

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

July 19, 2012

- 1.) **The meeting was called to order by the President at 7:01 p.m.**
- 2.) **The Pledge of Allegiance was said and the Mission Statement was read.**

3.) **Roll Call**

Present: President Sodaro, Member Sawicki, Member Niceforo, Member Pulver,
Member Wendt (*left at 7:10 p.m. and returned at 7:27 p.m.*), Member Werner (*joined the meeting
via phone at 7:05 p.m.*)

Absent: Vice President Landingham

Also Present: Julie Shellberg, Interim Superintendent
Eric Trimberger, Assistant Superintendent

It was moved by Member Wendt and seconded by Member Sawicki that Member Niceforo be elected Secretary Pro Tempore. There being no objections to the motion, all members present voted "AYE". The motion carried 5-0-0-2.

Member Niceforo assumed the responsibilities of Secretary and began taking the minutes.

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

No visitors requested to address the Board.

Secretary Werner joined the meeting via phone at 7:05 p.m.

5.) **Approval of Consent Agenda (√)**

It was moved by Member Pulver and seconded by Secretary Pro Tempore Niceforo that the Board approve the following items as specified in the individual items: √6a.) Closed Session Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2012; √6b.) Regular Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2012; √6c.) Closed Session Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2012; √6d.) Special Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2012; √7a.) Final Bill Run for 2011-2012; √7b.) Current Bills; ~~√7c.) Township Treasurer Report;~~ √8a1.) Employment – Megan Mattucci; √8a2.) Employment – Waleed Atawneh; √8a3.) Employment – Theresa Wantiez; √8a4.) Employment – Marisa Walsh; √8a5.) Employment – Magdalena Bieszczad; √8a6.) Employment – Magdalena Krol; √8a7.) Employment – Diane Kelly; ~~√8a8.) Employment – Colleen Cosme;~~ √8a9.) Employment – Erica Flynn; √8a10.) Employment - Lindsay Tepper; √8a11.) Employment – Jennifer Funk; √8a12.) Employment – Katrina Kurtz √8b1.) Resignation – Takreed AbuRabah; √8b2.) Resignation – Amy Rupsch; √8b3.) Resignation – Krista Demma; √8b4.) Resignation – Kenneth Hommowun; √8c1.) Leave of Absence – Alison Gunner; √8d1.) Employment – Lauren Lucio and √10a.) Press PLUS Updates for Adoption.

Member Wendt left the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Pulver, Niceforo, Sodaro, Sawicki, Werner

NAY: None

Absent: Landingham, Wendt

The motion carried 5-0-0-2*.

*Member Pulver abstained on the following items: √6a.) Closed Session Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2012 and √6b.) Regular Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2012.

*Member Niceforo abstained on the following items: √6c.) Closed Session Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2012 and √6d.) Special Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2012.

Assistant Superintendent Eric Trimberger removed item √7c.) Township Treasurer Report from the consent agenda.

President Sodaro removed item √8a8.) Employment – Colleen Cosme from the consent agenda.

6.) Approval of Minutes ►

√a.) Closed Session Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2012

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the Closed Session Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2012.

√b.) Regular Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2012

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2012.

√c.) Closed Session Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2012

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the Closed Session Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2012.

√d.) Special Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2012

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the Special Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2012.

7.) Financial Report and Bills ►

√a.) Final Bill Run for 2011-2012

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the final bill run in the amounts of:

\$	696,217.52	in the Education Fund
\$	90,935.87	in the Building Fund
\$	1,400.00	in the Debt Services Fund
\$	200,385.00	in the Site & Improvement Fund
\$	658.62	in the Transportation Fund
\$	106,116.00	in the Tort Fund

√b.) Current Bills

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

- \$ 32,964.56 in the Education Fund
- \$ 11,391.09 in the Building Fund
- \$ 42,735.24 in the Transportation Fund
- \$ 1,954,083.00 in Gross Payrolls

√c.) Township Treasurer Report

Item was removed from the consent agenda. The Board will take action at the August Board of Education meeting. The Township Treasurer has been busy due to the implementation of the new *IVisions* software.

d.) The District 122 Summary Sheet for June – Informational item for the Board.

8.) Personnel ▶

a.) Employment

√1.) Megan Mattucci

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the employment of Megan Mattucci as a Science and Language Arts Teacher at Simmons Middle School for the 2012-2013 school year beginning at Lane 4, Step 1 pending a background check and certification.

√2.) Waleed Atawneh

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the employment of Waleed Atawneh as a Transitional Bilingual Education Teacher for the 2012-2013 school year beginning at Lane 1, Step 1 pending a background check.

√3.) Theresa Wantiez

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the employment of Theresa Wantiez as a Special Education Teacher for the 2012-2013 school year beginning at Lane 1, Step 1 pending a background check.

√4.) Marisa Walsh

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the employment of Marisa Walsh as a Special Education Teacher for the 2012-2013 school year beginning at Lane 1, Step 1 pending a background check.

√5.) Magdalena Bieszczad

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the employment of Magdalena Bieszczad as a Speech and Language Pathologist for the 2012-2013 school year beginning at Lane 6, Step 1 pending a background check.

