

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Ridgeland School District 122, Cook County, Illinois
Held at Simmons Middle School, Library
6450 West 95th Street, Oak Lawn, IL 60453**

May 17, 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, Secretary Werner, Vice President Landingham (arrived at 7:25 p.m.), Member Pulver, Member Sawicki, Member Wendt, Member Niceforo

Absent: None

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

4.) Academic Spotlight

Simmons Principal, Tracy Flood, introduced several students who have received awards and/or honors during the 2011-2012 school year. The following students were spotlighted: Brianne Finger and Jorge Ramirez for the Illinois Principals' Association Student Recognition; Julia Kasparzak for the Carson's Scholarship; Sandra Gonzalez and Eilish Cummane for Kiwanis; Ariana Hernandez for her Stop the Violence Essay and Stephanie McFann for her Declamation SWIC Medal. Terra Price, Simmons Declamation Coach, also commented that the Simmons Declamation team took 4th place this season. Congratulations to all!

Simmons also highlighted the Promethean Boards through a video created by Mike Abramczyk, Simmons Instructional Technology Teacher. Teachers and students were interviewed and asked what they loved about their Promethean Board. It was apparent that both, the students and staff, enjoy using their boards.

Brownie Troop #60617 thanked the Board for their policy on healthy snacks. In return, Superintendent Smyth presented the troop with their community patch they earned for attending the meeting.

The Girls Scouts also took a minute to thank Anthony Gill, Harnew Principal, for his ongoing support of the Girls Scouts program.

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

No visitors requested to address the Board.

Member Landingham arrived at 7:25 p.m.

6.) Approval of Consent Agenda (√)

It was moved by Secretary Werner and seconded by Member Pulver that the Board approve the following items as specified in the individual items: √7a.) Closed Session Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2012; √7b.) Regular Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2012; √8a.) Current Bills; √8b.) Township

Treasurer Report; √9a1.) Leave of Absence – Linda Douville; √9a2.) Leave of Absence – Susan Bell; √9a3.) Leave of Absence – Erica Philbin; √9a4.) Leave of Absence – Julie Kunik; √11a.) Press PLUS Updates for First Reading; √12b.) Simmons 2012 Summer Sports Camps; √12c.) A.E.R.O. Classroom Use Agreement; √12d.) Simmons Student Handbook and √12e.) Renaming of Kolb School Playground.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

NAY: None

Absent: None

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

* Member Wendt abstained from items √7a.) Closed Session Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2012 and √7b.) Regular Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2012.

7.) Approval of Minutes ►

√a.) Closed Session Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2012

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

√b.) Regular Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2012

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

8.) Financial Reports and Bills ►

√a.) Current Bills

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

\$	622,167.81	in the Education Fund
\$	49,154.49	in the Building Fund
\$	3,045.46	in Debt Services
\$	112,356.35	in the Transportation Fund
\$	890,242.81	in Gross Payrolls

√b.) Township Treasurer Report

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the Township Treasurer Report for the Month of April as prepared.

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

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

9.) Personnel ►

a.) Leave of Absence

√1.) Linda Douville

Under the consent agenda the Board approved a leave of absence for Linda Douville from March 8, 2012 to March 16, 2012 and again beginning on April 23, 2012 as per Article XIII, Section 1 and Article XIV, Section 8 of the *Agreement between the Board of Education and the Ridgeland Council of Local 943*.

√2.) Susan Bell

Under the consent agenda the Board approved a leave of absence for Susan Bell beginning on April 11, 2012 as per Article XII, Section I and Article XIV, Section 8 of the *Agreement between the Board of Education and the Ridgeland Council of Local 943*.

√3.) Erica Philbin

Under the consent agenda the Board approved an intermittent leave of absence for Erica Philbin as per Article XIV, Section 8 of the *Agreement between the Board of Education and the Ridgeland Council of Local 943*.

√4.) Julie Kunik

Under the consent agenda the Board approved a family medical leave for Julie Kunik beginning on July 18, 2012.

10.) Notices and Communications

- a.) Individuals with Disabilities Education Act – The District received a 4.0/4.0 and have met the requirements of the Individual with Disabilities Education Act.
- b.) Faculty Leader Meeting Minutes – Informational item for the Board.
- c.) Administrative Team Meeting Minutes – Informational item for the Board.

11.) Unfinished Business ►

√a.) Press PLUS Updates for Adoption

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the second reading for adoption of the following policies: Policy 4:110, Transportation (Operational Services); Policy 4:170, Safety (Operational Services); Policy 5:125, Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct (General Personnel); Policy 5:190, Substitute Teachers (Professional Personnel); Policy 5:285, Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus and Commercial Vehicle Drivers (Educational Support Personnel); Policy 6:50, School Wellness (Instruction) and Policy 6:110, Programs for Students at Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School (Instruction).

12.) 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 5:185, Family and Medical Leave (General Personnel); Policy 6:185, Remote

Educational Program (Instruction); Policy 6:280, Grading and Promotion (Instruction); Policy 7:100, Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusions of Students (Students); Policy 7:190, Student Discipline (Students) and Policy 7:270, Administering Medicines to Students (Students).

√b.) Simmons 2012 Summer Sports Camp

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the Simmons 2012 Summer Sports Camp Program.

√c.) A.E.R.O. Classroom Use Agreement

Under the consent agenda the Board accepted the classroom use agreement between A.E.R.O. Special Education Cooperative and Ridgeland School District 122 for the 2012-2013 school year.

√d.) Simmons Student Handbook

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the Simmons Middle School Student/ Parent Handbook for the 2012-2013 school year.

√e.) Renaming of Kolb School Playground

Under the consent agenda the Board approved the renaming of the Kolb School Playground to the Megan Hurckes Park.

13.) Comments from Visitors on New Business

No visitors requested to address the Board.

14.) Comments from Board Members

All members thanked those who came out and attended the meeting and participated in the Academic Spotlight. They also congratulated those students who received awards. Members also thanked Mrs. Tracy Flood, Simmons Principal, for bringing some of those awards to the District and for taking the time to recognize the students who received them.

Member Niceforo recently attended a SCOPE which provided an update on school consolidation. Lt. Sheila Simon was unable to attend but send someone in her place. Those interested can find updates on her website at <https://www2.illinois.gov/litgov/pages/improvingeducation.aspx>.

President Sodaro reminded the Board about the Simmons 8th Grade Graduation on Wednesday, May 23rd. He also apologized for the confusion regarding the implementation of the Promethean Boards. He feels that administration should move forward as originally planned.

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

It was moved by Secretary Werner and seconded by Member Niceforo 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 7-0-0-0. The Board entered into Closed Session at 7:44 p.m.

It was moved by Member Wendt 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 7-0-0-0. The Board returned to Open Session at 9:12 p.m.

16.) Possible Action After Closed Session

N/A

17.) Future Business

- 5/18 No Student Attendance: Teacher Institute Day
- 5/23 Simmons Graduation – 7pm at OLCHS
- 5/28 Legal Holiday - No School – Memorial Day
- 5/31 End of 3rd Trimester/ Report Cards Distributed
Student Last Day – 1 Hour

18.) Adjournment

It was moved by President Sodaro and seconded by Secretary Werner 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 9:15 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