

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

January 19, 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 Pulver, Member Sawicki, Member Wendt

Absent: None

Also Present: Tom Smyth, Superintendent
Julie Shellberg, Assistant Superintendent
Eric Trimberger, Assistant Superintendent

4.) Academic Spotlight

Mrs. Cherco and her physical education students presented their bowling unit. Students used the Promethean Board to demonstrate how to keep score. While other students showed how they tied the bowling unit in with their math class by creating a bar graph and calculating the mode, median, and range. Students then took the time to set up pins and showed the Board and audience how they bowled and counted the pins.

In addition, the Columbus Manor PTA presented a check for \$5,000.00 to the Board of Education for the playground equipment. The PTA thanked the Board for their patience while they held fundraisers to raise the money.

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

No visitors requested to address the Board.

6.) Approval of Consent Agenda (✓)

It was moved by Member Pulver and seconded by Member Sawicki that the Board approve the following items as specified in the individual items: ✓7a.) Regular Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2011; ✓7b.) Special Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2011; ✓7c.) Closed Session Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2011; ✓7d.) Regular Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2011; ✓8a.) Current Bills; ✓8b.) Township Treasurer Report; ✓9a1.) Employment – Jeremy Holzer; ✓9b1.) Resignation – Chris Marsik; ✓9c1.) Leave of Absence – Kathryn Lappin; ✓9c2.) Leave of Absence – Rana Abdelrasoul; ✓9c3.) Leave of Absence – Charles Mooney; ✓9d1.) Retirement – Wanda Melling; ✓9d2.) Retirement – Lilly Baldwin; ✓9d3.) Retirement – Gail James-Cherco; ✓9e1.) Dismissal of Probationary Personnel – Meghan Corbett; ✓9e2.) Dismissal of Probationary Personnel – Angelica Ziemian and ✓11a.) Press PLUS Updates for Adoption.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

NAY: None

Absent: None

The motion carried 7-0-0-0*.

* Member Wendt and Member Niceforo abstained from the following items: √7b.) Special Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2011 and √7c.) Closed Session Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2011.

* Member Sawicki abstained from item √7a.) Regular Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2011.

Items √9d2.) Retirement – Lilly Baldwin and √9d3.) Retirement – Gail James-Cherco were removed from the consent agenda.

7.) Approval of Minutes ►

√a.) Regular Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2011

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 20, 2011.

√b.) Special Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2011

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the Special Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2011.

√c.) Closed Session Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2011

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the Closed Session Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2011.

√d.) Regular Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2011

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2011.

8.) Financial Report and Bills ►

√a.) Current Bills

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

\$	719,266.18	in the Education Fund
\$	40,187.00	in the Building Fund
\$	95,275.02	in the Transportation Fund
\$	1,370,748.62	in Gross Payrolls

\$ 23,928.00 in Site Improvement
 \$ 112,804.00 in Tort
 \$ 3,045.46 in Debt Services

√b.) Township Treasurer Report

Under the consent agenda the Board accepted the Township Treasurer Report for the Month of December as prepared.

c.) The District 122 Summary Sheet for December 2011 – Informational item for the Board.

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

9.) Personnel ►

a.) Employment

√1.) Jeremy Holzer

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the employment of Jeremy Holzer as an Instructional Assistant at Simmons Middle School for the 2011-2012 school year at a hourly rate of \$11.50 pending a background check.

b.) Resignation

√1.) Chris Marsik

Under the consent agenda the Board accepted the resignation of Chris Marsik, effective immediately.

c.) Leave of Absence

√1.) Kathryn Lappin

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the leave of absence for Kathryn Lappin beginning on January 17, 2012 as per Article XIV, Section 8 of the *Agreement between the Board of Education and the Ridgeland Council of Local 943*.

√2.) Rana Abdelrasoul

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the leave of absence for Rana Abdelrasoul beginning on February 27, 2012 as per Article XIII, Section 1 of the *Agreement between the Board of Education and the Ridgeland Council of Local 943*.

√3.) Charles Mooney

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the leave of absence for Charles Mooney beginning on December 22, 2011 as per Article XIV, Section 8 of the *Agreement*

between the Board of Education and the Ridgeland Council of Local 943.

d.) Retirement

√1.) Wanda Melling

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the retirement of Wanda Melling 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.) Lilly Baldwin

Item was removed from the consent agenda. Upon returning, it was moved by Member Pulver and seconded by Member Sodaro that the Board approve the retirement of Lilly Baldwin 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.*

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

NAY: None

Absent: None

The motion carried 7-0-0-0.

