

CHICAGO RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
DISTRICT 127 ½ -AUGUST 9, 2011
REGULAR MEETING
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

PRESENT: E. Moody, C. Koschetz, B. Guerin, P. Grow, C. Koschetz, N. Salzer (entered meeting at 6:58 P.M.), B. Gushes

ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: J. Kleinaitis, S. Liston

GUESTS: Dr. Sue Ireland

Mr. Moody called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#1 MOTION TO
APPROVE
CONSENT
AGENDA

Mr. Moody asked if there were any corrections or questions regarding the items contained in the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Bialczak, recording secretary, stated the District's Treasurer's report and the Activity Statement for the month of July were being tabled until the September 13, 2011 meeting to allow time for completion. Mr. Guerin proceeded to present the Township Treasurer's Report for June, 2011. Mr. Guerin moved and Mr. Moody seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda that contained the following items:

- Minutes of the June 6, 2011 Meeting – Open Session (corrected)
- Minutes of the July 12th, 2011 Meeting – Open Session
- Minutes of the July 12th, 2011 Meeting – Closed Session
- Monthly Imprest Fund Statement for July, 2011
- Fund Balance Summary
- Eisenhower Cooperative Payroll and Bills
- SCOPE membership fees of \$1,467.00

Upon roll call: Mr. Gushes-YES, Mr. Guerin-YES, Mrs. Gaylord-YES, Ms. Koschetz-YES, Mrs. Grow-YES, Mr. Moody-YES. Motion carried.

Mr. Moody then stated he would like to move the Eisenhower Budget discussion as the next item on the agenda and asked Dr. Sue Ireland to come forward and present the FY12 budget for the Eisenhower Cooperative.

Dr. Ireland stated she was presenting a balanced budget, with an overall increase of a little under 2%. She attributed the minor increase to a smaller payroll resulting from larger-salaried staff either retiring or no longer employed with the Co-Op, as well as introducing some more efficient methods of allocating resources that allow better use of

current staff without needing to bring in additional personnel. She further stated that there were no outstanding positions that needed to be filled.

Mrs. Grow inquired if there was a higher enrollment for this year than the past. Dr. Ireland stated that Development Learning Program has seen an increase this year, up to 165 children. She stated that more children are being diagnosed with autism, a condition that was not as commonly screened in years past as it is now. She further mentioned that Behavioral Disorders are up, and that those students receiving occupational therapy and physical therapy have increased as well.

Mr. Moody inquired if other Cooperatives were seeing such a large increase in autistic children as Eisenhower was, or if there was something unique about the Eisenhower program.

Dr. Ireland replied that the Eisenhower Cooperative was picked by the State to participate in a two-year training program to treat children with autism, and for that reason, the Cooperative is recognized as one of the leading institutions in the State for children with this condition. Many parents with autistic children are looking to relocate to schools serviced by the Eisenhower Cooperative to have the ability to enroll their children in this program.

Asking if the Board had any other questions to pose to Dr. Ireland, Mr. Moody opened the hearing for the Eisenhower Budget at 6:44 P.M. There being no person to come forward, Mr. Moody closed the hearing at 6:45 P.M.

#2 MOTION TO
ADOPT THE
EISENHOWER
COOPERATIVE
FY12 BUDGET

Mr. Moody then asked for a motion and a second to adopt the Eisenhower Cooperative FY12 Budget. Mrs. Grow moved and Ms. Koschetz seconded the motion to adopt the budget. Upon Roll Call: Ms. Koschetz-YES, Mr. Gushes-YES, Mr. Guerin-YES, Mrs. Grow-YES, Mrs. Gaylord-YES, Mr. Moody-YES. Motion carried.

Mr. Moody and the Board then thanked Dr. Ireland for her time and efforts that she and her staff provided to the children of the District and the entire Cooperative. Dr. Ireland then left the meeting.

Moving back onto the agenda, Mrs. Liston, Business Manager, then proceeded to provide the Board with information regarding construction and finance.

Loung's Corporation has been the construction company doing the summer projects, and Mrs. Liston gave a run-down on the progress of the work. Basically she stated that the gutter on the north side of Finley still needed to be replaced and that the gutter repair is being held up until a piece of soffit arrives for the project. It should be there any day, but the timing will run close to registration. Additionally, the vapor barrier in the old shower room did not get primer placed on it before the leveler went down, and as a result, the leveler had to be removed for the primer placement. Once this is done, the tile can go down. There is still some roofing that needs to be completed, but the project is on task.

