

**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**

February 16, 2012

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 Sodaro, Vice President Landingham, Secretary Werner, Member Niceforo, Member Sawicki, Member Wendt

Absent: Member Pulver

Also Present: Tom Smyth, Superintendent

Julie Shellberg, Assistant Superintendent

Eric Trimberger, Assistant Superintendent

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

Jacqueline Chavez, 9631 S. Massasoit, addressed the Board regarding the 1st grade classroom size at Columbus Manor Elementary School. She is asking that the District find a way to lower the class size by opening up another classroom. She fears the District is looking at a possible path for grade level centers.

Tevelle Gudino, 9714 S. Marion, also commented on the 1st grade classroom size at Columbus Manor Elementary School. There are currently 38 students in the classroom that go in and out of the classroom all day long for different types of services and subjects. This doesn't allow consistency in the classroom. She realizes that both, the teacher and principal, have done everything to the best of their ability. She and other parents are willing to work together with the Board to help find a solution.

Janet Dukic, 9212 S. McVicker, presented "A Day to Market America", a program that she runs to help America build more jobs. She asks that the Board and Administration take a closer look at the items (i.e. pencils, note pads, etc.) they purchase and to make sure they are American made. She also offered to gather pricing for staple items that the District may purchase in the future.

Vianey Bello, 9801 Meade Avenue, asked the Board to consider hiring an additional teacher for the 1st grade classroom. They fear that this will happen again when the students reach 2nd grade if nothing is done now.

5.) Approval of Consent Agenda (✓)

It was moved by Secretary Werner and seconded by member Niceforo that the Board approve the following items as specified in the individual items: ✓6a.) Closed Session Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2012; ✓6b.) Regular Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2012; ✓7a.) Current Bills; ✓7b.) Township Treasurer Report; ✓8a1.) Employment – Ashley Berg; ✓8b1.) Retirement – Marie Chavosky; ✓8b2.) Retirement – Charlotte Cwiklinski; ✓8b3.) Retirement – Elizabeth Proctor; ✓8b4.) Retirement – William Burton; ✓8b5.) Retirement – Nina Ferreri; ✓8b6.) Retirement –

Jacqueline Wielgos; ✓8c2.) Leave of Absence – Allison Matuszak; ✓8d1.) Resignation – Rudy Puente; ✓10a.) ~~2012-2013 School Calendar~~; ✓10b.) ~~Graduation Date for Simmons~~; ✓10c.) Disposal of Surplus Property; ✓10d.) Edline Web Hosting Contract and ✓10e.) ~~ARCON Proposal~~.

Member Wendt removed items 10a.) 2012-2013 School Calendar and 10b.) Graduation Date for Simmons.

Member Sawicki removed item 10e.) ARCON Proposal.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Werner, Niceforo, Sawicki, Wendt, Landingham, Sodaro

NAY: None

Absent: Pulver

The motion carried 6-0-0-1.

6.) Approval of Minutes ►

✓a.) Closed Session Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2012

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the Closed Session Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2012.

✓b.) Regular Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2012

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2012.

7.) Financial Report and Bills ►

✓a.) Current Bills

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

\$	602,722.27	in the Education Fund
\$	34,619.41	in the Building Fund
\$	97,791.10	in the Transportation Fund
\$	451,308.11	in Gross Payrolls
\$	3,548.00	in Tort
\$	99,047.50	in Site & Improvement

✓b.) Township Treasurer Report

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the Township Treasurer Report for the Month of January be accepted as prepared.

c.) The District 122 Summary Sheet for January 2012 – Informational item for the Board.

d.) Building RPA Summaries – Informational item for the Board.

8.) Personnel ►

a.) Employment

√1.) Ashley Berg

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the employment of Ashley Berg as a Preschool Instructional Assistant at Columbus Manor Elementary School for the 2011-2012 school year at a rate of \$11.50 per hour pending a background check.

b.) Retirement

√1.) Marie Chavosky

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the retirement of Marie Chavosky effective at the end of the 2015-2016 school year as per Article XIX, Section 1, Plan 2 of the *Agreement between the Board of Education and the Ridgeland Council of Local 943*.

√2.) Charlotte Cwiklinski

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the retirement of Charlotte Cwiklinski effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year as per Article XIX, Section 1, Plan 2 of the *Agreement between the Board of Education and the Ridgeland Council of Local 943*.

√3.) Elizabeth Proctor

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the retirement of Elizabeth Proctor effective at the end of the 2015-2016 school year as per Article XIX, Section 1, Plan 2 of the *Agreement between the Board of Education and the Ridgeland Council of Local 943*.

√4.) William Burton

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the retirement of William Burton effective at the end of the 2015-2016 school year as per Article XIX, Section 1, Plan 2 of the *Agreement between the Board of Education and the Ridgeland Council of Local 943*.

√5.) Nina Ferreri

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the retirement of Nina Ferreri effective at the end of the 2015-2016 school year as per Article XIX, Section 1, Plan 2 of the *Agreement between the Board of Education and the Ridgeland Council of Local 943*.