3.) Gail James-Cherco

Item was removed from the consent agenda. Upon returning, it was moved by Member Pulver and seconded by Member Sodaro that the Board approve the retirement of Gail James-Cherco 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.*

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

NAY: None

Absent: None

The motion carried 7-0-0-0.

e.) Dismissal of Probationary Personnel

√1.) Meghan Corbett

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the dismissal of Meghan Corbett, Hearing Impaired Program 1:1 Translator at the Eisenhower Cooperative effective

January 9, 2012.

√2.) Angelica Ziemian

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the dismissal of Angelica Ziemian, Preschool Instructional Assistant at Columbus Manor Elementary School effective January 11, 2012.

10.) Notices and Communications

- a.) Administrative Team Meeting Minutes – Informational item for the Board
- b.) Faculty Leader Minutes – Informational item for the Board
- c.) Focus Monitoring Parent Forum – January 31, 2012 – Informational item for the Board.
- d.) South Cook Legislative Update Breakfast – February 4, 2012 – Board Members interested in attending should RSVP to Superintendent Smyth
- e.) Franczek Radelet 18th Annual School Law Conference on January 28, 2012 – Several Board Members and Administrators have registered to attend this event. All others interested should contact Superintendent Smyth.
- f.) Thank You Letter – Informational item for the Board
- g.) Board and Administrator Publication – Informational item for the Board
- h.) Senate Bill 7 – Teacher and Principal Evaluations – Informational item for the Board

11.) Unfinished Business ►

√a.) Press PLUS Updates for Adoption

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the first reading of the following policies as updated and amended: Policy 5:200, Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal (Professional Personnel); Policy 6:60, Curriculum Content (Instruction); Policy 7:305, Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries (Students) and Policy 6:150, Home and Hospital Instruction (Instruction).

12.) New Business ►

a.) Resolution 12-008, Resolution Providing for the Issue of not to Exceed \$35,150,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2012A

Secretary Werner read the resolution aloud.

It moved by Member Pulver and seconded by Member Niceforo that the Board adopt Resolution 12-008, providing for the issue of not to exceed \$35,150,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2012A, for refunding purposes.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

NAY: None

Absent: None

The motion carried 7-0-0-0.

b.) Resolution 12-009, Resolution Providing for the Issue of not to Exceed \$35,150,000 General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2012B

Secretary Werner read the resolution aloud.

It was moved by Member Pulver and seconded by Member Niceforo that the Board adopt Resolution 12-009, providing for the issue of not to exceed \$35,150,000 General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2012B, for refunding purposes.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

NAY: None

Absent: None

The motion carried 7-0-0-0.

c.) Resolution 12-010, Authorizing and Directing the Execution of an Escrow Agreement in Connection with the Issue of General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2012

Secretary Werner read the resolution aloud.

It was moved by Member Pulver and seconded by Member Sawicki that the Board adopt Resolution 12-010, authorizing and directing the execution of an Escrow Agreement in connection with the issue of General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2012.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

NAY: None

Absent: None

The motion carried 7-0-0-0.

13.) Comments from Visitors on New Business

No visitors requested to address the Board.

14.) Comments from Board Members

The Board thanked Mrs. Cherco and her class for the great academic spotlight on bowling. They also thanked the PTA for their continued hard work and for the \$5,000 they raised for the playground equipment.

Member Niceforo thanked the Board of Education and staff for their kind words and prayers for his family after the passing of his father-in-law.

Member Werner thanked the Simmons Drama Club for the DVD's the Board received from their recent play. She also recognized former teacher, Joan Lilek, who recently passed away.

Members Wendt and Werner discussed the possible bussing of Kolb students over to Columbus Manor for the 2012-2013 school year. They ask that the administration look at other solutions to the class size problem. Families move into this District for a reason, the neighborhood schools.

Assistant Superintendent Shellberg informed the Board of an upcoming screening that is held through AERO. The screening assists parents in finding services for those children that are in need and are under 3 years of age.

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

It was moved by Secretary Werner and seconded by Member Pulver 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, all members present voted "AYE". The motion carried 7-0-0-0. The Board entered into closed session at 8:00 p.m.

It was moved by President Sodaro and seconded by Member Pulver that the Board return to Open Session. There being no objection to the motion, all members present voted "AYE". The motion carried 7-0-0-0. The Board returned to open session at 8:40 p.m.

16.) Possible Action after Closed Session

N/A

17.) Future Business

- 1/20 Progress Reports Distributed
- 1/31 Focus Monitoring Parent Form – 6:30 p.m. at Harnew
- 2/9 Policy and Finance Committee Meetings
- 2/16 Board of Education Meeting – 7 p.m. at District Office
- 2/20 No School – Presidents Day
- 2/24 End of 2nd Trimester

18.) Adjournment

It was moved by Secretary Werner 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 7-0-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:44 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