Window replacement for the windows at Ridge Central is running on week ahead of schedule.

She then stated she was seeking Board Action for two payments to go to Loung's Corporation.

Payment #2, in the amount of \$139,646.07 has been approved by the District's architect, Kenneth Schultz, and work related to this payment has been completed. Payment #3, in the amount of \$107,384.64 has also been approved by the architect but he has recommended to hold the check until the waiver of lien and certification of payroll is completed. Once that is done, he felt the check could be released.

#3 MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT #2 TO LOUNG'S CORPORATION

Mrs. Gaylord moved and Mr. Gushes seconded the motion to approve Payment #2 in the amount of \$139,646.07 to Loung's Corporation. Upon Roll Call: Mr. Guerin-YES, Mrs. Grow-YES, Mrs. Gaylord-YES, Ms. Koschetz-YES, Mr. Gushes-YES, Mr. Moody-YES. Motion carried.

#4 MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT #3 TO LOUNG'S CORPORATION

Mrs. Grow moved and Mrs. Gaylord seconded the motion to approve Payment #3 to Loung's Corporation in the amount of \$107,384.64 but to hold the check until the waiver of lien and the certification of payroll has been completed and received by the architect. Upon Roll Call: Mrs. Grow-YES, Mr. Guerin-YES, Mr. Gushes- NO, Ms. Koschetz-YES, Mrs. Gaylord-YES, Mr. Moody-YES.

Mrs. Liston then asked for Board approval to approve and display the Tentative Budget . She stated she did not have all the ELL info yet, and that the District may require 2-3 new paraprofessionals. Also, some there may be some change in salaries and IMRF may change. She further pointed out that the budget will not appear in total balance due to the Site & Construction and Life Safety funds – however, the State looks at the Operating budget when looking at a balanced budget, and that our budget is balanced for those expenditures.

She further stated that the budget hearing will occur at the September Board Meeting and that the tentative budget will be on display for the next thirty days. Notification was placed in the *Southtown* in accordance with all legal notices.

#5 MOTION TO APPROVE & DISPLAY THE TENTATIVE BUDGET

Ms. Koschetz moved and Mrs. Gaylord seconded the motion to approve and display the Tentative Budget. Upon Roll Call: Mrs. Gaylord-YES, Mr. Guerin-YES, Ms. Koschetz-YES, Mrs. Grow-YES, Mr. Gushes-YES, Mr. Moody-YES. Motion carried.

Mrs. Liston then stated that she had indirectly already provided the Board with the construction update during the discussion regarding payment to Loung's Corporation, so she could move on to her next topic, with was the Financial Software for the Township School Treasurer.

Basically, the software employed right now for all District business with the School Township Treasurer dates back to 1983. As one can assume, there have been many

advances in how software can run and function since then. Infinite Visions is a new software package that the Township is looking to purchase to update what is currently used. By teaming up with Bloom and Bremen Township, our School Treasurer's Office can receive a discount of up to 55% on the purchase of this new software. Based upon the design, it will greatly improve the efficiency of performing day-to-day tasks, as well as allow each employee access to view their current allotment of sick/vacation/personal leave and other personnel data.

Mr. Naddy, School Township Treasurer for Worth, has looked closely at this application with the other School Township Treasurers and found it the most beneficial.

Mr. Moody inquired if Mr. Naddy would be available to attend the next Study Session on August 30th to provide the Board an overview of what services his office provides to the District, as well as answer any questions regarding the new software. Mrs. Liston stated she would be more than happy to contact Mr. Naddy, who, she further added, has also expressed interest in meeting the Board to discuss any questions that may have regarding the Treasurer's Office.

Mrs. Salzer entered the meeting at 6:58 P.M.

The last item Mrs. Liston had to discuss with the Board was regarding the recent rating from Standard & Poor's. She was happy to report the District received an "AA-" rating from S&P. With the recent buzz regarding the national downgrade in U.S. debt, that move may actually benefit the District with the refunding. We will know more once information is received from BMO Capital Markets.