√6.) Jacqueline Wielgos

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the retirement of Jacqueline Wielgos effective at the end of the 2011-2012 school year as per Article XIX, Section 2 of the *Agreement between the Board of Education and the Ridgeland Council of Local 943*.

c.) Leave of Absence

1.) Marjorie Olson

Item was moved to closed session. Upon returning, it was moved by Member Wendt and seconded by Member Niceforo that the Board approve a one year extension to the leave of absence for Marjorie Olson for the 2012-2013 school year per Article XIV, Section 4 of the *Agreement between the Board of Education and the Ridgeland Council of Local 943*.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Wendt, Niceforo, Sawicki, Landingham, Sodaro, Werner

NAY: None

Absent: Pulver

The motion carried 6-0-0-1.

√2.) Allison Matuszak

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the leave of absence for Allison Matuszak beginning on May 3, 2012 as per Article XIII, Section 1A of the *Agreement between the Board of Education and the Ridgeland Council of Local 943*.

d.) Resignation

√1.) Rudy Puente

Under the consent agenda the Board accepted the resignation of Rudy Puente effective at the end of the 2011-2012 school year.

9.) Notices and Communications

- a.) Administrative Team Meeting Minutes – Informational item for the Board.
- b.) Lieb D.A.R.E. Program – Due to cuts in Bridgeview, the Oak Lawn Police Department has stepped up to offer the D.A.R.E. Program for Lieb students this year.
- c.) House Bill 4602 – Informational item for the Board.
- d.) Faculty Leader Minutes – Informational item for the Board.
- e.) Kolb and Lieb Elementary School – 2011 Illinois Honor Roll – Informational item for the Board.
- f.) Union Negotiations – Informational item for the Board.
- g.) Classrooms First Commission – Informational item for the Board.
- h.) Advocate Hope Children's Hospital Donation – Simmons students raised \$200 by selling sport team ribbons for the Advocate Hope Children's Hospital. Money will go towards their child life therapy program.

- i.) IASB Constitution & Position Statements – Informational item for the Board.
- j.) Thank You Note – Informational item for the Board.
- k.) CM Parent Meeting – Informational item for the Board.

10.) New Business ►

a.) 2012-2013 School Calendar

Item was removed from the consent agenda. It was moved by Member Niceforo and seconded by President Sodaro that the Board approve the FY13 school calendar with trimesters that includes the winter holiday beginning at the end of the day on December 21, 2012 with students and staff returning on January 7, 2013 and the spring break beginning at the end of the day on March 22, 2013 with students and staff returning on April 2, 2013. There being no objection to the motion, all members present voted “AYE”. The motion carried 6-0-0-1.

b.) Graduation Date for Simmons

Item was removed from the consent agenda. It was moved by President Sodaro and seconded by Secretary Werner that the Board approve May 23, 2012 as the date for 8th grade graduation. There being no objection to the motion, all members present voted “AYE”. The motion carried 6-0-0-1.

√c.) Disposal of Surplus Property

Under the consent agenda the Board authorized the disposal of a Konica Minolta bizhub 7255 copier.

√d.) Edline Web Hosting Contract

Under the consent agenda the Board awarded a one year contract to Edline for web hosting services beginning July 1, 2012.

e.) ARCON Proposal

Item was removed from the consent agenda. It was moved by President Sodaro and seconded by Secretary Werner that the Board approve the proposal from ARCON Architects in the amount of \$13,100.00 to perform masonry inspection work at Harnew Elementary School.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Sodaro, Werner, Landingham, Wendt, Sawicki, Niceforo

NAY: None

Absent: Pulver

The motion carried 6-0-0-1.

11.) Comments from Visitors on New Business

No visitors requested to address the Board.

12.) Comments from Board Members

The Board of Education thanked the Columbus Manor parents for taking the time to come out to the meeting tonight to speak about the class sizes at Columbus Manor. It is always great to see the community and parent support for the District.

Member Niceforo thanked the Oak Lawn Police Department and Office Pacetti for running the DARE program for the students at Lieb. Lieb would've missed out this year due to cuts at the Bridgeview Police Department.

Member Sawicki congratulated Lieb and Kolb Elementary School on their state recognition as an Illinois Spotlight School.

Vice President Landingham addressed those in the audience regarding the 1st grade class size at Columbus Manor. He gave the parents a guarantee that administration is working hard at finding a solution to the problem. He mentioned that we need to start holding the state accountable for our funding problems and we need to find a way to get the word out to our representatives.

Secretary Werner reminded everyone that Simmons will be holding their Family Literacy Night on Thursday, March 1st. Parents and students are encouraged to read the book "The Hunger Games" by Suzanne Collins.

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

It was moved by Secretary Werner and seconded by Member Wendt that the Board enter into Closed Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or 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 and collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. There being no objection to the motion, all members present voted "AYE". The motion carried 6-0-0-1. The Board entered into Closed Session at 8:52 p.m.

It was moved by Secretary Werner and seconded by President Sodaro that the Board return to Open Session. There being no objection to the motion, all members present voted "AYE". The motion carried 6-0-0-1. The Board returned to Open Session at 10:20 p.m.

14.) Possible Action after Closed Session

N/A

15.) Future Business

- 2/20 Presidents Day – No School
- 2/24 End of 2nd Trimester
- 2/27 Beginning of 3rd Trimester
- 2/27 Early Kindergarten Registration through 3/2
- 3/5 ISAT Testing through 3/16
- 3/15 Board of Education Meeting – 7 p.m. at Kolb
- 3/16 Full Day of School – Spring Break Begins

16.) Adjournment

It was moved by Member Wendt and seconded by President Sodaro 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 10:32 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