meeting, would begin in the 2016-2017 school year.
2. K-8 Science Curriculum - Mrs. Sheri Maher, Director of Teaching and Learning, presented the K-8 Science Curriculum programs being proposed for the 2016-2017 school year. The programs presented will help us building our curriculum and align it to the updated Illinois State Science Standards. The following programs will be up for approval at the next meeting: Foss Next Generation Program; Science A to Z and Mystery Science Online School Subscription.

**20.) Comments from Visitors on New Business**

No visitors requested to address the Board.

**21.) Comments from Board Members**

- The Board congratulated Simmons on their accomplishments. It's great to see our students excel at all levels and to see such a strong support system.
- The Board also thanked the Life Skills teachers for coming out and spotlighting their program.
- Vice President Wendt is excited and interested to see the SPARC Program unfold.
- Secretary Werner commented on how far the library at Simmons has come now that we have the LRC assistants in place. The assistants have been a great addition to our staff.
- President Lis shared a story of a recent and sad event that happened in a Delaware high school where a girl was beaten to death by two other students in the school bathroom. He asks that our schools continue to keep our students safe.

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

N/A

**23.) Possible Action after Closed Session**

N/A

**24.) Future Business**

- 4/22 Progress Reports Distributed
- 5/12 Policy and Finance Committee Meetings
- 5/19 Board of Education Meeting – Harnew
- 5/20 Early Out Day – School Improvement  
Simmons Graduation at OLCHS
- 5/26 Last Day of School (Half Day)

## 25.) Adjournment

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

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

NAY: None

Absent: March

The motion carried 6-0-0-1.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 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.

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**President, Board of Education**

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**Secretary, Board of Education**

### Personnel Report

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RESIGNATION				
Last Name	First Name	Position	Bldg	Effective Date
Wishah	Rania	Instructional Assistant	S	3/24/2016
Kassem	Sarah	TBE Teacher	L	End of the 2015-2016 School Year
Helbig	Claire	6th Grade Math/ SS Teacher	S	End of the 2015-2016 School Year