

**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**

December 15, 2011

- 1.) The meeting was called to order by the Vice President at 7:04 p.m.**
- 2.) The Pledge of Allegiance was said and the Mission Statement was read.**

3.) Roll Call

Present: Vice President Landingham, Secretary Werner, Member Sawicki, Member Pulver

Absent: President Sodaro, Member Niceforo, Member Wendt

Also Present: Tom Smyth, Superintendent

Julie Shellberg, Assistant Superintendent

Eric Trimberger, Assistant Superintendent

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

No visitors requested to address the Board.

5.) 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.) Current Bills; √7b.) Township Treasurer Report; √8a1.) Leave of Absence – Helen Brooks; √8a2.) Leave of Absence – Roba Sulaiman; √8b1.) Retirement – Diane Falkenthal; √8c1.) Resignation – Terese Fogarty; √10a.) Press PLUS Updates for Adoption; √11a.) Press PLUS Updates for First Reading; √11b.) \$400 Donation to Lieb Elementary School and √11c.) Approval to Prepare the Tentative 2012-2013 Budget.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Sawicki, Pulver, Landingham, Werner

NAY: None

Absent: Sodaro, Niceforo, Wendt

The motion carried 4-0-0-3.

Vice President Landingham removed the following items from the consent agenda: √6a.) Closed Session Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2011 and √6b.) Regular Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2011.

6.) Approval of Minutes ►

√a.) Closed Session Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2011

Item was tabled till the January Board of Education meeting.

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

Item was tabled till the January Board of Education meeting.

7.) Financial Report and Bills ►

√a.) Current Bills

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

\$ 1,014,733.63	in the Education Fund
\$ 42,447.33	in the Building Fund
\$ 110,525.74	in the Transportation Fund
\$ 905,442.05	in Gross Payrolls
\$ 771.00	in Debt Services

√b.) Township Treasurer Report

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

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

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

8.) Personnel ►

a.) Leave of Absence

√1.) Helen Brooks

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the leave of absence for Helen Brooks beginning on January 30, 2012 as per Article XIV, Section 5 of the *Agreement between the Board of Education and Ridgeland Council of Local 943*.

√2.) Roba Sulaiman

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

b.) Retirement

√1.) Diane Falkenthal

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the retirement of Diane Falkenthal 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*.

c.) Resignation

√1.) Terese Fogarty

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the resignation of Terese Fogarty effective immediately.

9.) Notices and Communications

- a.) Administrative Team Meeting Minutes – Informational item for the Board.
- b.) Lieb School Resource Officer – The Village of Bridgeview recently cut the Lieb School Resource Officer position for the 2011-2012 school year, due to a staffing shortage.
- c.) The Effective School Board Member – Informational item for the Board.
- d.) 2011 D2 – Bond Results – Informational item for the Board.
- e.) Lens Crafters – Lens Crafters recently provided 20 students with free exams and new glasses. This is a program Lens Crafters provides yearly for the District through the school nurses.
- f.) Focus Monitoring – The District will go through a Focus Monitoring by the Illinois State Board of Education from January 31st thru February 3rd. ISBE will hold a parent meeting, interview teachers, and review student files during the process. They are looking at the percentage of time special education students spend in the general education environment.
- g.) Franczek School Law Conference – Board members should RSVP to Tom Smyth, if they would like to attend the Franczek School Law Conference on Saturday, January 28th.

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 2:250, Access to District Public Records (Board of Education); Policy 3:60, Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal (General School Administration); Policy 4:80, Accounting and Audits (Operational Services); Policy 5:90, Abused and Neglected Child Reporting (General Personnel) and Policy 5:100, Staff Development Program and A.E.R.O. Training Activities (General Personnel).

11.) New Business ►

√a.) Press PLUS Updates for First Reading

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).

√b.) \$400.00 Donation to Lieb Elementary School

Under the consent agenda the Board accept the donation of \$400.00 from the Kackert Family to Lieb

Elementary School.

√c.) Approval to Prepare the Tentative 2012-2013 Budget

Under the consent agenda the Board granted authority to Administration to prepare the tentative budget for the 2012-2013 school year.

d.) Resolution 12-006, Approving the 2011 Tax Levy

It was moved by Vice President Landingham and seconded by Member Sawicki that the Board adopt Resolution 12-006, Approving the 2011 Tax Levy.

Secretary Werner read the resolution aloud.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Landingham, Sawicki, Pulver, Werner

NAY: None

Absent: Sodaro, Niceforo, Wendt

The motion carried 4-0-0-3.

e.) Resolution 12-007, Allocating Tax Levy to Individual Funds of the District

It was moved by Member Pulver and seconded by Secretary Werner that the Board adopt Resolution 12-007, Allocating Tax Levy to Individual Funds of the District.

Secretary Werner read the resolution aloud.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Pulver, Werner, Sawicki, Landingham

NAY: None

Absent: Sodaro, Niceforo, Wendt

The motion carried 4-0-0-3.

12.) Comments from Visitors on New Business

No visitors requested to address the Board.

13.) Comments from Board Members

Secretary Werner recently attended the Simmons Drama Club production of Wizard of Oz. She stated that the students and staff did an excellent job. She also had a chance to attend the Lieb Winter Fest and the Harnew Band Concert. She said both events were a great success.

14.) 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, the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students 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 4-0-0-3. The Board entered into Closed Session at 7:28 p.m.

It was moved by Secretary Werner and seconded by Vice President Landingham that the Board return to Open Session. There being no objection to the motion, all members present voted "AYE". The motion carried 4-0-0-3. The Board returned to Open Session at 8:29 p.m.

15.) Possible Action after Closed Session

N/A

16.) Future Business

- 12/21 Full Day of School – Winter Break Begins
- 1/9 School Resumes – Student Half Day – In-service
- 1/12 Policy and Finance Committee Meetings
- 1/16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday – No School
- 1/19 Board of Education Meeting – Columbus Manor at 7 p.m.
- 1/20 Progress Reports Distributed

17.) Adjournment

It was moved by Secretary Werner and seconded by Vice President Landingham that the meeting be adjourned. There being no objection to the motion, all members present voted "AYE". The motion carried 4-0-0-3. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 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