Dr. Kleinaitis then proceeded onto the agenda by informing the Board that the New Teacher Institute Day is on August 18th, and that Teacher Institute Day is on August 22nd. Teacher Institute Day will focus on living a healthy lifestyle, with breakout sessions on fitness, fitness training, and healthy eating. The afternoon will be spent on training the staff on Common Goal, the new student accounting system.

Dr. Kleinaitis also stated the Open House for Finley will be on August 22nd and Ridge Lawn and Ridge Central will hold theirs on August 23rd. This is being done differently in years past, as it gives new students and parents a chance to see the new schools before the first day, which may help reduce anxiety.

She further stated the PTA will be in attendance to offer up memberships and will be raffling off a Kindle in hopes of getting a membership boost.

Lastly, Dr. Kleinaitis stated that early registration has seen success in that 432 students have elected to register in this manner. It is hoped that in the years to come, more returning students will utilize this process as it seems to make it much easier for all involved.

Dr. Kleinaitis then stated the next meeting will take place on September 13th, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. in the District Office.

Mr. Moody then stated if anyone would like to address the Board, they now had the opportunity to do so.

#6 MOTION TO
CONVENE TO
CLOSED
SESSION

There being no person to come forward, Ms. Koschetz moved and Mr. Guerin seconded the motion to convene to closed session at 7:15 P.M. for the purpose of discussion of the the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity as defined in the Open Meetings Act, Section 2 (c) (1), the discussion of collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees as defined in Section 2 (c) (2), the discussion of student disciplinary cases as defined in Section 2 (c)(9), the discussion of pending, or probable and imminent litigation against, affecting or on behalf of the District 2 (c) (11), and the discussion of minutes of prior meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of review, approval or release of such minutes as defined in Section 2 (c) (21). Upon Roll Call: Mr. Guerin -YES, Mrs. Grow-YES, Mrs. Salzer-YES, Mr. Gushes-YES, Ms. Koschetz-YES, Mrs. Gaylord-YES, Mr. Moody-YES. Motion carried.

MEETING CONVENED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 7:15 P.M.

#7 MOTION TO
RECONVENE
INTO OPEN
SESSION

Ms. Salzer moved and Mrs. Gaylord seconded the motion to reconvene into Open Session at 8:20 P.M. Upon roll call: Mr. Guerin – YES, Mrs. Grow –YES, Mrs. Salzer – YES, Mrs. Gaylord-YES, Ms. Koschetz-YES, Mr. Gushes-YES, Mr. Moody-YES. Motion carried.

#8 MOTION TO
EMPLOY

Mrs. Grow moved and Mr. Guerin seconded the motion to approve the employment of Megan Demas, Special Education Teacher (Ridge Central), and Karie Clarke, Clerical Aide (Ridge Central). Upon Roll Call: Mrs. Gaylord –YES, Mr. Guerin – YES, Mrs. Grow – YES, Mrs. Salzer-YES, Ms. Koschetz-YES, Mr. Gushes –YES, Mr. Moody-YES. Motion Carried.

#9 MOTION
TO ACCEPT
RESIGNA-
TION

Mr. Guerin moved and Ms. Koschetz seconded the motion to accept the resignations of Therese Atut, Clerical Aide at Ridge Central. Upon Roll Call: Mr. Guerin-YES, Mr. Gushes-YES, Mrs. Gaylord –YES, Ms. Koschetz-YES, Mrs. Grow-YES, Mrs. Salzer-YES, Mr. Moody-YES. Motion carried.

#10 MOTION
TO
APPROVE
RAISES

Mrs. Gaylord moved and Ms. Koschetz seconded the motion to approve raises for District Support Staff and Administration. Upon Roll Call: Mr. Guerin-YES, Mrs. Gaylord-YES, Mrs. Grow-YES, Mrs. Salzer-YES, Ms. Koschetz-YES, Mr. Moody-NO, Mr. Gushes-YES. Motion carried.

#11 MOTION
TO ADJOURN

Mrs Salzer moved and Mrs. Gaylord seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 P.M.

Upon Roll Call: Mr. Gushes-YES, Mr. Guerin-YES, Mrs. Grow-YES, Ms. Koschetz – YES, Mrs. Salzer-YES, Mrs. Gaylord-YES, Mr. Moody-YES. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

President

Secretary