√6.) Magdalena Krol

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the employment of Magdalena Krol as a Transitional Program of Instruction Teacher at Kolb Elementary School for the 2012-2013 school year beginning at Lane 1, Step 1 pending a background check.

√7.) Diane Kelly

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the employment of Diane Kelly as a Certified School Nurse at Harnew Elementary School for the 2012-2013 school year beginning at Lane 1, Step 4 pending a background check.

√8.) Colleen Cosme

Item was removed from the consent agenda. It was moved by Member Pulver and seconded by Secretary Pro Tempore Niceforo that the Board approve the employment of Colleen Cosme as a Part-Time Building Level Secretary at Columbus Manor Elementary School for the 2012-2013 school year at a hourly rate of \$14.25.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Pulver, Niceforo, Sawicki, Werner

NAY: None

Abstain: Sodaro

Absent: Wendt, Landingham

The motion carried 4-0-1-2.

√9.) Erica Flynn

Under the consent agenda the Board recalled Erica Flynn as a Preschool Teacher for the 2012-2013 school year beginning at Lane 2, Step 2.

√10.) Lindsay Tepper

Under the consent agenda the Board recalled Lindsay Tepper as a Preschool Teacher for the 2012-2013 school year beginning at Lane 1, Step 3.

√11.) Jennifer Funk

Under the consent agenda the Board recalled Jennifer Funk as a Preschool Teacher for the 2012-2013 school year beginning at Lane 1, Step 2.

√12.) Katrina Kurtz

Under the consent agenda the Board recalled Katrina Kurtz as a Preschool Teacher for the 2012-2013 school year beginning at Lane 1, Step 3.

b.) Resignation

√1.) Takreed AbuRabah

Under the consent agenda the Board accepted the resignation of Takreed AbuRabah.

√2.) Amy Rupsch

Under the consent agenda the Board accepted the resignation of Amy Rupsch.

√3.) Krista Demma

Under the consent agenda the Board accepted the resignation of Krista Demma.

√4.) Kenneth Hommowun

Under the consent agenda the Board accepted the resignation of Kenneth Hommowun.

c.) Leave of Absence

√1.) Alison Gunner

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the leave of absence for Alison Gunner for the 2012-2013 school year as per Article XIV, Section 2 of the *Agreement between the Board of Education and the Ridgeland Council of Local 943*.

d.) Employment

√1.) Lauren Lucio

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the employment of Lauren Lucio as a Fourth Grade Teacher at Columbus Manor School for the 2012-2013 school year beginning at Lane 1, Step 1 pending a background check.

9.) Notices and Communications

Member Wendt returned at 7:27 p.m.

- a.) Advancing Education Reform in Illinois – District Administration and several staff members have been working diligently this summer on completing the required coursework necessary to become qualified to evaluate teachers. They must complete the test by September 1st.
- b.) Common Core Assessment –A growth model test will be given to students two times a year. Currently, the test is given to students in third grade and up. It is possible that the State may make a change that requires second graders to take the assessment as well.
- c.) Summer School Newsletter – Informational item for the Board.

- d.) Preschool for All Grant – The State has approved the budget for the Preschool for All Program for the 2012-2013 school year. The amount is a slight decrease from the 2011-2012 school year. This year the District has \$551,000 to spend. The decrease will result in the elimination of the buses for the program.

10.) Unfinished Business ▶

- √a.) Press PLUS Updates for Adoption

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the second reading for adoption of the following policies as updated and amended: Policy 3:40, Superintendent (General School Administration); Policy 4:60, Purchases and Contracts (Operational Services); Policy 4:120, Food Services (Operational Services), Policy 4:180, Pandemic Preparedness (Operational Services); Policy 5:70, Religious Holidays (General Personnel) and policy 5:130, Responsibilities Concerning Internal Information (General Personnel).

11.) New Business ▶ d.)

Staffing Projections for 12-13 School Year - Assistant Superintendent Eric Trimberger prepared a Cohort Survival Method which projects enrollment for the next year based on averages from the previous five years. It projected more teachers by grade and by building may be needed. Eric Trimberger suggests we hire part time teachers and if enrollment increases they can be moved to full time. All board members present were in agreement to proceed with the hiring of six (6) part time teachers.

13.) Comments from Board Members

The Board congratulated Julie Shellberg on her new position as Interim Superintendent.

President Sodaro is looking forward to the 2012-2013 school year.

Member Wendt thanked Eric Trimberger for preparing the projections spreadsheet.

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

N/A

15.) Possible Action After Closed Session

N/A

16.) Future Business

- 8/7 Open Registration
- 8/8 Open Registration
- 8/9 Open Registration
- 8/9 Policy and Finance Committee Meetings
- 8/14 New Teacher Orientation
- 8/16 Board of Education Meeting – District Office 7p.m.
- 8/20 Teacher Institute Day
- 8/21 Students' First Day – Half Day
- 8/22 Students' First Full Day

17.) Adjournment

It was moved by Member Werner and seconded by Member Wendt that the meeting be adjourned. There being no objection to the motion, all members present voted "AYE". The motion carried 6-0-0-1. 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